



Reading List

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Understanding Dogs: Reading Lists

© Lorraine May, Misha May Foundation: Understanding Dogs

I'll Be Home Soon (Separation Anxiety) – Patricia B. McConnell, PH.D.

Inside of a Dog – Alexandra Horowitz

On Talking Terms with Dogs (Calming Signals) – Turid Rugaas

The Culture Clash - Jean Donaldson

Behavior Adjustment Training 2.0 or B.A.T. – Grisha Stewart

Recommended Authors: Jean Donaldson Ian Dunbar Trish King Pat Miller Patricia McConnell Turid Rugaas

For Fun: *Bones Would Rain from the Sky* by Suzanne Clothier

This trainer/author describes various relationships with dogs throughout the stages in her life. She shows the reader what she has learned and how she learned it. This book provides inspiring insights into canine companionship and training.

Technical Nuts & Bolts: *The Dog's Mind* by Bruce Fogle

This book offers technical information about the canine's perception of the world. The specifics about how a dog develops, sees, hears, smells and learns enable one to set realistic expectations and goals within the canine – human relationship.

Social Issues: *Redemption – The Myth of Pet Overpopulation and the No Kill Revolution in America* by Nathan Winograd

The author discusses the state of the animal shelter system in the U.S. as well as his personal experiences working within the system. He offers solutions to improve the system along with methods to end the killing of millions of our homeless shelter pets.

Fun, casual, learning: *Canine Body Language – A Photographic Guide* by Brenda Aloff

This book is loaded with hundreds of pictures of dogs engaged in various situations. Descriptions of postures and other behaviors accompany the black & white photos. Interesting and enjoyable for dog owners, canine professionals, and curious individuals

Training: *The Other End of the Leash* by Patricia McConnell

This book focuses on how to clearly and effectively communicate with a dog. The author provides insight into how humans often send confusing messages to canines as well as ways to correct conflicting messages.

Training: *How to Behave so Your Dog Behaves* by Sophia Yin

Another easy to read book that covers many common canine issues. Training protocols are presented along with the hard scientific theory to back them up. Ways to incorporate training into daily life as well as 'topic quizzes' interspersed throughout the book are helpful.

Canine Well Being: *Through a Dog's Ear* by Joshua Leeds & Susan Wagner, DVM, MS

A psychoacoustic specialist & veterinary neurologist have used the physiologic capabilities of the dog's ear as well as research data to develop music to soothe and calm the canine. Their suggestions for specific uses of music and sound in general can help alleviate canine anxieties and allow one to create a more pleasant and healthful environment for dogs. Currently, there are 5 CDs & 1 book available.

Barking: The Sound of a Language - Turid Rugaas

Describes the different reasons dogs bark, how to identify the meanings of different barks, and humanely teaches how to stop unwanted barking.

Feisty Fido: Help for the Leash-Reactive Dog

Patricia B McConnell Ph.D. and Karen B. London Ph.D.
Teaches how to get your leash reactive dog to walk calmly.

Dog Owner's Home Veterinary Handbook by Eldredge, Carlson, Carlson, and Giffin. Very thorough medical reference for dogs

The lost dogs: Michael Vick's dogs and their tale of rescue and redemption / Jim Gorant. The rescue and salvation of Michael Vick's dogs. Skip the first 20 pages if you don't want to read about how they tortured the dogs.

Dogs don't bite when a growl will do: what your dog can teach you about living a happy life / Matt Weinstein and Luke Barber. Great book about life lessons that we can learn from dogs.

When Pigs Fly! Training success with impossible dogs by Jane Killion

Dog training book: it is full of amazing, rich, and educational materials, it opens your eyes to the 'Shaping' world of dog training. It's fascinating to discover every dog can be a 'thinking dog'!

Changing people changing dogs by Dee Ganley

Dog Training Book: This book is easy to read, easy to follow, and with small step by step techniques. She has worked in the animal shelter environment and understands shelter dogs very well.

101 Dog Tricks by Kyra Sundance and Chalcy

Fun things to do with your dog book: It's amazing how much you can have fun with your dog, and this book definitely makes you want to try many of the tricks with your dog. So many great pictures and easy step by step guidance.