



RECOMMENDED BOOK & VIDEO LIST

Note: One of the best online sources for these books and videos is www.dogwise.com.

Clicker Training Books & Videos

Don't Shoot the Dog: The New Art of Teaching and Training by Karen Pryor—The classic book that popularized training with positive reinforcement; explains the theory behind clicker training. Also check out her web site for a lot of good stuff: www.clickertraining.com.

Click for Joy by Melissa Alexander—The best book is a great reference for people who have questions about clicker training. Easy to read, cross-referenced, and answers all the questions people have come up with about clicker training over the years.

Clicker Training for Dogs by Karen Pryor—A small booklet that has questions and answers to everything you'd want to know to get going with clicker training.

Clicker Magic by Karen Pryor—Video by the dolphin trainer who popularized clicker training for dogs. Covers basic concepts and has footage of a variety of animals being clicker trained.

Clicker Training for Obedience by Morgan Spector—A comprehensive manual for using clicker training for competition obedience. Solid foundation of clicker training foundation skills included.

Clicker Workbook: A Beginner's Guide by Deb Jones, PhD—Short workbook that provides examples and exercises for starting with clicker training.

Clicker Fun: Dog Tricks & Games Using Positive Reinforcement by Deb Jones, PhD—Operant conditioning methods explained from the basics for teaching obedience and tricks.

Click for Fun: Videos. by Deb Jones, PhD—Click & Go; Click & Fetch; Click & Fix. Basic training, retrieving, and behavior problems. Great videos!

Clicking with Your Dog by Peggy Tillman—The basics of clicker training with a direct, user-friendly format.

Take a Bow WOW and The How of Bow Wow by Virginia Broitman and Sherry Lippman—Two videos (Part I and Part II) showing how to train a variety of tricks and basic obedience. Fun and educational!

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RECOMMENDED READING LIST (CONTINUED)

Basic Training and Behavior Books & Videos

The Power of Positive Dog Training by Pat Miller—Reward-based training philosophy, overview of how dogs learn, clicker training, and a step-by-step training program. Highly recommended.

Culture Clash: A Revolutionary New Way of Understanding the Relationship Between Humans and Domestic Dogs by Jean Donaldson—A fun read by a very funny and savvy trainer who explains why our thinking that dogs do things from a desire to please us really sets us up for disappointment, frustration, and ineffective training. Find out what really makes a dog tick, what motivates him and how to get the behavior you are looking for by applying scientifically sound learning principles.

The Other End of the Leash by Patricia McConnell, PhD. Fun read about the difference between primates (humans) and canines (dogs) and how the differences complicate our inter-species communication.

How to Behave so your Dog Behaves by Sophia Yin, DVM. One of the few books that accurately uses behavior language without getting bogged down it (Pat Miller's is another). Very good section on canine communication with other dogs. This book is an excellent balance between ensuring the reader understand learning theory and specific training exercises.

Really Reliable Recall (DVD) by Leslie Nielson. An excellent, step-by-step program for teaching a dog to come when called even when highly distracted. Good descriptions, excellent video footage This trainer's approach to teaching the recall is widely used by trainers throughout the country, including DogPACT!

How Dogs Learn by Mary Burch and Jon Bailey—An excellent book that describes the scientific foundation of animal learning. For readers who want to learn contemporary animal learning theory and how it applies to dogs.

The Dog Whisperer by Paul Owens—All about clicker training and the philosophy behind humane training techniques.

Ruff Love by Susan Garrett—A 95-page booklet that describes how to built focus and attention. Includes several excellent motivational and attention games. A very structured approach to ensuring that dogs focus more on their people than on other dogs/distractions in the environment.

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Dog Behavior by Ian Dunbar—All about how dogs learn, how they communicate (both with you and other dogs), and how a dog's perceptions and desires result in its conduct. Addresses the importance of socialization and positive reinforcement.

Dogs are from Neptune by Jean Donaldson—"Candid answers to urgent questions about aggression and other aspects of dog behavior," this book is a compilation of questions from owners and trainers that the author replied to in a "Question of the Week" feature on her Internet site. Jean is one of the most popular trainers among trainers and has an in-depth understanding of scientifically proven behavior modification techniques. Highly readable, very practical, and unequivocally dog-friendly.

Choosing A Shelter Dog by Bob Christiansen—A nice little book to help you rescue and rehome a dog. Includes temperament testing and basic training tips.

Owners Guide to Better Behavior in Dogs by William Campbell—Great, highly readable book that helps understand the causes of negative behavior and how owners inadvertently create behavior problems, and how to solve them.

The Toolbox for Remodeling Your Problem Dog by Terry Ryan—Excellent book with the foundations of positive, reward-based training as well as creative training games to play with your dog.

On Talking Terms with Dogs: Calming Signals by Turid Rugaas—Practical understanding of the dog's body language, especially signals used to maintain the social hierarchy and to resolve conflict within the pack. Also produced a video of the same name; has excellent footage of dogs displaying a wide variety of communications with other dogs.

The Dog's Mind by Bruce Fogle—Read about how dogs perceive the world, how they see, hear, learn, relate to people. Traces the evolution of the canine brain from its wolf ancestors. Lots of insights here.

Aggression in Dogs by Brenda Aloff—Book of intimidating size and length, but jammed with excellent information about the reasons dog become aggressive, preventive measures, and specific "protocols" for working with aggressive dogs.

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Agility Training Books & Videos

In FOCUS: Developing a Working Relationship with Your Performance Dog by Deborah Jones, PhD, and Judy Keller—The target audience of this book is agility folks, but this is one of the best books out there for learning about modern training techniques based in operant conditioning, clicker training, and how to get your dog to focus on you.

Shaping Success: The Education of an Unlikely Champion by Susan Garrett—A highly respected clicker trainer bares her soul in this heart-warming book about the challenges she faced in raising an extremely high-drive Border collie. Lots of good stories as well as training tips.

Behavior Reference Books for the Serious Reader

Clinical Behavioral Medicine for Small Animals by Karen Overall—A highly respected reference book which takes an in-depth look at diagnostic and treatment approaches for the more common and most serious behavioral problems.

Handbook of Behaviour Problems of the Dog and Cat by G. Landsberg, W. Hunthausen, L. Ackerman—Addresses diagnoses and treatment of behavioral disorders, including history-taking and evaluation; physical examination; differential diagnosis, diagnostic tests, treatment and monitoring. Detailed descriptions of behavioral modification techniques and information on drug therapy.

Readings in Companion Animal Behavior by Voith & Borchelt—A compilation of new and previously published papers designed to give a broad, scientifically based overview of the field of applied animal behavior.

The Veterinarian's Encyclopedia of Animal Behavior by Bonnie Beaver—A textbook of behavior terms in alphabetical order. Entries provide a definition of the term and describes diagnosis, presentation, and treatment.

Domestic Dog, Its Evolution, Behavior and Interactions with People edited by James Serpell—Great book full of individual chapters from a variety of internationally respected experts on behavior. Discusses genetic and breed differences and includes an extensive bibliography after each chapter.

Handbook of Applied Dog Behavior and Training, Volume One: Adaptation and Learning by Steven R. Lindsay—Provides a comprehensive introduction to the basic applied and scientific literature underlying effective treatment and training programs.

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Handbook of Applied Dog Behavior and Training, Volume Two: Etiology and Assessment of Behavior Problems by Steven R. Lindsay—Explores the collective causes underlying the development of serious adjustment problems in dogs.

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