

PLAY THERAPY FOR FEARFUL & REACTIVE DOGS

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PLAY THERAPY

◉ KIDS

- Sports
- Music
- Art



◉ DOGS

- Agility
- Tracking
- Nosework
- Barn Hunt
- Dock Diving





THESE ACTIVITIES CAN CERTAINLY BE DONE AT HOME

- Picnic tables
- PVC & milk crate jumps
- Board up on cinder blocks
- Drainage tubing made into a tire
- *Be sure they are non-skid/ safe!
- “AffordableAgility.com”



A CLASS ENVIRONMENT MUST BE SET UP FOR SUCCESS!

Typical agility class:

- More than one dog off leash at a time
- Instructor restrains dog
- Dogs barking and tugging near the edge of the ring
- Dogs off leash outside the ring

THERAPEUTIC AGILITY CLASS PRE-REQUISITES

⦿ **Fearful Fidos or Reactive Dogs Class**

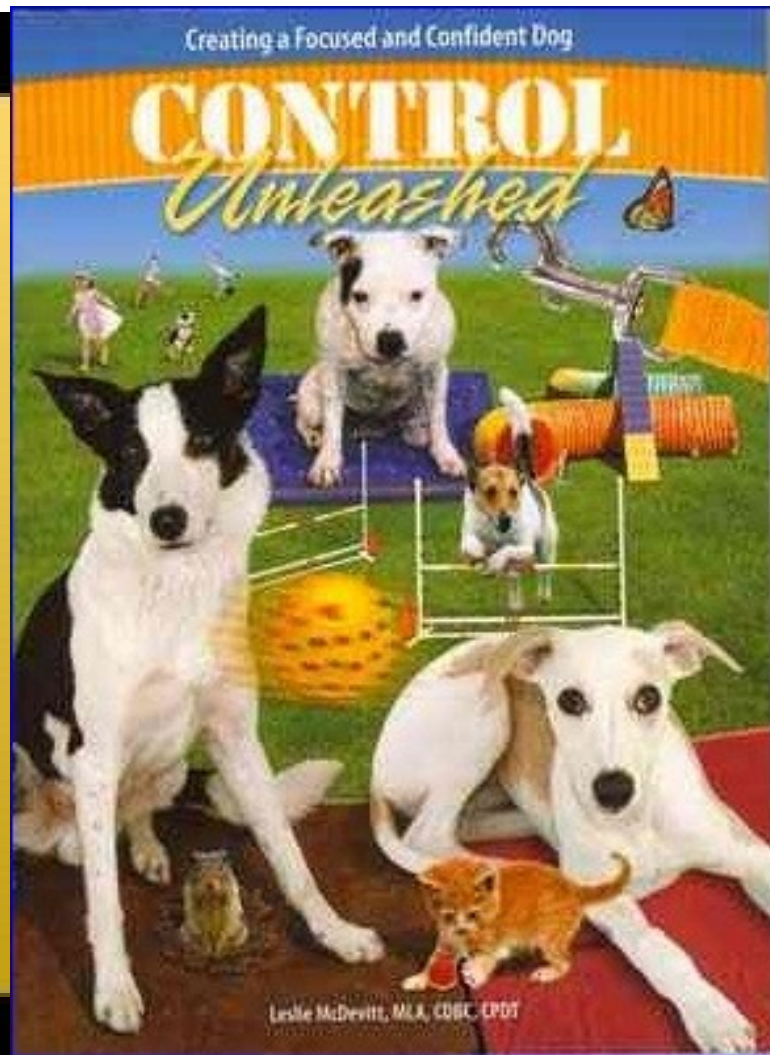
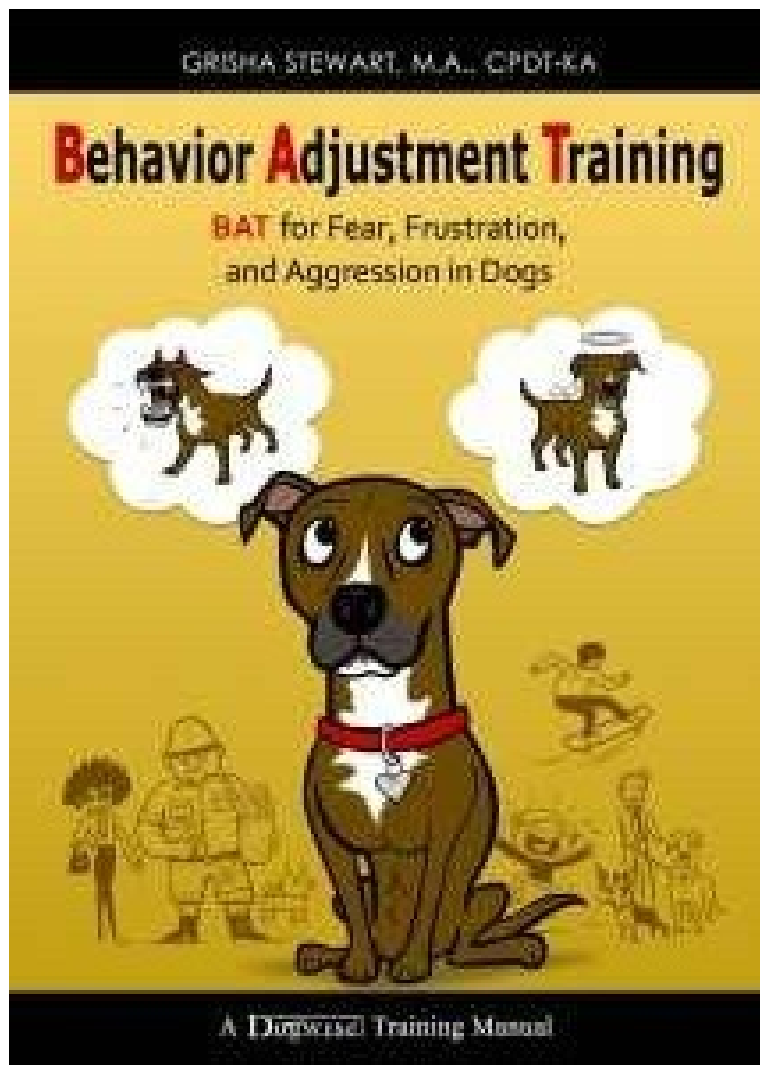
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⦿ **Leash Manners & Polite Greetings Class**

