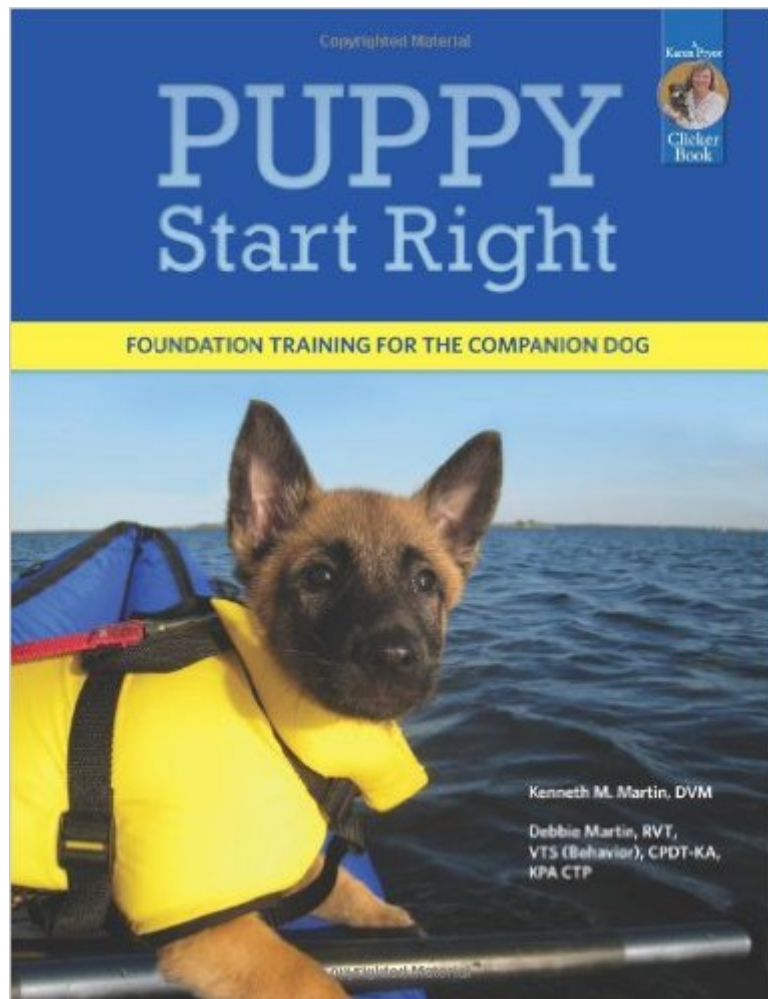


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# Puppy Start Right: Foundation Training For The Companion Dog (Karen Pryor Clicker Book)



## Synopsis

With almost 200 pages, corresponding photos, and step-by-step instructions, *Puppy Start Right* is the ideal book for fostering and enhancing a parenting relationship among people and their dogs! This book is a great resource for all dog parents, dog trainers, puppy socialization class instructors, shelters, and adoption agencies. Whether you are raising a new puppy, have recently adopted an adolescent dog, or are living with an adult dog, *Puppy Start Right* is the book for you. This book sets the foundation for a lifelong partnership between you and your dog based on a mutual understanding and trust. *Puppy Start Right* is more than a puppy book about socialization; it's a positive approach to problem solving, prevention, and training, all without the use of force. Problem-solving topics address common behaviors of adolescent dogs, including mouthing/biting, jumping, chewing, digging, counter surfing, and stealing objects. Prevention topics include confinement/independence training, food bowl exercises, handling and restraint, and more. The book also includes: • The Developmental Life Stages of Dogs • Domestication, Social Behavior, How Dogs Perceive the World, and Canine Communication • How Dogs Learn • Positive Socialization and What to do if Your Dog is Frightened? • Applying the Problem-Solving Model to Prevent Common Behavior Problems • House Training in 5 Easy Steps • Foundation Training Exercises

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It's tough to find a puppy book that covers everything, but this is as close as it gets. The instructions are clear and easy to follow, plus there are LOTS of photos that illustrate the various exercises. It includes not only those exercises that are considered "obedience" training, but exercises critical in the prevention of problem behaviors. As a professional trainer of 13+ years who has worked with 150 different breeds and over 4K dogs, I highly recommend this book for first time and experienced puppy owners.

Forget the Monks, forget Cesar, learn to train your pup effectively with kindness. This book was recommended to me by Jean Donaldson, so I bought it. Very good information for all dog owners.

I was bringing a new pup (mini english bull terrier) home and thought this book would be a good read and would help prepare me for the new addition to our family. I have owned several dogs in my life including the mini bull terriers. I figure a little more knowledge cant hurt anyone. I enjoyed reading the book, i didnt discover anything i didn't already know prior to reading it but it was still a good read. This book would be perfect for a younger couple bringing home a first pup. Packaged well and arrived on time as usual

This book is laid out nicely. First, read the PREFACE and Chapters 1-4 to get a great understanding of your dog before approaching training. The photos and key points in shaded boxes make it easy to absorb the information. The rest of the book identifies specific training and behavior how-to's, do's and don'ts. The book is very complete and all-encompassing, addressing practically everything that can be encountered while raising and caring for a dog with respect and kindness.

I am only more than half way through it but so far, it is amazing and I have recommended it to anyone who gets a puppy or even people who have grown dogs. It just has a plethora of information that no owner should be without! Best book I have bought.

First of all, the info in this book is spot on. Almost as important, it is easy to read, with clear images to support the text. It is just enough for a novice puppy owner to get started with a puppy, and a good review for anyone who is bringing a new puppy home. As a professional dog trainer who works with a great deal of puppies, I think this book, along with a well-structured, reward-based puppy class will mean a good start for any puppy.

We use this manual exclusively in our "Puppy Kindergarten" class with great results. The new puppy parents find guides to assist them in raising a puppy they can live with and enjoy, and also find answers to often asked questions. An excellent addition to any trainer's resource file involving young canines.

This is a very good book. The emphasis is totally positive for the work you will do with your dog and I love that. I read many dog books and think this one is very good, if you have never read a puppy training book this is the one to start with. Some of it was repetitive for me because I have read so many books. I really like the emphasis on socialization and the positive training techniques.

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