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101 Dog Tricks: Step By Step Activities To Engage, Challenge, And Bond With Your Dog



Synopsis

International bestseller with over a half-million copies in print in 18 languages! This beautifully designed book features step-by-step instructions with easy to follow color photos of each step. Each trick is rated with a difficulty rating and prerequisites to get you started quickly. Tips and trouble-shooting boxes cover common problems, while "build-on" ideas suggest more complicated tricks which build on each new skill. Tricks range from simple ones like Sit, Shake Hands, Fetch, and Roll Over, to extraordinary ones like Tidy Up Your Toys into the Toybox, and Get a Soda from the Fridge. Millions of people have found success with Kyra Sundance's step-by-step techniques and you can too. Trick training will help you bond with your dog and integrate him into your family. Tricks keep him mentally and physically challenged and help to establish paths of communication between you. Many tricks build skills used in dog sports, dog dancing, and dog therapy work. 101 Dog Tricks will inspire you to do more with your dog!

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Customer Reviews

I received this book as a Mother's Day gift from my sons. I train my dog for competition obedience and they thought I might like to have some "fun" things to train. The book is fantastic! There are lots of pictures and easy, step by step instructions for every trick! I love the way the tricks are categorized as being easy, intermediate, advanced and expert, there are tricks for dogs at every skill level. Also, for each trick the prerequisites are listed, some troubleshooting questions and answers and a small section called 'Build On It' that explains how you can build on, or improve, the featured trick! This book is a wonderful addition to my training library! You'll love it!

I suggest buying 3 copies of this book... not 1...First, because its a great coffee table book... hey, Chelcy (the author's dog) is a Weimeraner - - and both are very photogenic - - on top of it, the graphic design and lay-out of the book are not only sensitive and informative, but very visually appealing... You can feel the excitement and enthusiasmSecond - - its a fantastic reference book... and the idea of thinking "tricks" instead of cut and dry obedience I think is great for both the trainer and the dog. Though most of the tricks do have elements of obedience to them, they are presented in a way that makes training your dog more fun and lightharded and you're not thinking, "good dog"/"bad dog"/"leash correction" - - In fact, I like the way the author not only has troubleshooting tips for each tricks, but will even give some ideas how difficult the trick is, what tricks need to be learned first, and how long it takes some dogs to learn. - - Also, all descriptions use simple, practical and effective language... The descriptions match up with the photos and the points are gotten across in a way that communicates the ideas to you and teaches you to teach them to your dog.Finally... buy a third copy because... some dogs *cough* have tendencies to nibble on certain people's reading material, especially when allowed in the bed. (o.k. that's an obedience issue.)As for the tricks, they range from basic sit/stay/rollover agility type tricks - - to classics like "bring me a beer"/"bring the newspaper" as well as a few parlor tricks/routines. The book also explains standard hand signals as well as commands.Incidentally - - there I would like a refund for 2 of the tricks. One involves the human doing a handstand, the other a cartwheel... Trust me, if you're the "bring me my beer" trick type, you won't be doing those two...All in all, this is one book that lives up to its own hype! Highly recommended!

All I can say is WOW!!! This book is very well done, the pictures are so clear and colorful. A great book for beginners or professional trainers.Each trick is detailed with easy to follow instructions.I have been a trainer for 30 years and have never found a book like this one!! am just very impressed!Kudos to Kyra Sundance and her performing dog, Chalcy!Debbie AbbenanteAction Pets USA

This is a great looking book, the pictures are lovely. Beyond that, I don't think it's a very good training book overall. The step by step instructions are often lacking clear details to teach the tricks and I find it depressing that the author advocates using physical corrections. For instance teaching shake, she recommends "bopping" the dog in the face if she sniffs your hand instead of pawing and to teach heel she recommends "popping" the collar if your dog strays out of line. They're just not necessary and even gentle corrections can destroy a softer dog's motivation so why include them?

Presumably people getting this book want to have fun with their dogs. There's also no mention of using a clicker in the steps, which I think would make it easier to teach some of the tricks...for instance using shaping if you have a dog who doesn't automatically mouth toys. Though it is a pretty book, I don't recommend it as anything more than a picture book. It does have some good ideas but a better training book is "The Only Dog Tricks Book You'll Ever Need." I'm glad I bought both of them at the same time so I'm not stuck with this book by itself, though it seems fine with other books so I'm kind of neutral on it I guess. Edited to add...the more I read this book the more I dislike it. Maybe I'm just stupid but I fail to see how pushing my dogs nose down teaches him to bow. Meanwhile shaping accomplished it in a week. Wish I had known the methods employed before buying this. Just a warning to anyone with similar concerns. Maybe I'm just crazy but I do wonder about the rave reviews here.

This book has been great!! I am on my 2nd copy, as I gave the first one away to a friend who fell in love with it, and am planning on buying a 3rd copy to send to another friend. This book is very easy to follow and a pleasure to page through. The photo's are fun, and make it a good pick for kids, who might not enjoy reading directions, as you can pretty much just follow the pictures. It includes hand signals and verbal cues, a lists of previous tricks to be mastered, and skill level. Whenever I run into a problem I go to the 'trouble shooting' section in the margin next to each trick, and it always has anticipated the snag and offers a helpful solution. So far my chihuahua can sit, lay down, beg, shake hands, twirl, and roll over!! Not bad for a breed known for being yappy and being carted around like Cleopatra in handbags! I have had the book for about 5 months. We work all the tricks every night after her dinner. It's her 'school' and she loves it! I think she has become more confident since we started training. I know she feels very proud of herself when she does it right. I highly recommend this book.

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