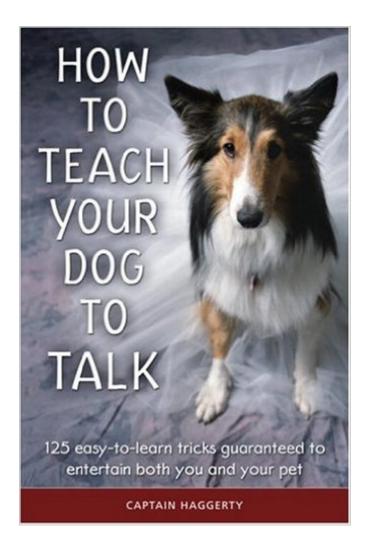
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# How To Teach Your Dog To Talk





## Synopsis

Are you and Rover ready for some new challenges? How to Teach Your Dog to Talk offers 125 easy-to-learn tricks that are guaranteed to entertain, protect, and educate the both of you. From simple "bits" to spectacular acts worthy of a show business agent, and a full range of advanced training and safety techniques, Captain Haggerty--hailed by the New York Times as "the world's most experienced dog trainer"--proves you can teach an old dog new tricks. Includes a selection of tricks ideal for kids to teach the family pooch as well as notes on the breeds that excel at specific activities.

## **Book Information**

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#### **Customer Reviews**

This is the only book I've found that tells you step by step how to do the many tricks listed, but also how to use the steps to get your dog to perform anything you want. My dog rolled over after 5 minutes on his 2nd try. And his methods are not cruel, by "correction" he means saying the word "no" or tugging on the leash a bit. No where in there does he mention slapping or beating the dog. Very useful book

This is a book that contains a wonderful variety of tricks for every type of dog. I espcially liked the appendix at the end that shows the tricks that are suitable for specific breeds. There are more tricks than you'll ever need for your dogs, and they work!!!

I thought this was a useful tool in teaching my new puppy some very fun and impressive tricks. Although she is not actually speaking English, I believe the book has improved our communication, and I'm speaking better Dog.

What a book...every family DOG should buy this for his/her owner! Written by the ever interesting and captivating "Cap" (Captain Haggerty), this is NOT a mere "trick book", but instead, a tool for keeping the excitement in dog training and ownership, and keeping boredom out! BUY IT!

Though long and drawn out, this book is not the end-all of dog trick books. I have a problem with his sometimes coercive methods, and the nature of some of the 'tricks' (like teaching your dog to snarl and growl over an object). Not that you can't teach your dog to do anything you want, but he needs to be a whole lot clearer that any behavior that is rewarded will increase exponentially in frequency once it's been rewarded. Teaching your dog to object guard is not a safe thing to do in the hands of the average person. Aside from that, it seems quickly written and as if he tried to make it cover EVERYTHING. It is hard to do that well and he hasn't succeeded. His blurb on clicker training is silly, recommending (against the advice of every clicker trainer and those who invented the method) to click sometimes without treating. In short, head for a more concise, better written book if you'd like to have fun teaching your dog tricks.

First, you should know that this book IS actually about teaching your dog to talk. Not in the foofy-bonding-spiritual way, but in the "this is how you encourage them to make this particular vowel sound" way. I was a little shocked -- but amused -- by this. I'm not really interested in teaching my dog to speak, but thankfully there are lot of other fun tricks in this book. I would recommend it to anyone that wants a decent (but sometimes rambling) read in addition to their list of tricks. I honestly like it much more than 101 Dog Tricks for the stories and humor.

This is by far my favorite dog training book. It's funny and Captain Haggerty certainly has the credentials. There were a few things: only letting the dog get in the car via the back passenger side was a great idea, he cautions never to let the puppy go out the door ahead of you, which I'm sure would save a lot of dogs. I have given this book to at least a dozen friends who added dogs, the ones that read it loved it. I also love the idea of choosing tricks that look the most ridiculous on a big or small dog, genius, he obviously loves and understands the dog and the relationship. I believe you need control that is mutually gained, apparently that is true from his vast experience. Although my live doesn't depend on my dogs, my heart does.

This covers not only the basics, but also more advanced training. It is a must have for every dog owner. Written in easy to understand form.

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