

Behavior Resources

There are a number of excellent books and training guides available that are intended to teach pet owners how to apply the basic principles of learning and training in a humane, effective, and logical manner. At the other extreme, many training books and manuals have been written by self-professed experts who advocate techniques that may be scientifically unsound, inappropriate, or inhumane. Following these techniques will seldom lead to improvement of the problem and might even aggravate some conditions.

The best way to select a book, video or training manual is to seek the guidance or recommendation of a veterinarian, behaviorist, or obedience trainer who you trust and respect. It can also be useful to assess the background, expertise and, in particular, the education of the author(s). Be certain that the book you choose covers the training techniques, products, and topics for which you are seeking assistance. In general the most recent publications will include the most recent advances in behavior, training, and products. However, some of the older texts are the best resources for obtaining a sound understanding of the psychology of learning and the basic behavior of dogs and cats. Although, inclusion in the reference list below is not intended to be an endorsement, the publications have been screened and are included based on the following criteria:



The author has a sound knowledge of basic canine and feline behavior.

Training techniques emphasize positive reinforcement, motivation, and shaping rather than punishment.

Correction techniques have been designed to train or encourage the pet to perform an appropriate behavior and set the pet up to succeed, rather than punishing the pet for inappropriate behavior.

UNDERSTANDING CANINE AND FELINE BEHAVIOR

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Ask for our handout on pet selection

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American College of Veterinary Behaviorists – www.dacvb.org

American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior - www.avma.org/avsab/

Animal Behavior Society - www.animalbehavior.org/

Applied Ethology - www.usask.ca/wcvm/herdmed/applied-ethology

Association of Pet Behavior Counsellors - www.apbc.or.uk

Association of Pet Dog Trainers, www.apdt.com

Association for Pet Loss & Bereavement - www.aplb.org

Association for the Study of Animal Behavior - www.asab.org

BehaviorRx – Pet Behavior Resources - www.webtrail.com/petbehavior

Canadian Association of Pet Dog Trainers – www.cappdt.ca

Canadian Veterinary Medical Association - www.animalhealthcare.ca

Center for the Integrative Study of Animal Behavior - www.indiana.edu/~animal/index.html

Center for the Interaction of Animals and Society -
<http://www2.vet.upenn.edu/research/centers/cias/>
CENSHARE – Center to Study Human Animal Relationships and Environment (University of
Minnesota) - <http://www.censhare.umn.edu/>
Companion Animal Behaviour Therapy Study Group - www.cabtsg.org
Delta Society - www.deltasociety.org
European Society of Veterinary Clinical Ethology - www.esvce.org
Human Animal Bond Association of Canada – <http://www.habac.ca/>
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National Association of Dog Obedience Instructors, www.nadoi.org
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