-or-

⦿ **In-Home Behavior Consultation**

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED



FOUNDATION TRAINING



- ⦿ Attention command
- ⦿ Mat training
- ⦿ “Say Hi” & “Leave-it”
- ⦿ Basic obedience: sit, down, stay, recall

SUCCESSFUL CLASS SET-UP

- One dog at a time, in the fully fenced, secure ring

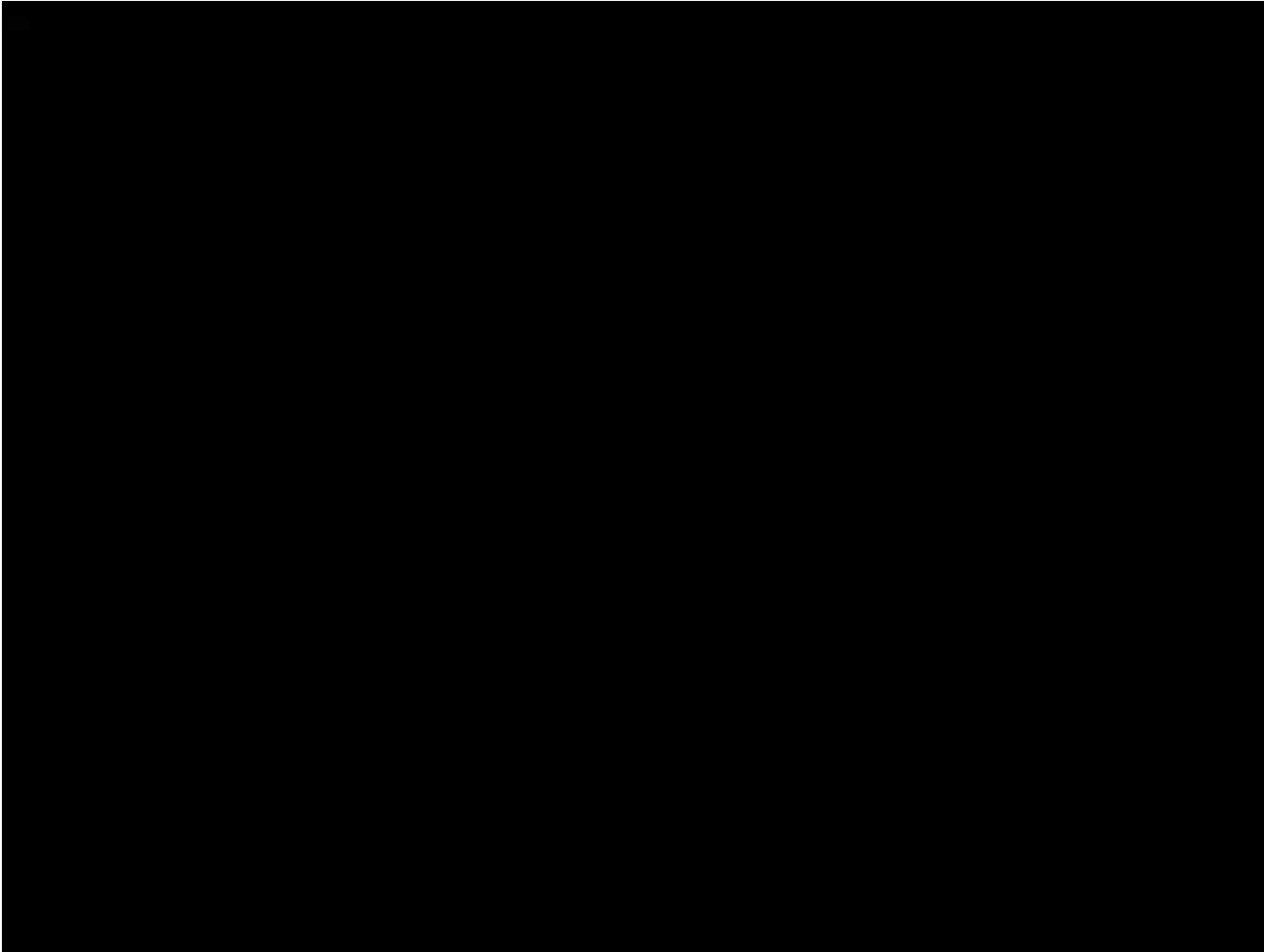


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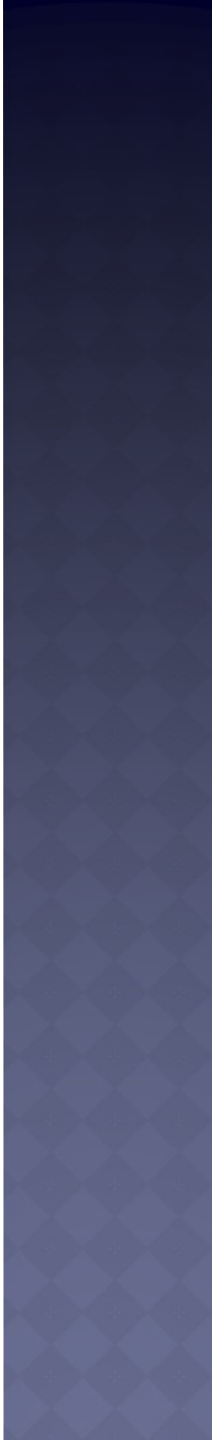
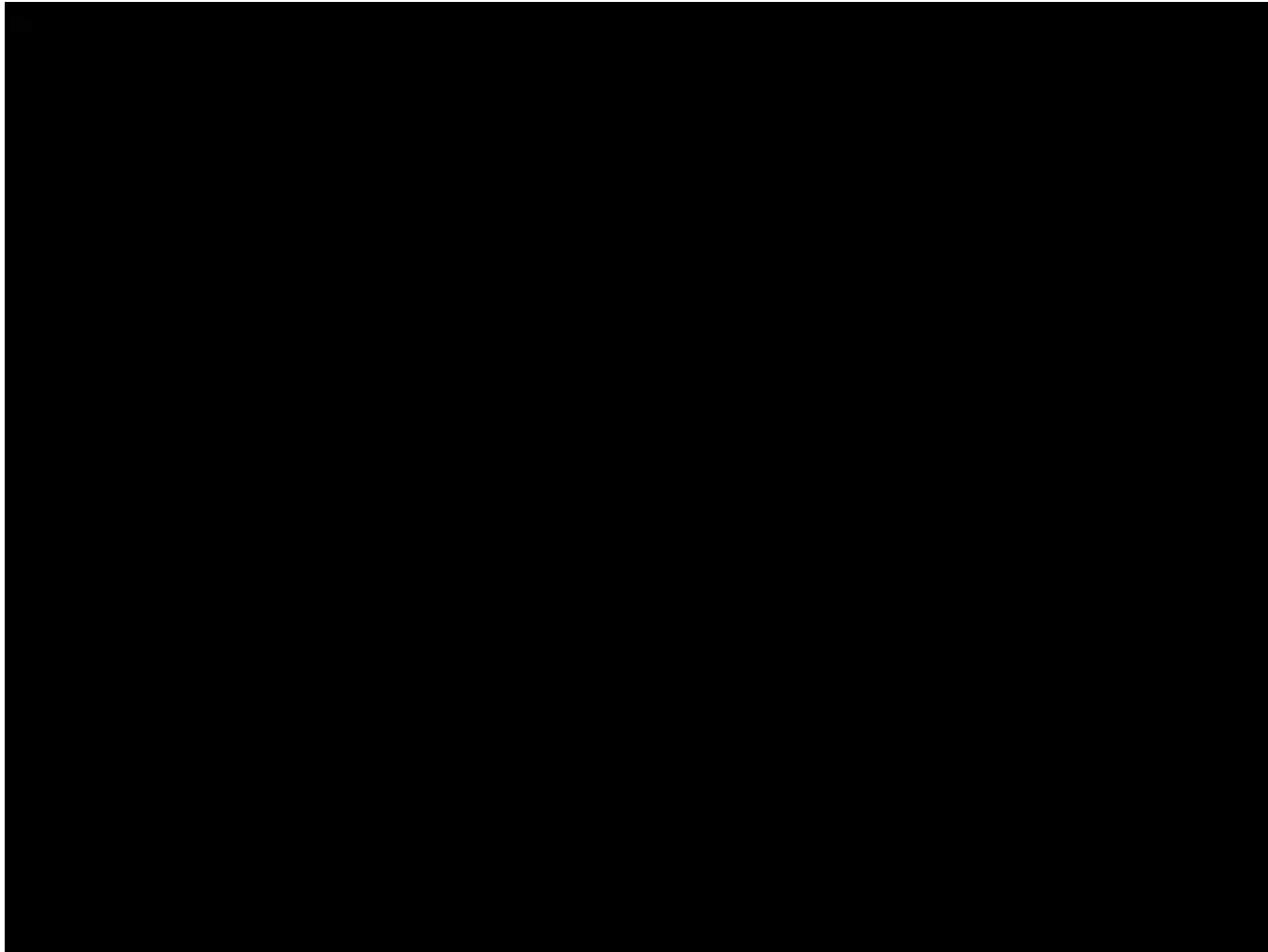
- ◉ Introductory-height obstacles for beginners



