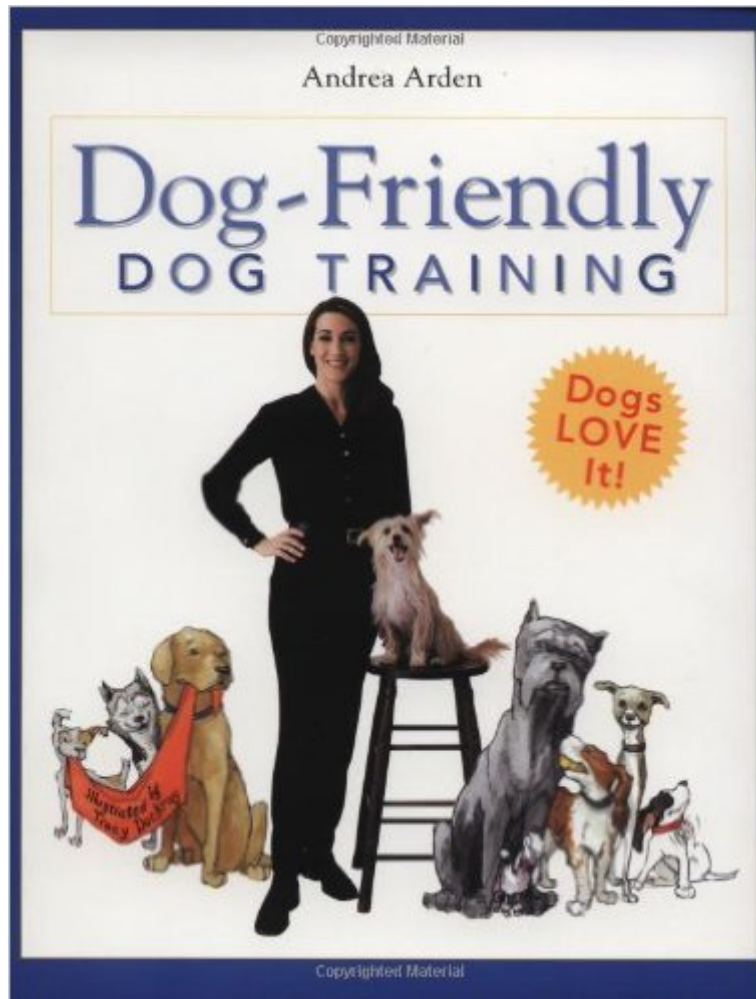


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# Dog-Friendly Dog Training (Howell Reference Books)



## Synopsis

"I'm a dog fanatic, read everything I can find on dog behavior, and this book is terrific! It was a great reminder of all those other times I can be naturally shaping my two dogs' behavior without their even knowing they're behaving perfectly. The illustrations are fun and funny. And the methods are clearly spelled out â " how to do them, why they work, how they make the doggie-human bond a more loving one." â " Amy Tan, author of *The Joy Luck Club*, *The Hundred Secret Senses* and *The Kitchen God's Wife* "Andrea Arden is to be congratulated on this wonderful book on dog training (and I'm sure that dogs everywhere would agree). Her approach is humane, user-friendly, dog-friendly and guaranteed to produce the desired results. A must-read for owners." â " Dr. Nicholas Dodman, author of *The Dog Who Loved Too Much* and *Dogs Behaving Badly* "Dog-Friendly Dog Training will make you your dog's best friend. Use Andrea's training methods and you'll soon find your dog wanting to work for you. It provides easily understood information on dog training with a strong emphasis on the positive. She makes training so simple that a child can easily train the family pet. If dogs carried cash, I guarantee you they'd be buying copies for the humans they live with." â "Wayne Hunthausen, DVM, director of Animal Behavior Consultations. Co-author of *The Handbook of Behavior Problems of the Dog and Cat*.

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## Customer Reviews

This book saved me a lot of head aches and money. I've tried many dog behavior classes and was

at the end of my rope. I now have better control over my dog's behavior and can manage him without screaming at him. I highly recommend this book to anyone who wants an easy to understand dog training manual.

I can not begin to describe how helpful this book was to me. Being the owner of an extremely difficult and what I thought was an unmanageable dog, I had almost lost hope. It was quite a relief when I learned that I didn't have to be harsh when teaching my dog basic manners. Many thanks to the author!

