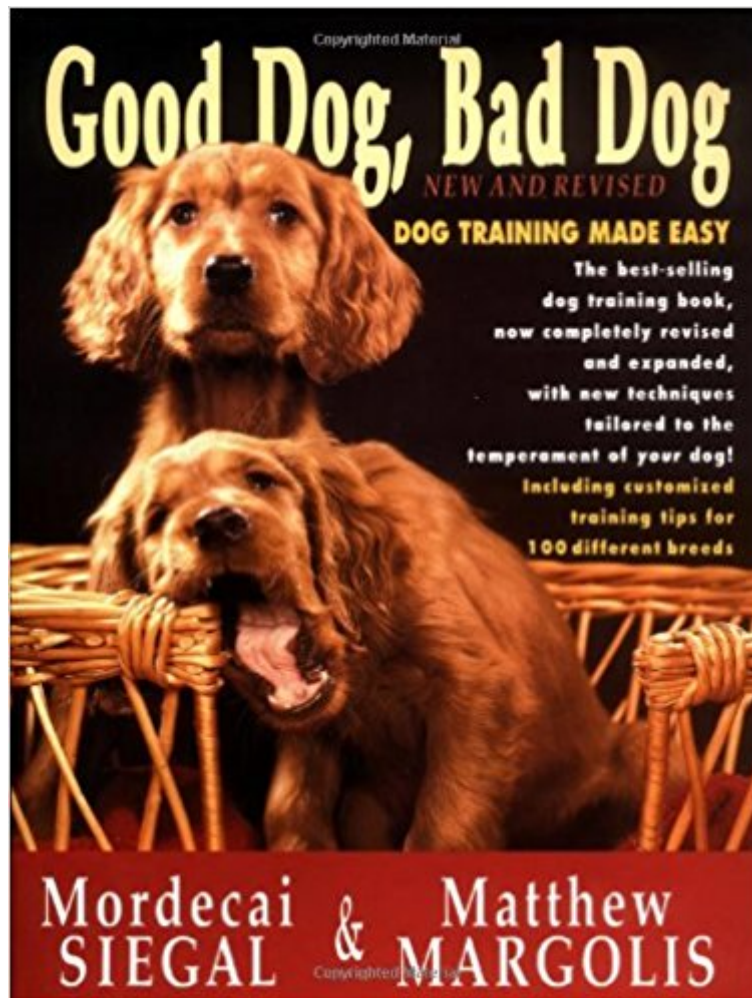




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Good Dog, Bad Dog, New And Revised: Dog Training Made Easy



Synopsis

A best-selling classic since 1971, this practical guide to home training has been completely updated and expanded, with customized tips for one hundred different breeds.

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Customer Reviews

Revised for the '90s, the second edition of Good Dog, Bad Dog serves up the same sound training philosophy--one grounded in love, praise, and affection--found in the original and offers updated and expanded information that enables you to tailor Fido's training according to his temperament.

Authors Mordecai Siegal and Matthew Margolis introduce readers to the five basic canine temperament types--strong-willed, shy, high-energy/outgoing, calm/easygoing, and aggressive--and then discuss every aspect of training, from housebreaking, sit, stay, and heel, to down-stay, come when called, and problem behavior, providing "customized training techniques to match the various personalities." A new chapter on bonding with your dog and an expanded dictionary of training behavior for more than 100 breeds makes Good Dog, Bad Dog a training treat good for dogs and owners alike. --Stefanie Hargreaves

Siegal and Margolis, coauthors of *When Good Dogs Do Bad Things*, have revised and greatly expanded their 1971 classic. Their bent here is explicit rejection of "the 'one size fits all' approach to dog training." Readers are first urged to identify their dogs by personality type: high-energy/outgoing, shy, strong-willed, calm/easygoing or aggressive. Then, as the writers outline a basic obedience course, from housebreaking to heeling, they describe the proper techniques

(specifying the owner's frame of mind, body language, tone of voice, type of voice corrections and leash corrections, and place to train) and propose modifications for each temperament. This strategy is not completely convincing--not every dog will fit in the categories designated--but their instructions are so thorough, clear and patently grounded in good judgment that even a first-time owner will soon have Rover equably in tow. An added boon for fanciers, an appendix draws on Margolis's experience in schooling about 25,000 dogs to profile individual breeds in terms of their general responses to training. Good Dog, Bad Dog , good book. Publicity. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Can't understand why this book hasn't been reprinted. It's a straight-forward way to train a dog. Forget 'dog-whisperers' and the like. This is sensible advice to owners of dogs for the first time, along with information on characteristics of various breeds (prior to 'designer breeds', that is.)

Great dog training book, have given this book as gifts to new dog owners. I have been using these techniques for years.