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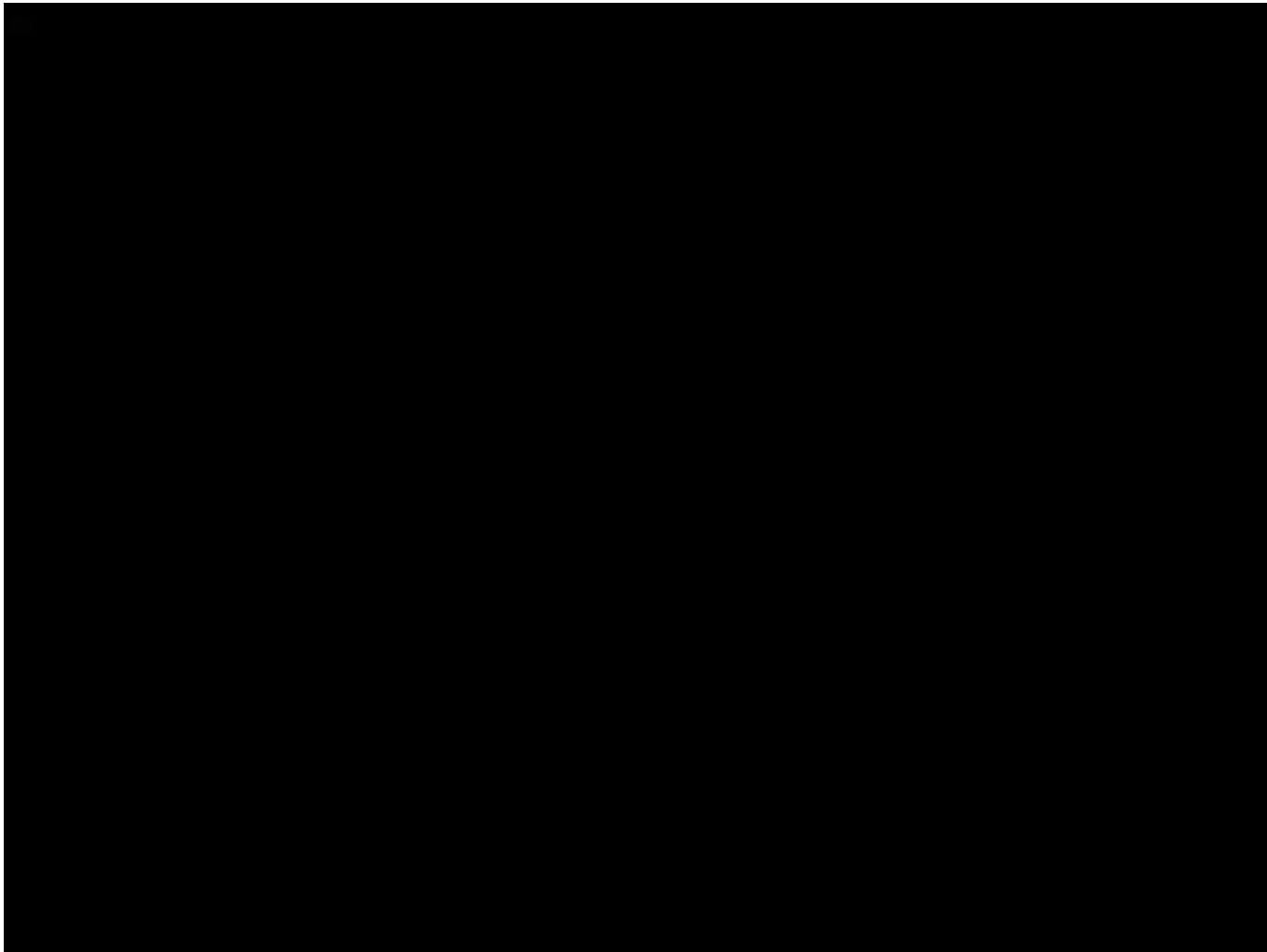
