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Here is the perfect book for puppy owners and would-be puppy owners who want to know how to bring their puppy up to be a happy, well-behaved, friendly adult dog. The book gives you the latest behavioral information and emphasizes prevention.

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Victoria Cryer says

Started this book just before I got Gordon, however I didn't complete it until after he joined the family as I was with busy with uni at the time. A good read with good advice for a first time puppy owner :) the advice at puppy school / obedience school followed the same structure which was all about positive reinforcement. Love it :)

Titus L says

Cannot recommend this book highly enough to any new puppy owners - everything you need to know in a very accessible style that will help avoid all sorts of easy to make mistakes and set your relationship with your puppy off to the best of starts. Got a puppy? read this book.

Masha Vasilyeva says

This book gives us some basic level of knowledge. Apart of this, there's nothing special.

Jenny says

A new puppy is coming to our home. Being a first-time pet owner, I wanted to be well-prepared for what is to come. I purchased "It's Me or the Dog" by Victoria Stilwell, "The Whole Dog Journal Handbook of Dog and Puppy Care and Training", by Nancy Kerns, and this book, The "Perfect Puppy". Of the three, I liked Stilwell's the best and "The Perfect Puppy" the least. Having read the other two first, perhaps I found this one lacking in new information. It is still a great resource. Chapter sixteen, training practical exercises, in particular is fantastic, and I will likely keep the book just for this chapter. It has pictures and step-by-step instructions for training come, walking on a leash, walking to heel, sit, down, stand, and roll-over.

Teresa Biggie says

I borrowed this book from the library after having a puppy for a couple of months. The puppy was not my first, nor my second but it had been a few years since a puppy had been in the house. I knew most of the info presented in the book but everyone can always use a refresher. There were a few things in here that I had not heard about which was refreshing and the book is filled with pictures which I found very helpful. I would recommend this book to any puppy owner.

Gumble's Yard says

An interesting book which accompanied some excellent puppy training classes and reinforced much of the same material.

Mateusz Po?pieszny says

Zobaczmy jak si? sprawdzi w d?ugim terminie, ale moim zdaniem to jest ?wietny "start" dla nowych w?a?cicieli (lub osób, które planuj?) szczeniaka. Polecam bardzo, przyjemnie si? czyta i zawiera mnóstwo praktycznych i wcale nieoczywistych rad przydatnych w pocz?tkowym, a jak wa?nym, wychowaniu czworonoga :)

Judie Holliday says

Like most books of its kind, this one makes you feel that you can have a lovely, happy and well behaved pup with a little work. Once pup arrives and life gets busy, the book reminds you of everything you should be doing and aren't. By the end, I was wondering if just having a dog that will sit when asked isn't about all I could wish for. Good advice, easier said than done. My pup, I fear, will never be perfect.

Heather says

A practical book that has proven very helpful as a new puppy entered our lives.

Isa Chapman says

I found the book The Perfect Puppy, by Gwen Bailey, very helpful. I really want a dog and I am trying to learn as much as I can about rearing a puppy. The book talks about things like housebreaking and socializing in great detail. It also talks about things like choosing a breeder and a dog. It explains what puppy mills are and how to avoid buying from them. The book says that, when looking at a breeder, ask to see the puppy with its mother to make sure it is not a puppy mill or the dog inherited anger issues from its mother. It also went into great detail on body and facial expressions. I learned that dogs do not like it when you smile because in the dog world showing your teeth is threatening. I found this book very helpful

Jane says

I know no dog will ever be perfect but I have to say that if you follow the wonderful advice in this book you will end up with a well trained beautifully behaved pup. An excellent manual for any new puppy owner

Sue says

Our dog is two years old, so no longer a puppy, but he is a rescue dog so we are starting from scratch with his training. This book was great for that, since it covers how to train your dog right from him knowing nothing at all. Oh and we knew nothing too - this is our first dog! The author covers all the basics of how to choose a puppy and how to introduce him to your home and this looked useful, although was less relevant to us.

There is an interesting section comparing how a dog views the world compare to humans; I didn't know that dogs don't see red and green very well for example. It also explains that dogs use body language to each other, so we should do the same. We should not rely just on spoken commands, because a dog is not attuned to communicating in that fashion.

The author advises how to get a dog used to a crate, to being with adults, with children, with other animals and to spend time alone.

The main section we used was Behaviour Control and Leadership. She explains why it is important that the dog knows he is not the leader of the pack, so that he doesn't have to guard everyone and everything. This helps him to relax, since he knows that his owners will make the decisions and be in control. She then runs through all the basic commands and how to teach them to your dog; Sit, Down, Stay, Off, Fetch, Leave. The importance of play to a dog's wellbeing is emphasised, and many of these commands can be taught through play. She advises on how to deal with aggression, how the dog should behave when visitors call, how to get him used to being groomed and so on.

There are lots of pictures and the text is written in a simple style that is easy to follow. I've used this book a lot already but will refer back to it over time as we gradually (soooo gradually) get our little tyke under control!

Stephanie says

I really liked the author's take on training. It goes along well with my philosophy in raising kids - understanding what is happening in their natural development, making use of critical periods of development (in dogs there is one for socialization), etc. I liked her method of completely avoiding punishment due to the fact that the dog doesn't understand and so it isn't helpful. Lots of great things to keep in mind - like "winning" more games than you "lose" when playing games like tug of war with your puppy so he sees you as the pack leader. It helps him understand your dominance from a dog's perspective. I highly recommend this one!!

Jackie says

Simple yet effective techniques that really work.

Lisa Wang says

Just ok. Very basic and verrrrry British.
