

Recommended Dog Training and Care Resources

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Books

Before You Get Your Puppy by Dr. Ian Dunbar

Dunbar, a veterinarian and animal behaviorist, covers what he calls the three “developmental deadlines” to meet before you get your puppy: completing your education about puppies, knowing how to assess your prospective puppy’s progress and instituting errorless house-training.

After You Get Your Puppy by Dr. Ian Dunbar

In this book, Dunbar covers the three “developmental deadlines” to meet after you get your puppy: socializing your puppy to people, teaching bite inhibition and continuing socialization in the world at large.

Pet Behavior Protocols by Suzanne Hetts

This book is for veterinary professionals, shelter staff, breeders, trainers, and animal control agents who want to help people find sensible solutions to their pet behavior problems.

Don’t Shoot the Dog! The New Art of Teaching and Training by Karen Pryor

Pryor clearly explains the underlying principles of behavioral training and uses numerous examples to show how to achieve your training objectives through positive reinforcement. She also has a website on clicker training: www.clickertraining.com.

Dogs Are from Neptune by Jean Donaldson

Donaldson draws from real cases to provide clear, step-by-step advice for troubleshooting dog behavior problems – ranging from obedience stumbers like pulling on lead to serious issues like biting and fighting.

The Culture Clash by Jean Donaldson

Donaldson presents a revolutionary new way of understanding the relationship between humans and dogs.

Outwitting Dogs: Revolutionary Techniques for Dog Training That Work by Terry Ryan

Ryan draws on her 25 years of hands-on experience to help people understand dogs, train dogs, and solve dog behavior problems using kinder, gentler methods.

Dog-Friendly Dog Training by Andrea Arden

This is a great book for beginners.



Periodicals

The Whole Dog Journal

This is a monthly guide to natural dog care and training. You can subscribe (and get a free 14-day trial subscription) at www.whole-dog-journal.com or call 800-829-9165.

Your Dog

This is a monthly 24-page newsletter for dog enthusiasts published by Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. You can subscribe by calling 800-829-5116. For more information: www.tufts.edu/vet/publications/yourdog/

Videos

Unleash Your Dog's Potential: Getting in TTouch with Your Canine Friend

The TTouch method helps you achieve a relationship with your pet based on appreciation and friendship, rather than on dominance and submission. There are several videos for dog people. Call 800-797-PETS or visit www.animalambassadors.com (click on "Shop Online").

Puppy Love: Raise Your Dog the Clicker Way with Karen Pryor

This video shows you how to use a clicker to train your dog. (See also *Don't Shoot the Dog!* by Karen Pryor in the book section.) Available at www.amazon.com.

Clicker Fun Series with Deborah Jones

This series of three videos shows you how to use clicker-based methods to change your dog's behavior. Each video comes with a clicker. Available on the Canine Training Systems website: www.caninetrainingsystems.com/products.php.

Products

Controlling Your Dog

The Halti head halter is an effective alternative to the choke collar, enforcing the simple principle that a dog's body will follow where his head leads him. Available at pet supply stores.

The Gentle Leader Headcollar is another product that helps you to control your dog humanely. For more information, visit www.gentleleader.com.

A martingale or limited-slip collar offers greater control without the danger of choking. Available at pet supply stores or at www.premier.com or www.sitstay.com.

DirectStop citronella spray is a humane way to prevent or stop dog fights. Available at pet supply stores.

Soothing Your Dog

D.A.P. Dog Appeasing Pheromone is a spray/plug-in that provides an effective way to control and manage unwanted canine behavior associated with fear and/or stress. Visit the Veterinary Products Laboratories website: www.vpl.com (click on "products" and then "behavior").

Bach Flower Essences can soothe your dog during times of stress. For more information, visit www.bachflower.com and www.rainbowcrystal.com/bach/floweran.html.

Food

Canine Caviar is the all-natural dog food that we use at Best Friends. Available at www.petclick.com. For more information, visit www.caninecaviar.com.

Toys

Kongs are durable rubber enrichment toys that can provide you and your dog with hours of fun. Available at pet supply stores. For more information, visit their website: www.kongcompany.com.

Nylabone makes a variety of chew toys and interactive toys for dogs. Check out their products at www.nylabone.com.

Cleaning Products

Nature's Miracle and Simple Solution are two products containing natural enzymes that tackle tough stains and odors and remove them permanently. Available at pet supply stores.

Kennel D Plus is a one-step germicidal detergent and deodorant. It's available on the BioLUX website: <https://www.bioluminternational.com/catalog/>.

Finally, remember to periodically check out the pet care section of the Best Friends website. We are adding new resources all the time!

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