## People influence how dogs behave

I REFER to "Deterrent measures on killer dogs needed". I beg to differ. To label Rottweilers as a ferocious beast and killer is totally unacceptable.

Animals won't attack until they been provoked. Why did this dog only attack one person, even though there were two or more people around? The dog that attacked the little girl was a mongrel, not a Rottweiler.

Being a dog lover, it's very sad and hurting to learn that when an incident happens blame is always put on the dog. How many human lives are saved by dogs compared with other animals?

Also, the writer urged that dogs be kept indoors at all times and not be taken out for walks. What a joke. Every dog owner knows that dogs need regular exercise.

Dogs should be walked on a leash and the owners must know how to control them. If dogs are kept indoors, it causes tension to build up inside them. So when the gates open, the dogs will rush out and release this tension on someone.

It's the nature of all living creatures. Upon release after being confined for a long time, they will tend to release their energy and tension.

As for dog owners, they should know what type of dogs they should keep. Do some study, do research and talk to experts on the type of dog suitable for you, your family and your neighbours.

Dogs need love, care, exercise

and, most important, discipline. Discipline here means correcting the dogs when they have done something wrong, not beating them with an iron rod or caging them.

Don't keep a dog just because your friends or family have a dog, or just to show off. Learn to control your dog and make sure it has proper exercise daily.

Treat a dog as part of your family, show it affection, care, love and discipline, and you'll have a very healthy, happy and beautiful dog.

As (Dog Whisperer) Cesar Milan says, the behaviour of dogs are caused by the owner and people around them.

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