

Re: Another Electric fence question

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Amy Blankenship wrote:

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Ron Hardin wrote:

Wm.Koehler's method of curing a dog of killing chickens was to pen up the dog with a chicken, the chicken on a cardboard box floor so as to insulate him, and tie the chicken to a stake so he'll stay on the cardboard, and charge him up with a fence charger.

Fortunately the rest of the world has more sense
And these are feral dogs

Bill Koehler was actually fairly progressive in his day. The idea that you would actually give the dog a chance to do something right (albiet not a fair chance, since he'd never been trained at that point what to do) before you punished him was a revolutionary idea in dog training at the time. Today, we look at him as something as a barbarian, but it's kind of like the biblical "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." That was toned down from the tradition of the time, which was if someone hurt you you'd take out his whole family. You have to go through the stages before you can get to "turn the other cheek."

Actually Koehler is still used, by me for example. A nice explanation why he is more respectful of the dog than any of the crap today can be found in Vicki Hearne *_Adam's Task : Calling Animals by Name_*, and her book *_Bandit : Dossier of a Dangerous Dog_* on her battles with the kindness industry.

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I notice my dog is better behaved than any others I ever see.

Professional trainers, the kind that take your dog and train him for you, not the professional show trainers, tend to use Koehler. They want a method that works on the dog you have, not the dog you trade up to.

I don't know, here's some pics

Annie

<http://home.att.net/~rhhardin/jump1.jpg>

<http://home.att.net/~rhhardin/jump2.jpg>