

Book Reviews

TEACH YOUR DOG TO BEHAVE:

Simple Solutions to Over 300 Common Dog Behavior Problems from A to Z, by Bashkim Dibra with Elizabeth Randolph (Dutton, 375 Hudson Street, New York, NY, \$21.00)

This book's A-to-Z format gives a diagnosis and treatment plan for most behavior problems. It gives the reader ideas for making their pets Canine Good Citizens.

In the beginning, there are descriptions of major canine attitudes which include aggressive dominant, fearful, friendly and playful. It helps with problem-solving if you can interpret your dog's body language, facial expressions and vocalizations.

On the problem of chewing objects or clothing, we read "Because chewing is an ingrained, normal habit of dogs, you shouldn't try to prevent your dog from chewing. You should redirect your dog's chewing instinct so it chews what you want it to."

Do dogs have ESP? "Dogs' 'ESP' is due to their exceptionally acute senses. They can hear, see and smell things we can't. This accounts for their ability to 'predict' meteorological events and home in on lost or buried people and far-away locations."

Jumping on people or other dogs is a problem to be cured right away. The treatment includes getting the dog's attention *before* it begins to jump, say "NO" and praise it lavishly when it remains by your side.

"Sympathy lameness" that can be turned on at will by the dog is usually exacerbated by an owner who responds just the way the dog wants. Be sure to get a veterinary assessment if this is not an obvious bid for attention.

Nail-clipping problems can upset the owner as well as the dog. To prevent this, make a point of touching and holding a puppy's paws and legs on a regular basis. "To make a dog's nails easier to clip, soak its feet in warm soapy water or salty water for a few minutes before you begin. This will soften the nails and will also act to desensitize the animal's feet."

"In order to teach a dog anything at all you have to learn to time your responses to concur exactly with the

action you want to praise or correct. You have to catch the dog *in the act* for your praise or correction to mean anything at all."

The book has many simple solutions for making the human-canine relationship work.

CANINE LEXICON by Andrew De Prisco and James B. Johnson (T.F.H. Publications, Inc., Third & Union Avenues, Neptune, NJ 07753, \$79.95).

With over 3,500 entries, alphabetically arranged, and over 1,300 full-color photographs, this book is a good reference source for much basic information about dogs.

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Over 500 dog breeds are listed and their histories and characteristics are given. Unusual (rare) breeds include the Appenzeller, Boykin spaniel, Sloughi, and treeing Walker coonhound.

Anatomical characteristics include ear and tail types, as well as bite types (desired and undesired). Under nose types is a description of the most unique nose in dogdom - the Perdiguero Navarro of Spain, the only breed to require a split nose.

There are many other categories: breeding, veterinary medicine, showing and behavior.

The book seems to have an answer to most questions relating to dogs.

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