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Canine Aggression: Assessment and Treatment

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Presentation Outline

- What is aggression
- Impact of aggressive behavior on patient health
- Impact of aggressive behavior on society
- Diagnosis and differential diagnoses
 - Guidelines for diagnosis
 - Behavioral description
 - Target of aggression
 - Underlying motivation
 - Context if needed
 - Medical differentials
 - Gathering behavioral history
 - Behavioral differentials
 - Fear based aggression
 - Possessive aggression
 - Territorial aggression
 - Conflict-related aggression
 - Competitive interdog aggression
 - Redirected aggression
 - Pain-related aggression
 - Predatory behavior
- Assessing Risk
- Treatment
 - Behavioral and Environmental management
 - Behavior Modification
 - Learning concepts that are important for treating aggression
 - Desensitization and counter-conditioning
 - Behavioral Medications
 - General principles of medication usage
 - Situational and maintenance medication usage

Resources

Veterinarians

- *Behavior Problems of the Dog & Cat* – Landsberg et al, 2012
- *5 Minute Vet Consult: Canine and Feline Behavior* – Horwitz, 2018