

## Recommended reading list

### Basic training for dogs and puppies

***The Power of Positive Dog Training*** by Pat Miller

Pat Miller is a prolific writer for many dog magazines, including Dog Fancy and Whole Dog Journal, and this book is a must for every pet owner's library.

***Culture Clash*** by Jean Donaldson

A wildly popular and provocative book that challenges our assumptions about how dogs think and how we think about them.

***Don't Shoot the Dog!*** by Karen Pryor

Use operant conditioning to not only train your dog, but to change the behavior of your child, your spouse, your boss, or others. Really!

***Clicking with Your Dog Step-by-Step in Pictures*** by Peggy Tillman

An illustrated guide on teaching your dog manners and tricks using a clicker.

***The Other End of the Leash*** by Patricia McConnell

Entertaining book on how our behavior influences the behavior of our dogs. Great read!

***For the Love of A Dog - Understanding Emotion in You and Your Best Friend*** by Patricia McConnell

A look at canine emotion and body language. Do dogs share an emotional life with us? A must read for every dog lover.

***Dr. Dunbar's Good Little Dog Book*** by Ian Dunbar, 2nd edition

Dr. Dunbar is a psychologist and veterinarian who has been instrumental in promoting kinder, gentler dog training all around the world. In 1993, Dr. Dunbar founded the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT), the largest dog professional dog trainers' association in the world.

***Labrador Retrievers for Dummies*** by Joel Walton and Eve Adamson

Not just for labs, and certainly not really for dummies! This is a great primer for anyone with a new dog or puppy of any breed.

***\*The Gentle Leader Booklet and DVD***

These products come with the Gentle Leader system or may be obtained by contacting the Animal Humane Society Training School. Describes correct use of the Gentle Leader.™ Gentle Leader™ headcollars are available at the Animal Humane Society Training School.

***Way To Go! How to Housetrain a Dog of Any Age*** by Karen B. London, Ph.D. & Patricia B. McConnell, Ph.D.

A step by step plan to get your dog eliminating outside.

***Positive Puppy Training Works*** by Joel Walton

Certified Pet Dog Trainer. Dr. Dunbar says, "If you have a puppy, or are thinking about getting a puppy, buying this book is the smartest thing you can do."

***The Ultimate Puppy Tool Kit™*** Developed by Urban Puppy Inc. Distributed by Premier™

The experiences and learning your puppy has during the first 16 weeks of life are crucial to the

development of a behaviorally healthy dog. This step-by-step toolkit will help you get your puppy off to the right start.

***Before and After You Get Your Puppy*** by Ian Dunbar

Sold as a single book or as 2 books. Before You Get Your Puppy is available as a [free download](#). Invaluable advice on what Dr Dunbar calls the 6 developmental deadlines for puppies.

## Pet Selection and Breed Information

***Paws to Consider: Choosing the Right Dog for You and Your Family***

by Brian Kilcommons & Sarah Wilson

Many breed books will give you information about a breed's eventual size, color, and misty-eyed mythology but little else that's helpful to the average pet owner. This book divides dogs by breed types and describes how the original function of that breed impacts them in the home. Our favorite breed book!

## Dogs and children

***Living With Kids And Dogs Without Losing Your Mind*** by Colleen Pelar

***Raising Puppies and Kids Together: A Guide for Parents*** by Pia Silvani and Lynn Eckhardt

These books are a necessity for any home with kids and dogs. Filled with advice on how to live successfully with your dog and a child of any age. If you are planning a family or are expecting, get one of these books now!

Many of these books can be found in your local bookstore. Others are more easily found at Dogwise, specializing in quality dog books. You can find Dogwise on the Internet at [www.Dogwise.com](http://www.Dogwise.com) or call 800/776-2665.

## Another behavior resource

Animal Humane Society Pet Behavior Helpline: Need advice about your pet's behavior? Call (763) 489-2202 and a trained volunteer will return your call with information on about any pet issue you might be having. From litter box issues, to problems with your Guinea Pig, this is the number to call! Call and information are free of charge and open to the public.

