



Chapter 6 – Communication and Behavior

Academic Summary

This chapter examines canine communication systems and behavioral principles. It analyzes body language, vocalization, social hierarchy, and discipline strategies. Emphasis is placed on understanding canine cognition, preventing dog bites, and promoting responsible interaction through programs such as the Canine Good Citizen framework.

Core Learning Objectives

- Interpret canine body language and vocal signals.
- Explain principles of behavior and reinforcement.
- Identify causes and prevention strategies for dog bites.
- Apply communication techniques to strengthen handler–dog relationships.

Key Vocabulary

- Body Language
- Dominance vs. Leadership
- Reinforcement
- Canine Good Citizen
- Socialization
- Behavior Modification

Conceptual Frameworks

- Learning Theory (Reinforcement Model)
- Canine Communication Model
- Behavioral Prevention Framework