

**SPCA Auckland Education
Teacher Guide Sheet**



**'A Member of the Pack' Dog Behaviour Level 8 Biology
Year 13**

Achievement Objective 8.1

'Investigate and identify aspects of animal behaviour and plant responses in relation to biotic and abiotic environmental factors'

Achievement Standard 90716

'Describe animal behaviour and plant responses'

'A Member of the Pack' - Dog Behaviour Worksheet
Year 13

The SPCA, although creating artificial groupings of dogs, provides an environment in which dog behaviour can be studied. In this activity you will be watching a small pack of dogs as they interact together.

Fill in the worksheet, and try to explain the significance of these observations for maintaining the pack.



1. **Barking** - (head forward, not skyward)

Significance

2. **Howling** - in what circumstances does it occur?

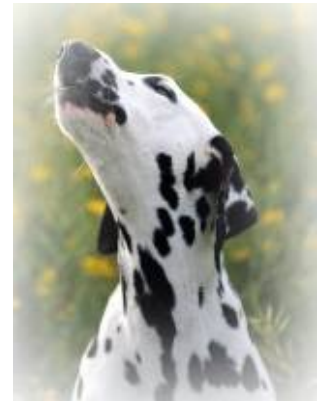
Significance

3. **Tail wag** - in what circumstances does it occur?

Significance

4. **Lifting leg to urinate** (males only) - where is the urine aimed at?

Significance



5. **Scratching the ground after defecating** (describe the action)

Significance

6. **Initiating play** (describe the actions)

Significance



7. **Actual play** (describe the actions)

Significance

8. **Submission** (describe the actions]

Significance

9. **Dominance** (describe the actions)

Significance

10. **Hierarchy** (describe the actions)

Significance



11. From the above list of behaviours, which ones best promote the dog as 'Man's Best Friend'?