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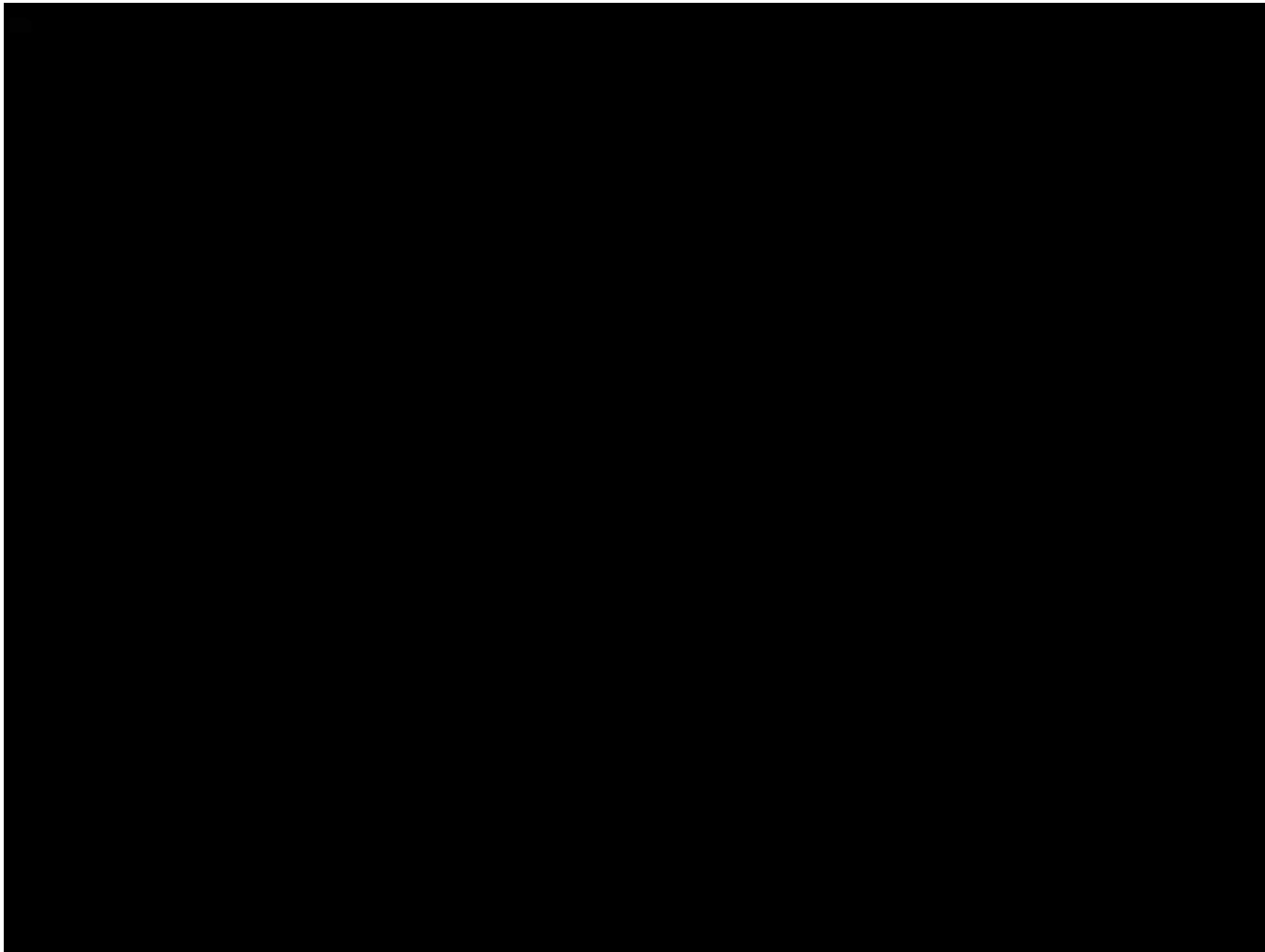
