

“Stupid Pet Tricks...For People”

Resources

A sampling of some of our frequently used sources listed in no particular order. All recommend positive, no force methods of training and care. Selections are heavily dog-oriented as that is our primary interest.

Books and videos

Should be available from libraries, major booksellers or online at DogWise.com. Also search individual authors' websites. Note: The following books are not necessarily catalogued as Young Adult or Youth. We hope teens will enjoy them in any case. We will add Young Adult and Youth titles as we find them.

The Dog Listener, Jan Fennell, published with *The 30-Day Training Guide*, 2004. A gentle method of incorporating your dog into your family and lifestyle.

Positive Perspectives: The Modern Guide to Successful Dog Ownership, Pat B. Miller, 2004. Step by step basic training and problem solving guide. Chapter on supplies for new dogs.

The Other End Of the Leash, Patricia B. McConnell, 2002. Stories about, and insights into our relationship with dogs.

Dr. Pitcairn's Complete Guide to Natural Health For Dogs and Cats, Richard H. Pitcairn and Susan Hubble Pitcairn, 2005. Introduces alternative methods of feeding, and maintaining good pet health.

Don't Shoot the Dog: The New Art of Teaching and Training, Karen Pryor, 1999. Despite the name, this book is about general animal training, not just dog training (the book is catalogued in the Psychology section). Introduction to communicating with animals through positive reinforcement.

Katz on Dogs: A Commonsense Guide To Training and Living With Dogs, Jon Katz, 2005. The subtitle says it all.

On Talking Terms With Dogs: Calming Signals and video *Calming Signals: What Your Dog Tells You*, Turid Rugaas, 1997. How dogs calm themselves and how you can use some of the gestures to calm your dog.

Videos *TTouch for Dogs and Puppies*; also available: *Ttouch for Cats* and *Ttouch for Horses*. Linda Tellington-Jones. The author demonstrates the calming Tellington Touches that she developed in working with animals.

Video *Manners for Life: A Guide to Training Your Dog*, The Michigan Humane Society Pet Education Center. “Sit down, relax and learn how to improve your dog's house manners!” In addition to training tips, lessons include dog-proofing your house, home introductions, establishing house rules, house-training/crating and leadership.

No Naughty Cats: The First Complete Guide To Intelligent Cat Training. Debra Pirotin and Sherry Suib Cohen, 1985. Think you can't train cats? The authors show you that you can.

Champion Dog Prince Tom, Jean Fritz & Tom Clute, 1963 (Out of print—check libraries and used booksellers). Juvenile Non-Fiction. A childhood favorite! Prince Tom was a real dog, a cocker spaniel, who earned just about every title available at the time (the 1950s). His owner shunned training him with the harsh methods popular with dog trainers then. A great “underdog” story

Periodicals

Whole Dog Journal, Whole-Dog-Journal.com. Monthly publication. The latest in compassionate dog care and training.

Clean Run Magazine, CleanRun.com. Monthly publication devoted to dog agility.

Websites

<DogWise.com> Books and videos about dog training, behavior and care. The site also sells toys, treats and training supplies.

<CleanRun.com> Website for the dog agility magazine, *Clean Run*. Also lists agility events and training centers. Links to other agility sites. The site also sells books, toys, treats and training supplies.

<ClickerTraining.com> Everything you want to know about using a clicker as a reward marker to train dogs, cats, rats, bunnies, etc. There is even a short movie showing a clicker trained cat doing an agility course.

<MichiganHumane.org> Michigan Humane Society Behavior & Training pages offer tips for managing common undesirable animal behaviors.

<APDT.com> The Association of Pet Dog Trainers is a professional organization of individual trainers who are committed to becoming better trainers through education. Dog owners may conduct a dog trainer search, and see tips on choosing a trainer.

<web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth> Michigan 4-H links

Telephone numbers

Michigan Humane Society Behavior Helpline: (248) 650-0127

ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center: (900) 680-0000

Library Subject Headings

For further research:

ANIMALS--TRAINING; ANIMAL TRAINING--JUVENILE LITERATURE;
DOGS--TRAINING; DOGS--TRAINING--JUVENILE LITERATURE; PUPPIES--
TRAINING; PUPPIES--TRAINING--JUVENILE LITERATURE; CATS--
TRAINING; DOGS--BEHAVIOR; CATS--BEHAVIOR; HUMAN-ANIMAL
COMMUNICATION; ANIMALS IN MOTION PICTURES