

Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin, Inc.

APDT 2001 Recommended Reading List

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1. **The Culture Clash** - Jean Donaldson. Subtitled, *A Revolutionary New Way of Understanding the Relationship Between Humans and Domestic Dogs*. "The author's work with her own dogs and those of her clients, combined with behaviorists has led her to the realization that dogs probably learn exclusively through conditioning of various types. Understand the role of conditioning on a dog's intelligence and morality; predatory and social behavior; socialization, conflict resolution, fear and aggression; behavior problems & solutions."
2. **Don't Shoot the Dog** - Karen Pryor. "Not exclusively a dog training book - author is famous as an early dolphin trainer. Outlines eight methods for putting an end to all kinds of undesirable behavior without yelling, threats, force, punishment, guilt trips - or shooting the dog; the ten laws of shaping behavior through affection training; how to combat your own addictions to alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, overeating or whatever; how to deal with such difficult problems as a moody spouse, an impossible teen, or an aged parent; PLUS housetraining the dog, improving your tennis game, keeping the cat off the table, and much, much more! New revised edition has new chapter, 'Clicker Training, A New Technique.' This covers the use of clickers in dog training, why it works, and how it has caught on."
3. **On Talking Terms with Dogs: Calming Signals** - Turid Rugaas. "Dogs have a language for communication with each other, consisting of a large variety of signals using body, face, ears, tail, sounds, movement and expression. If we study the signals dogs use with each other and use them ourselves, we increase our ability to communicate with our dogs. Most noteworthy are the calming signals, which are used to maintain a healthy social hierarchy and resolve conflict within the pack. If we can carry these skills over to our own interactions with dogs, we can greatly improve our relationships with dogs. A practical, down-to-earth, logical understanding and use of the body language of dogs."
4. **Dogs are from Neptune** - Jean Donaldson. "Candid answers to urgent questions about aggression and other aspects of dog behavior, from the author of best seller, *Culture Clash*. Includes case histories and guidelines for dealing with: Aggression toward strangers; resource guarding; dog-dog aggression; behavior problems such as counter surfing, barking, mouthiness during play, mounting, stool eating; obedience problems such as off leash control, stay breaking, recall off distractions, pulling; and fear and anxiety problems. Uses positive reinforcement methods: clickers, food treats, praise, and recommends Gentle Leader in certain cases."
5. **How to Teach a New Dog Old Tricks** - Ian Dunbar. "No time like the present for training (or re-training) a puppy or adult dog to fit into the human world! Internationally acclaimed vet, behaviorist and trainer Dr. Ian Dunbar leads new and experienced owners through a training program to PREVENT problems "Temperament Training", SOLVE problems "Behavior Training" and BEHAVE "Obedience Training". Dunbar's methods are fun and easy to apply for all family members."
6. **Clicker Training for Dogs** - Karen Pryor. "New book from clicker training expert Karen Pryor includes the old *A Dog and a Dolphin 2.0*. It is essentially an introduction to clicker training (positive reinforcement training system based on operant conditioning, a set of scientific principles describing the development of behavior in which the animal operates on the

environment, instead of the other way around). Contents include: A memo from Karen, *A Dog and a Dolphin* (training without punishment), Getting Started (a few easy behaviors to train with a clicker), Clicker tips, frequently asked questions, and resources.

7. **Dog Behavior: An Owner's** Guide to a Happy Healthy Pet - by Ian Dunbar. "Explains how a dog's perceptions and desires result in its conduct. By understanding what makes your dog tick, you'll learn how to socialize and train your dog to be the companion that you want. Modifying a dog's behavior isn't hard, it's simply a question of reinforcing the behavior that you desire. By using the proven techniques described in this book, you can teach your dog to be the model companion. The better you understand your dog, the better your relationship will be."
8. **Labrador Retriever for Dummies** - Joel Walton and Eve Adamson. "Essential reference for Lab care and training. Find out about Lab history, different colors and types, and where to find a breeder or other adoption options. Get expert advice on puppy behavior and training, correcting behavior problems, socializing, nutrition and exercise, plus fun activities. Also included is information on health issues such as common illnesses and chronic problems found in the breed."
9. **The Toolbox for Remodeling Your Problem Dog** - Terry Ryan. "From one of America's most popular trainers, learn how to use fun and positive methods to solve just about any behavior problem! Understanding your dog, building an appropriate environment, obedience training, and providing leadership will all help. Trainer/behaviorist Terry Ryan gives you the tools to solve specific problems, then provides the expertise to transfer the methods to other problems you may have with your canine companion!"
10. **The Dog Whisperer: A Compassionate, Nonviolent Approach to Dog Training** - Paul Owens. "A compassionate, nonviolent approach to dog training. Spiritual approach links sound training principles with intuitive and effective insights. Learn body language and vocalizations needed to effectively communicate with your dog; how to train your dog without jerking, hitting, kicking, shocking, or shaking; how easy and fun training can be when you use reward-based dog training; how to use clicker and target training to quickly and easily shape your dog's behavior; how to turn affection, play, toys, praise, and social activity into powerful rewards; how to humanely solve behavioral problems such as jumping, barking, digging, chewing, and mouthing."