This book was fantastic! I had so much trouble with my dog and I didn't know what to do. Finally, I found a book that helped solve all of my problems. This book saved me so much money, it saved my hands and it saved my furniture. Thank god for this book!

Recently, I got my first ever dog! My whole life has been filled with cats and other creatures but I have always wanted a dog. Needless to say, I was at a loss when it came to dog life. Luckily, while filling (overfilling to be exact) my cart at the pet store, puppy in tow, I ran across Andrea Arden's book. Of course, I immediately read the section on toilet training. Puppy Max and I are following the crate method described which is going well. I don't think I could have survived the first night without Andrea's advice. My pillow was very useful in covering my ears to the wails of Max from the crate but sure enough, he stopped. Everything from socialization (Pumba, my Bengal cat, is just enthralled with Max and took off with his dog bone last night while my other cat is still adjusting) to teaching tools to feeding is covered throughly in the book using simple language. Loved the sections in purple on every page! The positive reward system for training has already taken hold and Max loves praise for peeing out on the grass! We have just started to work on the barking lately. Can't wait until 4 lb Max grows a little so we can start the leash! Like I said, this book has been so important in my house (chewed edges and all). Highly recommended for a novice mom like me! By the way, I would appreciate any other tips for great dog books!

This book was recommended to me by an animal behavior specialist for training an old dog I rescued from the shelter. He wasn't housebroken and had a myriad of other behavior problems that needed work. This book teaches you how to train a dog using rewards instead of punishment. It works remarkably well. I was able to teach my dog all the basic commands ('sit', 'down', 'stay', etc.) in just a couple of weeks. I also taught him to fetch a ball which was fun for both of us. When I first

got him and tried it he would not even look at the ball when I threw it so I thought it would never work. But it only took a few weeks before he was fetching like a pro - giving a great indoor workout for this senior dog. The book is comprehensive but brief and includes nice illustrations that make the training easier. It is also written in a simple style that should appeal to children, too. My only complaint about the book is the reward style of teaching is most effective using food treats and rewards. My dog has digestive problems and so this method is limited. Still, all in all, this is a great book and I can highly recommend it - especially to new dog owners or those who are still "punishing" their pets.

I feel truly fortunate that this is the book I chose to give me an introduction to dog training when I got my dog. I feel like it has really steered us in the right direction for getting my dog to be happy, healthy, and excited about behaving well. We aren't done with training by any means, and I will have to train myself to continue training him, but I feel like this book was really on the right track. The book teaches alternatives to the physical prompting that was so popular in the 70s and 80s. The two main alternatives are Reward training and Lure/Reward training. Basically, you are doing Reward Training if you just wait for the dog to do what you want him to do and then give him a treat and praise for doing it. Lure/Reward training goes a little bit faster and may be the best way to teach positions like sit, stand, and (lie) down. You hold a lure like a treat or piece of kibble in your hand, and depending on how you move it, the dog's position changes. The book also gives guidelines on physical prompting, though the guidelines are very gentle and tend to be combined with rewards and lure/reward training. The best news is that you can start any of this training no matter how old your dog is. While a lot of behaviors and habits are learned in the puppy stages, an old dog actually can learn new tricks when properly motivated with rewards like treats, praise, attention, and toys.

As a trainer, I am always on the lookout for books to recommend to my clients, and this book is one of them. It is an excellent resource for pet owners who want to teach their dogs the basics. The format and instructions are clear and easy to follow, and the photographs make it practically foolproof. Andrea encourages the use of positive, reward-based methods which are based on sound scientific principles. Following the training guidelines in this book will result in not only a better trained dog, but will enhance the bond between you and your dog as well. - Nicole Wilde, author *Help for Your Fearful Dog: A Step-by-Step Guide to Helping Your Dog Conquer His Fears and So You Want to be a Dog Trainer* (2nd edition)

My Boston Terrier puppy was a bit of a handful so a friend recommended this book because she said it was really helpful with her Rotweiller puppy. What I like about it is it is very simple, but also thorough. The writing is great and the illustrations are perfect for making the instructions perfectly clear.

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