

TRAUMHOF

Reading List



Puppy buyers often ask me for a recommended reading list. The following are books I found useful in some way. I often do not agree with all of the ideas presented, and I take what I like and leave the rest!

(Of course, we also suggest our puppy families read the articles we provide. They probably cover most of your questions, problems, & solutions. Our "Owner's Manual" is comprehensive & includes getting started training, home made diet suggestions, housebreaking schedule, solution to common puppy problems, and health information, as well as information on our bloodlines & a copy of your warranty.)

Further Reading:

Ian Dunbar *After you Get your Puppy*
(Generally, anything by Ian Dunbar is worth reading!)

Sarah Hodgson *Puppy Perfect*

Brian Kilcommon & Sarah Wilson *Smart Puppy*

Carol Lea Benjamin's *Mother Knows best, The Natural Way to train your dog.*

I do not advocate shaking puppies by the scruff. You will not be able to replicate a mother dog's correction. Trust me. Your timing and skill will never measure up. Other than this, I like much of her ideas.

The next two are great books for deepening your understanding of your dog, and of communication. These are not so much training guides as partnership guides!

****Suzanne Clothier**

Bones Rain Down from the Sky

(A good book to get you thinking about communication as a two way street, and your relationship with your dog. I recommend Suzanne's book highly!)

****Karen Pryor**

Don't Shoot the Dog

(I attended a Clicker workshop with Karen, the original clicker trainer, back in the mid 90's. This book delves into principles of clicker training as it pertains to a multitude of species!)

The Monk's of New Skete (REVISED edition)

How to Be Your Dog's Best Friend

(Some good advice and methodology, some not so great.)

Clinicians with worthwhile Training Specific Videos:

Schutzhund - Bernhard Flinks