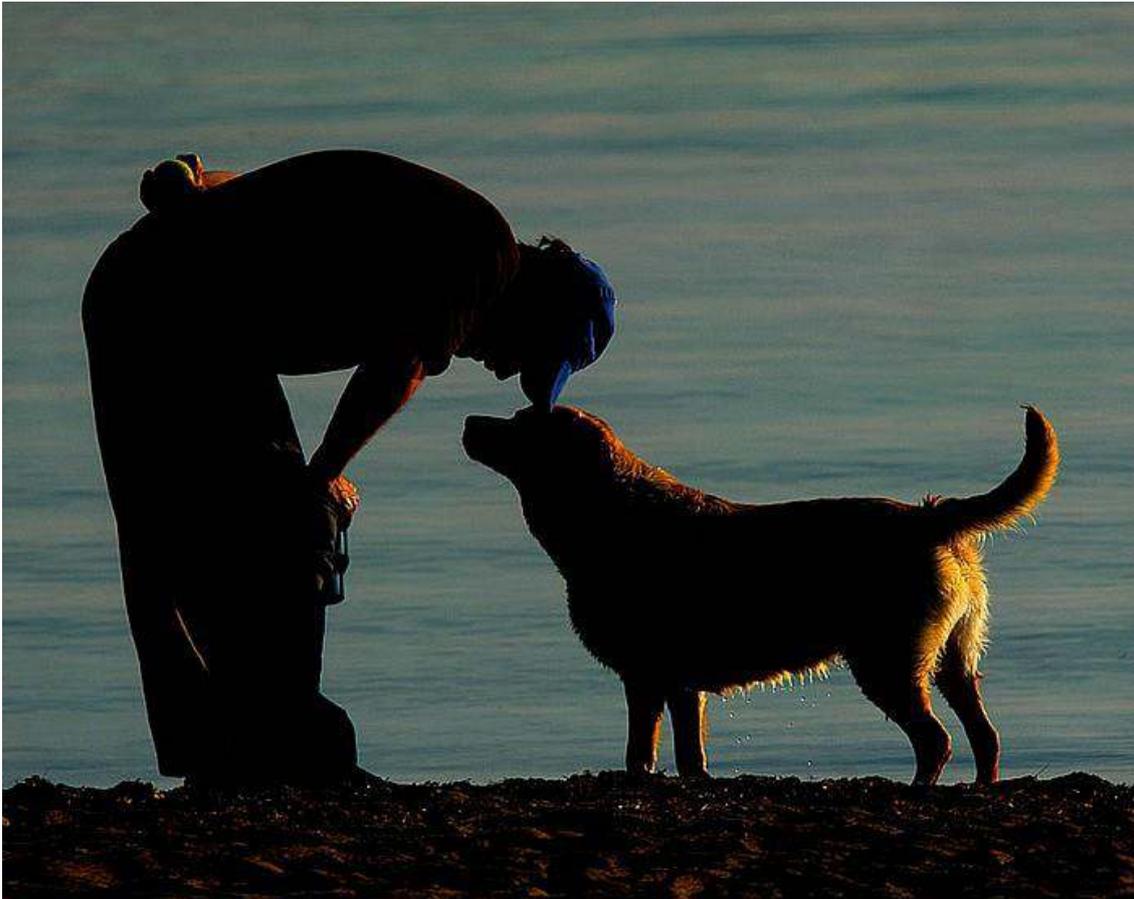


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Top Tip #8

## **Giving your dog the 'Silent Treatment'.**

*Hello again. I hope you are well, and you are testing some of the advice I have offered you so far. Today's tip is as simple as it gets, but it really can develop trust and intimacy within your relationship*

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*with your dog. Please give it a try.*

*Regards... Glen Stanford.*

*The UK Dog Whisperer.*

A strange title, but please believe me, there are definitely benefits in the adage "less is more", when it comes to verbally communicating with your dog.

I am always advising dog lovers, owners, clients and even my students, that sometimes the silent communication between us and our dogs can be such a personal, intimate and bonding moment, and is simply not experienced enough. Anyone who has seen me work with a new dog will probably have noted that the early introduction is most certainly silent. To bond and connect with a dog works better for me when communication is not cluttered with 'words'. If I am in the presence of a particularly nervous or timid dog, I like to take the dog for a walk (no talking), and find a nice quiet spot, maybe under a tree, and just sit with my new companion... in silence. The trust this can put into a new relationship is such a positive and necessary element.

For owners of dogs that are not displaying particularly bad behaviour, I would still advise that a deeper understanding for both the owner and the dog can be developed by the 'quiet moments'.

Of course, if you are attending obedience classes with your dog, you will be encouraged to communicate with your dog in a verbal way, and quite rightly so, but this is for learning new skills. For rehabilitation of a troubled dog, or to create a more meaningful relationship, the 'silent treatment' will have its benefits.

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If you would like to understand more about how I apply this approach to dog rehab, then please get in touch, or please consider attending my dog behaviour course.

I wish you a quiet and peaceful moment.



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