

Behavior Resources

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There are a number of excellent books and training guides that are intended to teach pet owners how to apply the basic principles of learning and training in a humane, effective, and logical manner. At the other extreme, many training books and manuals have been written by self-professed experts who advocate techniques that may be scientifically unsound, inappropriate, or inhumane. The best way to select a book, video or training manual is to evaluate the background, expertise or training of the author, or to obtain a recommendation from a veterinarian or trainer who is well versed in the field. In general the most recent publications will include the most recent advances in behavior, training, and resources. However, some of the older texts, are the best source for obtaining a sound understanding of the psychology of learning and the basic behavior of dogs and cats. Although, inclusion in the reference list below is not intended to be an endorsement, the publications have been screened and included based on the following criteria:

- The author has a sound knowledge of basic canine and feline behavior
- Training techniques emphasize reinforcement, motivation, and shaping rather than punishment

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