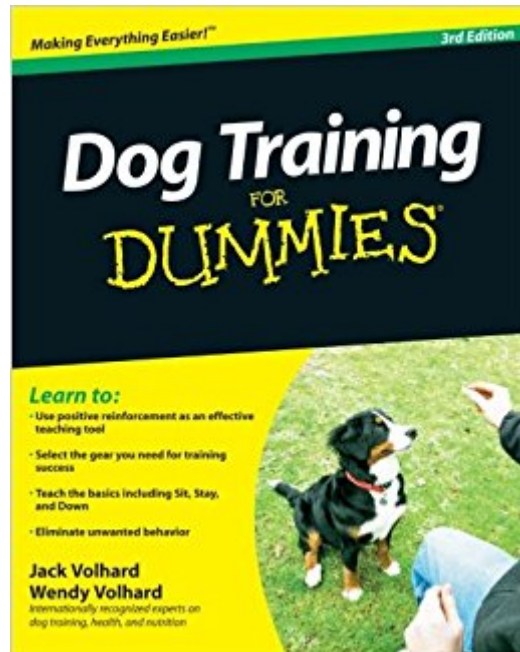




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# Dog Training For Dummies



## Synopsis

Make training fun and effective This friendly guide shows you how to select the right training method for your dog, based on his unique personality, to reach your desired goals. Whether you want to teach Buddy to sit or master retrieving, you'll get expert training tips and techniques for you and your dog

- to ensure a mutually respectful relationship with your four-legged friend.

Concentrate on canines

- discover why your dog acts the way she does, understand her nutritional needs, and ready yourself for the task of training your dog

Prep for your pup

- prepare your home for your puppy's arrival, discover the importance of socialization, and get started on housetraining

Put your best paw forward

- teach basic commands like Sit, Stay, and Down, and get the scoop on how to deal with doggie don'ts like chewing, digging, and excessive barking

Take training to the next level

- get involved in organized dog activities and competitions, where you'll both show off impressive tricks like retrieving, figure 8s, and much more

Open the book and find:

- Step-by-step instructions for teaching your dog basic commands
- Helpful advice on crate training
- Safe ways to address aggression and separation anxiety
- Tips for teaching Buddy to behave himself around people and other dogs
- Techniques to keep your senior dog feeling young
- Health issues that can interfere with training
- Experts to turn to for training help

Learn to:

- Use positive reinforcement as an effective teaching tool
- Select the gear you need for training success
- Teach the basics including Sit, Stay, and Down
- Eliminate unwanted behavior

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## Customer Reviews

Jack and Wendy Volhard are internationally recognized for their contributions to dog training, health, and nutrition. At the heart of their teaching is the "Motivational Method," a unique approach to training that is aimed at people who value dogs first and foremost as pets and companions.

This has been extraordinarily helpful with knowing how to care for my new puppy. He is definitely much happier because I read this book! The only thing I would say is to make sure you look up some videos on how to clip a dog's nails before you try. I had never done it before, and I followed the book's guideline on how to clip the nails; however, the author wasn't clear on how far down to clip, and I clipped them too far down. Thankfully, I was being extremely conservative, so my puppy barely even flinched, but I did draw a little blood. Thankfully, I was WAY more traumatized than the puppy (he didn't even seem to notice, but I wanted to die!) This was my fault for being overzealous and not looking up pictures and videos before I tried, though. The only reason I mention it here, is so someone else doesn't make the same mistake! Overall, this book provides indispensable information on how to raise a happy, healthy puppy.

I'm not a professional dog trainer by any means and I have found this book to be very helpful. It simplifies the way you use a dog's natural drives to train and motivate. Prey, pack, fight and flight drives are basic to every dog. Some training techniques are out dated. Most I would use with a pup. About the only things I totally disagree with are the way the Volhards teach the long down and going as a group to "socialize dogs". I also don't like dog parks. The advice on nutrition, and puppy care I thought was excellent and also the equipment they use. Over all I find this book as one I will be returning to often,

so I get PLENTY of advice from her. But this manual is so basic, easy to read, and clearly explains the dog/human interface, making relating to a dog much easier and much more logical. I definitely recommend this book if you want to understand how your dog learns to live with you harmoniously or otherwise.

Very good, common sense advice that is easily followed.

The Volhards are so respected. Maybe it's the format of the Dummies books, but I found it badly written and unclear. I prefer to read something start to finish. The sections on nutrition are the clearest, match. Also, I do not believe in negative corrections. However, if you're willing to sift

through all of it, there are some nuggets of great information. Unfortunately, I didn't find it worth the cost.

Perfect for new dog owners. The book was in great shape.

Great for those who whatnot to know the basics of dog training. Explained in simple word and easy to understand.

I should probably give it a higher rating. I'm just not consistent enough but still reading and working on it.

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