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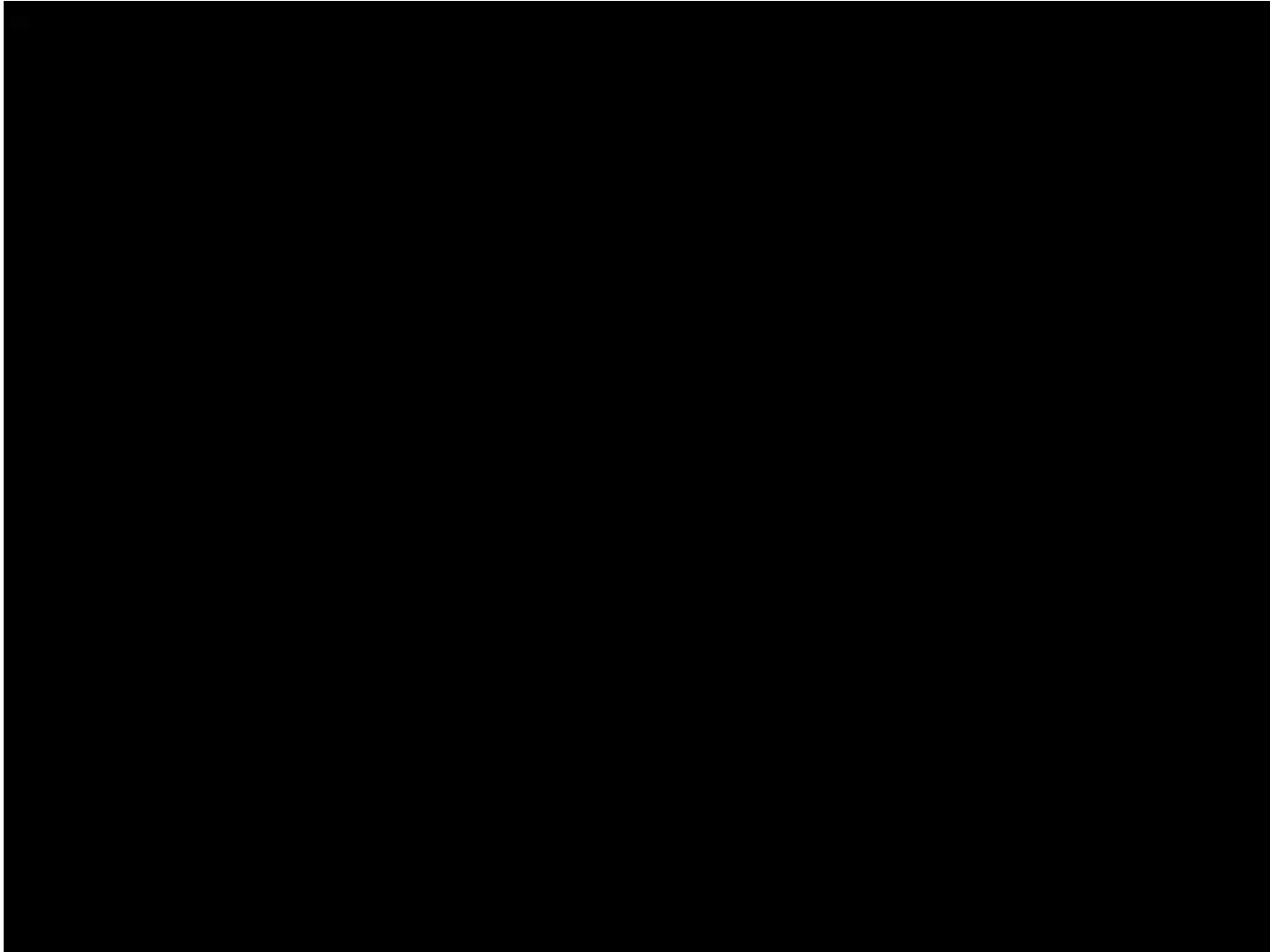
