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Help For the Leash-Aggressive Dog

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A dog who barks and lunges at other dogs when out for a walk is embarrassing and potentially dangerous. Using these pet-friendly, positive reinforcement techniques you'll soon be able to relax and enjoy your walks.

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From Reader Review Feisty Fido: Help for the Leash Aggressive Dog for online ebook

Steve says

A quick read filled with some great, mostly practical, information. Some of the methods require recruiting the help of some other dog owners which may be difficult to do. Great information none the less. Will see how effective it is in a 4 - 6 month timeframe.

Steve says

This is a slender booklet with a specific purpose it meets well. McConnell provides easy-to-implement strategies with gentle reasoning behind them. Her focus is on changing undesirable behaviors by giving the dog an alternative, one which is taught using positive reinforcement and incremental learning. I found the ideas here very beneficial for my Feisty Fido, Sydney. Feisty Fido meets its stated purpose well and in ways that are helpful to both the dog and his or her human. Four stars is only about the limited scope – by design to be sure – not of any criticism of the book or author. If you have a Feisty Fido, by all means read this.

Sarah ♥ Vutch forever ♥ says

That's an interesting book for every dog owner, especially if you have a leash-aggressive dog (as the title suggests).

I already used some of the training tips before reading it ("Watch"). I'm not sure though some of my shelter dogs would be able to do an emergency sit. But who knows, maybe I'll train this as well.

Definitely a very good book.

Ally Atherton says

This the 60th and my last book of the year is probably my most helpful !

I will set the scene by saying that we (not very long ago) took ownership of a little dog, a cross between a pug and a border terrier, and he is a little terror at times. Money doesn't exactly grow on trees and the local rates for dog training is way over our heads at the moment. This is the first book I have read on my new Kindle and it is very helpful. I am trying to train Bailey myself and this little book was perfect and I am hoping that it works. The dog training techniques are simple but sound pretty impressive.

I started the new training programme today and Bailey did very well, although I am under no illusions that it could take around 7 months or over to change him into a new dog ! I think if I can train Bailey, I can train any dog so maybe there will be a new hobby there for me. I have already purchased another training book from my local library.

Just let me take this opportunity to wish everyone who has read any of my blog posts a very Merry Christmas and fabulous new year. It has been such an amazing experience to do this challenge and I have way outdone my expectations.

I am hoping to post a wrap up post in the next few days and I look forward to another year of '52 books in a year'. I am hoping to post some of my own short stories too to make it a little bit more interesting or not as the case may be !

As for Feisty Fido, my first Kindle book, a whopping 10/10.

Thanks to Mrs Henry for buying me the Kindle and it has now become my second wife !

Marnie says

This is the second book I've read from this author and I am consistently impressed. This is a small book and it's focused primarily on reactivity while on leash which is a big problem for our new little rescue. As with Feeling Outnumbered? How to Manage and Enjoy Your Multi-Dog Household. McConnell uses her positive reinforcement not only as a method for teaching your dog but also as a means of encouraging the book's readers. I haven't yet tried her methods but they are outlined in such simple way, with plenty of tips and tricks for avoiding failure and dealing with the unexpected, that I feel confident I can help my little pup.

I will definitely buy more books from this author.

Craig says

I have a three year old rescue dog who is the sweetest girl indoors. Unfortunately, the moment we hit the street, it's game on. Found in the woods, my dog routinely used these aggressive behaviors to protect herself. They have persisted now that she's safe, and I was worried she would always be like this. But enter this book...and awareness that I'm not alone and/ or a terrible owner has come, followed by great tips and tricks for retraining my sweet girl's brain. I had no idea what to call it before, but if leash aggression is something your dog is struggling with, then you simply need this book.

Dixie says

This booklet has very good advice and is a quick read. I am guilty of being one of the people who goes from training in an easy situation to trying to train in a very difficult situation without taking the necessary slow steps in between.

