

Over, Under or Through

Keeping Your Dog Safe

By Nancy Secrist, Easdale: the best pet care

Dogs learn by trial and error--when faced with an obstacle, they will try to go over, under or through it. When one of those attempts results in freedom then your little Houdini will always thereafter, try what worked before when faced with a new obstacle. Consider the smallest toy dogs, they are naturals to go through fences. Searching for any gaps, weak points, or broken material, a dog of any size that is successful in forcing a way through will even learn to bite, pull and enlarge those tiny weaknesses into wide open invitations.

Athletic, muscular dogs are able to climb over impressive heights to win their freedom. Again, if climbing works for them, you will see them cruising along any barrier, head held high, looking for a good access point to begin scaling their way up! Others may have been confined in a yard or poorly constructed area where there is a gap at the bottom. Perhaps there was soft soil for digging. Going under is a natural path for the digging dog!

Here at Easdale, we are ready for all the tunnelers, climbers, and gap testers--we may look like a quaint old place founded in 1933, but we are using the highest quality equipment and supplies. Our solid footings will deter even the most determined tunneler and

our secure topped outdoor exercise areas keep climbers inside. Come tour and you will see professional modular fencing Ohio-made by the Mason Fence Company since 1892. Designed and made especially for pet safety, the smooth, durable enclosures far outperform the standard clipped, sharp edged, rickety fence that most facilities use in this area!

Actually, there is a fourth way to escape, human error. For this reason, Easdale has a great many barriers between your pet and the great wide world. Our latches are designed to stymie the cleverest dog. We complete training for all staff to close all door and gates at all times, even if they plan to "be just a minute!"

Freedom sounds great but for a dog there are too many dangers such as roads with fast traffic, wild predators, and the experience of being lost, wet, hungry and cold! Unplanned puppies from a mother too young are born this way. Many people ask a neighbor to keep their pet but does that neighbor have a truly secure area for exercise? While your pet may want to get to the other side, whether over, under, or through, trust Easdale to be safe! The only way that puppy is going out for a walk is on a leash!



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