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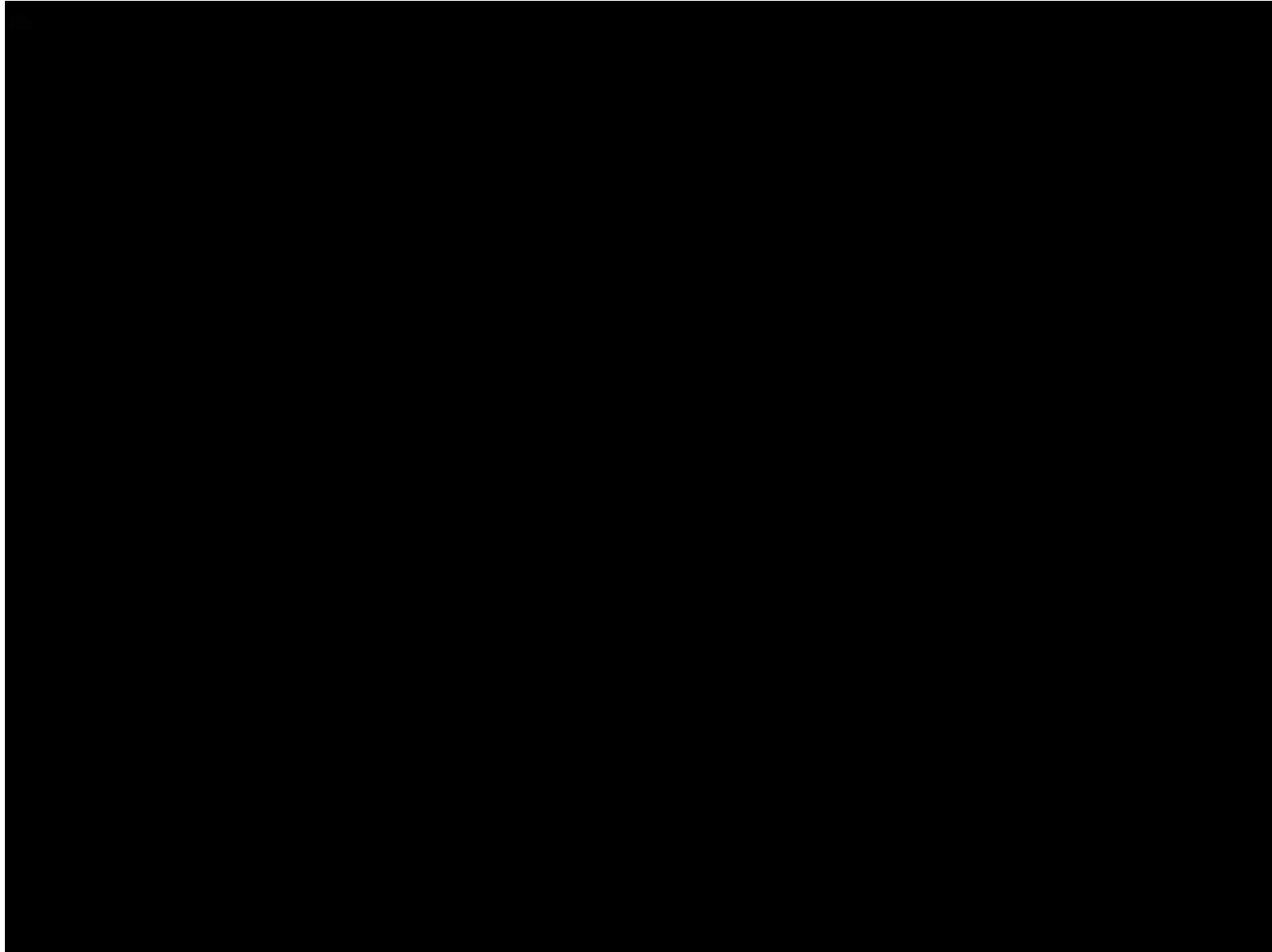
CASE STUDY: “KODA”



