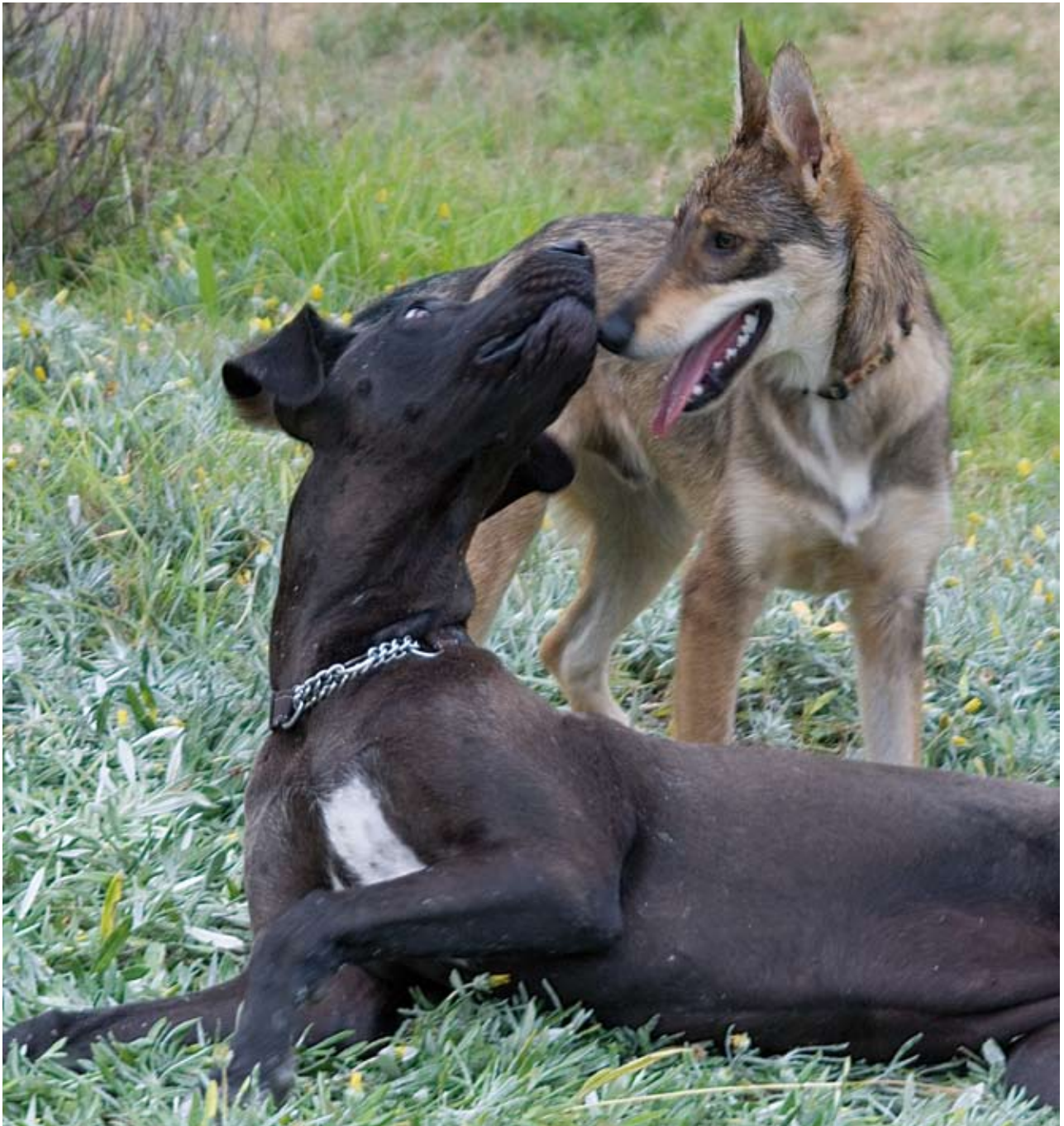


Tail piece

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New recruit. The security detail at the *Village Life* head office is now complete, with the recent addition of a plain clothes branch to the existing uniformed one. The force is armed to the teeth (and claws). The uniformed personnel is Anna, the Great Dane, dressed in smart black and white. At just over ten months old, she adds some weight to the defences (over 50 kilograms). Her colleague in the (very) plain brownish outfit is Kerneels, who recently joined, having been rescued from a sorry life by our local kennel owner. Although Kerneels did not come with pedigree papers, he seems to be of the species *Canis africanus*, which was present in Southern Africa in pre-colonial times and is regarded by some as being the oldest dog species. The two get on very well, having a romp every day!