

Julia changed my dog's life and gave us a peaceful home again.

Our 8 month male Doberman, Brody, was taking over our lives. He is large, strong, energetic and extremely intelligent. Brody was slowly destroying my home, often tormenting my children, and started to show signs of aggression when meeting strangers and other dogs.

Before we met Julia, we applied training techniques that we had learned from professional dog trainers, our breeder and by reading Tamar Geller's "The Loved Dog" and found we were coming up short. The advice helped form a foundation for training, but it wasn't enough for Brody.

In desperation I contacted the DRU for advice. I was convinced that I had a great dog but came to the conclusion that he needed more than we could handle. A few days later I found Julia and sent her a long email explaining our story. Soon after I sent my email, Julia called me. I'm sure she heard the panic and desperation in my email. After a long conversation on the phone, Julia was able to explain to me "why" Brody may be having behavioral issues and offered to meet with me. After 10 minutes of sitting quietly with Julia and Brody, I realized she had a handle on Brody. She was in charge. Brody was not. WOW. I signed up for 5 private lessons and it was the beginning of Brody's new life.

Julia is kind, patient and wants you to succeed. Never did I feel intimidated by her methods. She made training fun for all of us.

Brody continues to look for what Julia referred to as "loop holes", or ways to get his own way, but I am on to him now and know how to reel him back in. Brody loves to train and was just looking for a job or his purpose. Julia guided all of us to Brody's purpose and we're all a lot happier. Brody will require training for the rest of his life but the time in is worth its weight in gold. Thanks Julia!

- Jennifer Gilligan with Brody