

Puppies for Thinkers



Socialization | Play Biting | Crate Selection | Crate Placement
House Training | Harmful People Food | Organic Foods
Potty on Command | Kids and Dogs | Fearful Pups
Barking in the Crate | Submissive & Excitement Urination
Meeting Basic Needs | Exercise | Dog Food Choices
Teach your Dog to Ring a Bell | Teach Whistle Come

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Introduction

The purpose of this booklet is to provide new puppy owners with accurate information about house training, kids and dogs, dog food choices, socialization, play biting, and meeting basic needs.

I know, you are thinking, “Information is everywhere, hundreds of books to choose from, and I am surrounded by experts.” Exactly! Everyone is an expert.

That’s the problem. Pet supply store clerks, your neighbor, your family, and nearly one third of the United States population know exactly how to raise a well mannered puppy. If that were true, why are there so many puppies and dogs relinquished to shelters and rescue organizations for behavior problems? It’s impossible to know, but some report that more dogs are euthanized because of behavior problems than all other ailments combined!

Have you looked at all the books on house training a puppy? Many have contradicting information. Some books are written by people who do not even practice in the field. The authors of these books repeat information that he or she gathers elsewhere. The authors are excellent writers but inexperienced in the practical aspect of teaching a puppy to potty outside.

I have worked with a few cats, a few horses, a few birds, and 1200-1500 (best guess) different puppies and dogs. I am a full time companion animal behavior counselor with a specialization in canine behavior. I understand what information a puppy owner needs to succeed.

I know the critical period to socialize your puppy ends at 12-16 weeks. I understand play-biting is a normal stage of development. I realize scolding a dog while urinating inside the house only teaches the puppy that it is unsafe to urinate near people.

Start off right! Follow my advice and you can raise a well mannered puppy!

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