Before I give my review, a few facts. Dogs are the first domesticated animal, with humans selectively "designing" canis familiaris, beginning somewhere around 14,000 to 200,000 years ago. So it should come as no surprise that with that kind of conjoint relationship, we selected for attentive behavior. They've helped us hunt our food, herd and protect our flocks and us, and acted as companions. What's it all mean? It means that most dogs are really easy to train. Almost anything works. Food rewards, placing the animal into the desired position, operant or classic conditioning (clicker training) or punishment. The operative word in that last sentence is "most." I've read most books on dog training and almost any of the techniques offered will work with some dogs. But you don't want your dog trained! You want your dog obedient. It sits. Terrific. Does it sit when it wants to or when you want it to. Do you say sit, sit, sit, sit.... Do you plead with your dog to come? Do you have to lure your dog with a treat that's visible? Then you don't have an obedient dog. You have a dog that has been trained to do certain things and it will do them when it chooses to. I call those dogs dead. Because the first time that dog gets out of the house and sees little Tommy riding his scooter, your dog is going to take off and get run over. The dog is going to think, hmmm, piece of cheese or run after Tommy (or a bunny or another dog or an ice cream truck) Tommy often wins the toss. We seem to have developed a softer, kinder view of training. Hooey. K9 cops, the military and SAR dog trainers don't use these techniques. Why. They are not reliable and when you tell your dog

to sit/stay or come, you want reliable. Your dog's life may be at stake. One of the more popular books, talking about R+, which means positive reinforcement, slips in a sentence in the middle of the book, that goes something like, "of course in certain situations where the dog's life may be in danger, corrections may be necessary..." As to Dolphins trainers who use clickers or whistles and are trying to convince you that the same techniques can work with dogs, don't you believe it. Let me see them go through their paces, with the tank filled with food fish. You are training so that your dog will ignore distractions and pay attention only to its handler, you. That's what this is all about. If you don't mind being pulled down the block or fighting your dog for your favorite position on the couch, then pass this book up. And if you are not prepared to really, really correct the dog when it lunges at another dog, then just go watch some tv. This book tells us to do with dogs, what we do(or should do) with our children when they don't pay attention. (No, I am not advocating choke collars for kids - but come to think about it, it's not such a bad idea!) The dog is "corrected" with a brief, but clearly recognizable (to the dog) snap on a choke collar. And when the dog does what we ask it to, we make an exaggerated and very loud, GOOD DOGGIE." We don't hit the dog, we don't destroy it's spirit, we are teaching the dog that it needs to do what it knows how to do, when we want it to do it. And the book makes it clear that there are different kinds of dogs and therefore different approaches. Pay attention to what kind of dog that you have. You don't correct an adolescent Lab the same way I would correct a 7-year old poodle you just took home from the pound, and I wouldn't correct a very sensitive, "soft" or scared dog the way I would a dog that is obstinate. This is a 5 star book. It isn't the only book you should have, though, It leaves out hand signals and I use them extensively and it leaves out, as one reviewer points out, the "leave it" command. It also leaves out the "get the tire" , "get the bone," "get the toy" and "move over" commands which I've taught my GSD after she went through obedience training with this book. Use food for tricks. If the dog doesn't do the trick, no harm done. But when you say, "Fido come." Fido should come - immediately, without a pause, without looking around, without deciding whether there's something else it would rather be doing. Once your dog has basic on-leash obedience training, the sky is the limit on what the dog is capable of.

Thank goodness I got this book when I did! We bought it because we just got a new addition to our family that will live inside with my wife and myself - a blue standard poodle named Pepper. Surely, without having read this and modifying our behavior, this puppy would have thought his name was "no" instead of Pepper. My wife would also have remained subordinate to Pepper in our "pack." It is packed with such good information for dog owners who want a well-behaved dog. It would pay

anyone even planning to get a new puppy to read this book "prior to" the acquisition as it contains valuable behavioral information on 100 different breeds the authors have had first hand experience with in training. Even if you plan to teach your dog (old or new) just a few of the basic commands, there are right and wrong ways to do even that. A must read for folks who care about dogs!

While it only contains the most basic (but essential) of commands, this book and the "Margolis method" have been my 'go to' dog training technique for 20+ years. Both humane and positive, I give it my highest recommendation for dog owners for training their own pets because it not only trains your dog according to his/her own nature (especially their instinctive desire to please you as their pack-leader), but as importantly it builds the relationship of affection and love between you and your canine companion. If you are considering a training book, please put this one at the top of your list; the chapter on walking /leash use alone is worth the price.

as a dog trainer & aficionado, i find this book a must-have, since it acknowledges the different training methods for different temperments of dogs. this is the only book i've read (out of more than i can count!) that goes into detail on the different corrections & praises appropriate for each temperament of dog. surely you cannot correct a dominant rottweiler the same way as a skittish yorkshire terrier! this book also gives recommendations to the most common behavior problems. he also has a brief synopsis with training recommendations for the most common breeds and i have yet to have come across a breed to train that is not in this book. if you buy only one book, buy this one! (if you buy two, buy "mother knows best")

Best dog training book ever, a classic, I bought this for my son when he got a puppy, and it has been as helpful to him as it was to me when I used it to train my dogs many years ago.

I've successfully trained two dogs using this book. To me, a trained dog is a joy, an untrained dog, not so much. This book is just as much about teaching the human as it is about teaching a dog, so the whole family needs to learn from this book, not just one family member. Within a week I had my dog, sit, stay, come, and heel. This book teaches these basic commands, perfect for a family dog. If you're looking for a book to train hunting dogs, this is not your book.

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