

Female Dogs Fight Constantly

Female dog fights will only escalate, seek outside help.

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Q. I have four Pekingese dogs, two males and two females. The two females fight. One female just lost sight in one eye due to a fight. When I open the back door to let them in or out it will spark a fight at times. I feel like this is my fault. I have been injured trying to break them apart. My husband and I need help.

A. You have a very serious problem in your Pekingese pack! When a female dog takes this much of a dislike to another female in the same household, it's a situation that can only rarely be made better. Fighting between female dogs is typically more volatile if one or both are intact (not spayed), but at this point, with this much enmity between them, spaying probably won't help.

I'd suggest you immediately ask your veterinarian for a referral to a board certified veterinary behaviorist. A veterinary behaviorist will be able to assess the situation and prescribe behavioral medication for one or both dogs if she or he considers that a viable solution.

In the meantime, you must absolutely manage your fighting females by keeping them securely separated at all times. Fights between female dogs usually become more severe each time they fight, and if one dog has already lost an eye, another fight could very well result in her death.

Sadly, it's likely you'll find that the only safe and permanent solution to this dangerous situation with your females will be to choose one to keep, and find a new home for the other.