

## **Aren't All Dogs a Bit Unruly?**

Out for a walk recently, we were horrified when our dog jumped up and nipped a child riding past on a bike. Our dog had never done anything like this before...he had always been a bit unruly but aren't most dogs?

Well that is what I thought. We had a council complaint and were put onto Dee at Positive Response Dog training.

Dee came out to our home for a private one on one lesson to assess our dog. She told us that he has a good nature but is just plain confused as to what he is or isn't allowed to do.

We changed the rules around on him, were inconsistent with what we asked of him and boy was he bored. We had no idea that dogs should also work rather than lay around all day doing nothing.

After a few minutes of Dee working with him, I could see a change in him. It was like the lights came on and he finally knew what to do.

The assessment found that Ed needed socialisation around other dogs and to be able to work outside the home. Dee suggested we take him along to the Canine College class. I noticed a difference in him from week 1. I had always wanted to get my dog to do what I wanted him to do and Dee has finally shown me how. We have lots of work ahead of us but now I feel I have the tools to do that which gives me the confidence that I know we will get there.