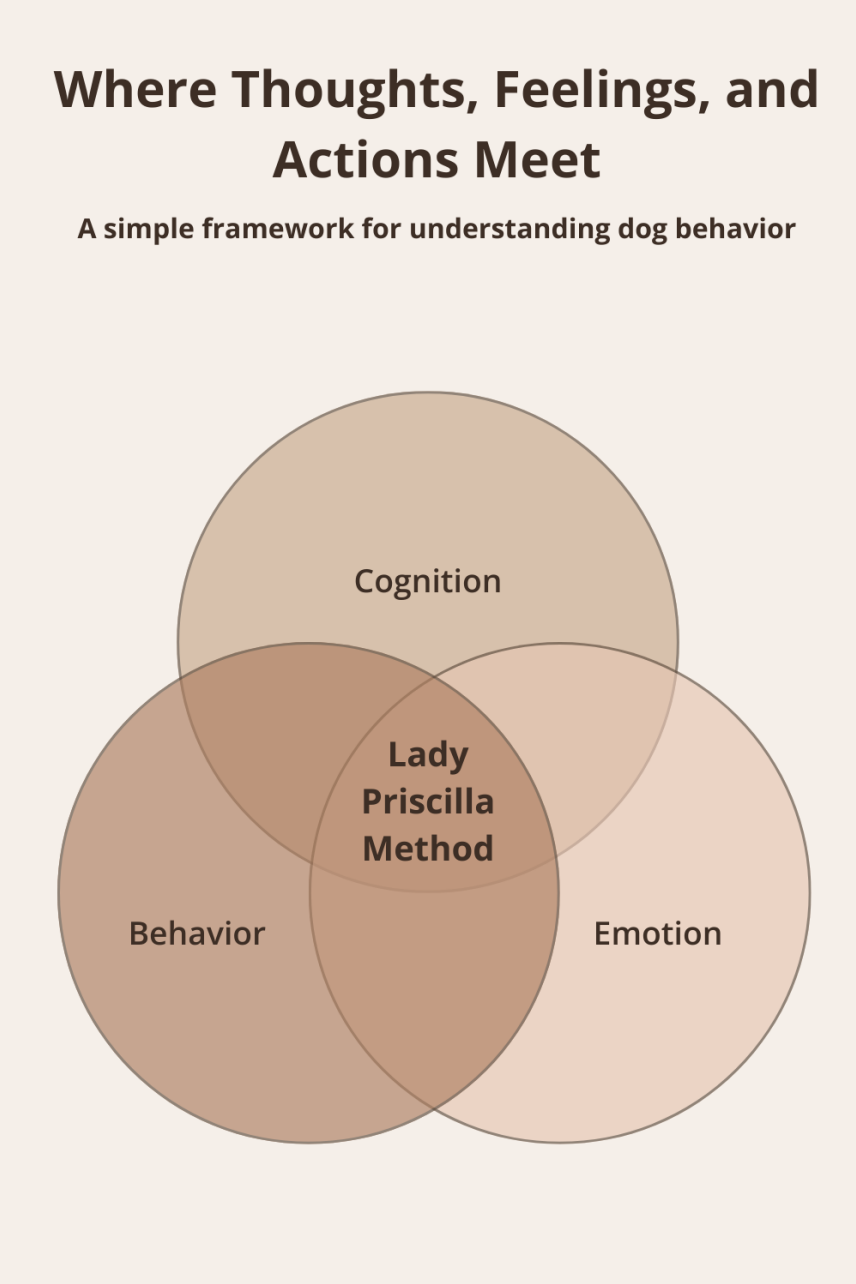
Maslow’s Hierarchy for Dogs



An adaptation of Maslow’s hierarchy organizes canine development into five named levels, from physiological needs and emotional safety to cognitive engagement, growth, and purpose. The model provides a clear vocabulary for explaining how foundational needs support higher-order development.

Cognition, Emotion & Behavior



This complementary model identifies cognition, emotion, and behavior as interconnected processes rather than isolated training targets. Placing the Lady Priscilla Method at their intersection establishes a shared conceptual language for describing how thoughts, feelings, and actions influence one another.

Cognitive-Behavioral Hierarchy



The integrated hierarchy combines developmental needs with a cognitive-behavioral focus and observable emotional expressions at each level. It translates the preceding frameworks into a practical progression, connecting safety and trust with exploration, problem-solving, agency, and purposeful choice.