One of the best things I have done so far, one that McConnell advocates, is to use a Gentle Leader. Previously we used an Easy Walk harness and it barely did anything while walking the largest dog. He is a terrible leash lunger. The Gentle Leader has proven to be an almost instant deterrent to his lunging. I am trying to take it slow and not walk him by a strange dog until we have perfected the "Watch" command that McConnell writes about in this booklet. I have hope that a combination of the Gentle Leader and the "Watch" command will prove successful in conquering leash aggression.

Liisa says

** My edition has been re-titled "Feisty Fido: Help for the Leash-Reactive Dog."

A fantastic book that gives easy, focused, and light-hearted guidance to owners of nervous dogs who react to things on leash (almost always out of stress and fear). I recently hired a private trainer and will be taking a series of classes for leash-reactive dogs, and this book summarizes exactly the process, so if you don't have several hundred dollars, just pick this up and read carefully! McConnell advocates a "positive training" approach with no punishments, so you will not be further stressing out your stressed-out puppy.

Chris says

This is THE book to read if you have a leash reactive dog

Gena says

Very quick and easy read. Very thorough. A few of the suggestions may not be practical for most of us, but they are just given as options. The watch, Uturn, and most of the other suggestions can be quickly and immediately implemented. I've already seen a huge improvement with my leash reactive dog. I also really enjoyed the light, forgiving tone of the book.

Pr Latta says

I got this the same time as Teaching the Reactive Dog Class (Emma Parsons) and may have gotten distracted. This title covers the all important areas of "watch" (including how to handle the hypervigilant dog that simply does not plan ever to gaze lovingly at you all day long), about turns (a salvation for those of us with laser-eyed dogs who need to *move* to get back on our dog's radar (much more effective, and less likely to provoke a redirected nip, than Millan's "claw"), and progressing to "where's the dog". I've found the techniques also useful for dealing with the abundance of deer who frequent our neighborhood, squirrels, and bicycles.

Candice says

Yes, I have a Feisty Fido. He barks and lunges at other dogs while we are on our walks. He is also eager to please, so I am trying some of the techniques in this book. The "Watch" command gets his attention away from the other dog and to me (or to the treat I offer). It seems to be working, but the book says it's not unusual to take about six months before the dog is fully trained. We're working on it, and I'm happy to have gotten so many good tips from this book. Wish me luck!

Emilee Hone (Emilee Reads) says

5/5

Easy to understand and follow, *Feisty Fido* is another little booklet I'd recommend for any dog owner, leash aggressive or not. It gives clear instructions and examples for training your dog (in a positive, completely humane way) when your pet has become "that" dog in the neighborhood. The commands introduced in this book can be used not only for problem dogs, but also for well-behaved dogs that might be taken by surprise when out on a walk.

Obviously, if your dog is a danger to others, seek professional help.

Our dog is one of those who is a perfect angel when off-leash, or on-leash when we're hiking or in a new place, but there are definitely a couple dogs in "his" neighborhood that he doesn't like. (95% of them are his friends.) So, I picked this up hoping for some pointers on his mindset and McConnell clearly explained why he might be frustrated and acting out toward certain dogs. Even better, this book reassured me at the very beginning that this problem is very frequently fixed by teaching dogs a few simple commands. I've read enough articles and books to know she knows her stuff, so looks like I've got some training to do!

I have no complaints about this and can only recommend it. It's well-organized, it's informative, and it might just have the answers you're looking for!

Gerri R. says

Worth a reread. Some good ideas.

Desi says

So, I got this book because my dog is a little shit. She's a Jack Russell Terrier mix that the boyfriend adopted a year ago.

She hates other dogs, homeless people, disabled people, elderly people, young people--she's a little fascist.

I loved that this book was short and to the point so I could get to training her right away.

And, I have to say it's a nice thing to be able to turn to.

Already working on it.

Took some treats on our walk today, and just the distracting of knowing I have treats I think is helping.

I can see this book working.