CASE STUDY: “NAVAJO”



CASE STUDY: “MICMAC”



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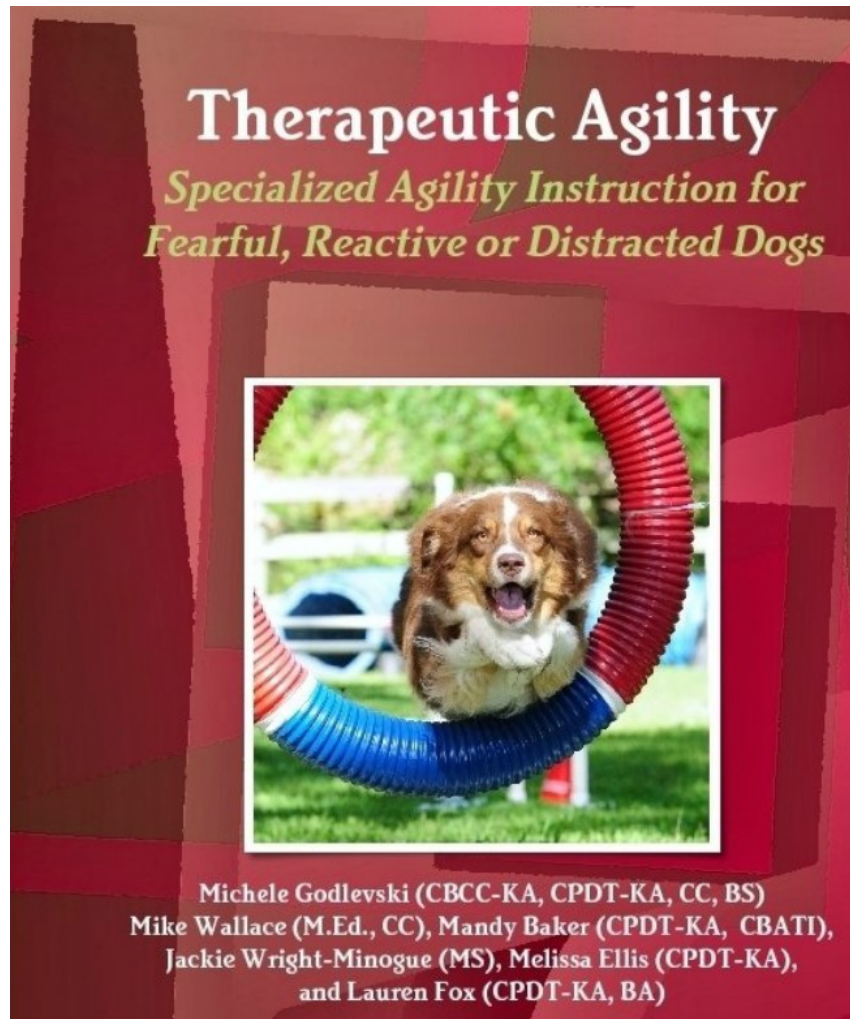
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