

REFERENCE NOTES

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Owning a Puppy: What It Entails

Getting a new puppy is an exciting and daunting process. Research must be done to fully understand how to properly care for and train the puppy. The Montgomery City-County Public Library system offers a large collection of books about dogs. The dog collection includes specific topics, such as breeding, grooming, and training. Also, there are numerous books in the Fiction, Juvenile, and Young Adult collections. Jack London’s *Call of the Wild* is a story about a dog that transforms from a civilized dog to an untamed beast.

Training a new puppy can be lots of fun, especially if the puppy is a big ball of energy. Potty training a puppy can be a daunting task if you have never done it before. In the book, *Training the Best Dog Ever*, it explains how you should not scold your puppy for pottying in the house instead of outside. “It used to be thought swatting a dog with a rolled-up newspaper and rubbing her nose in her mistake would get the message across, but I assure you with complete certainty that it will not.” The authors go on to say that, “Positive reinforcement house training is better all-round” (Sylvia, pg. 50-51). The puppy should be taken outside on a regular schedule to assist with training. Also, it is a good concept to celebrate the puppy’s potty training achievements. Treats as a reward for pottying outside are a good motivator. By providing the treats and regular outside enjoyment time, the puppy will begin to let you know when there is a need to go outside.

Puppies have many different behaviors that must be tamed. Some puppies like to bite. It can be a challenge to teach a puppy not to bite, but, to chew a toy. Victoria Stilwell, the author of *The Ultimate*

Guide to Raising a Puppy, feels that timeouts should not be used to train a puppy not to bite. On the other hand, Trish King, author of *Parenting Your Dog, Develop Dog Rearing Skills for a Well-Trained Companion*, believes that timeouts should at least be tried during the training. The McCann Dog Training Company has a YouTube channel with great information about training puppies and dogs. I have put into practice many tips that were provided through the YouTube channel when trying to settle the puppy down, gently grab the puppy’s collar, sit the puppy down, and tell the puppy to settle down. Puppies are so much fun, but can also be so much work. Training tips that work for one puppy many not work of all puppies. The Montgomery City-County Public Library system has numerous books and other resources to get you started. We, as a family, have used the tips in the first three books in my Adult Fiction section the most. They each had the most helpful tips on Chewing, Barking and Growling. We haven’t found anything that has helped with the biting. Number three, *The Ultimate Guide to Raising a Puppy : How to Train and Care for Your New Dog*, by Victoria Stilwell was my personal favorite; it read more like a self help book than an instructional manual. In the Pathfinder, there are some other books we have on dogs at the library.

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Adult Nonfiction:

Parenting Your Dog: Develop Dog-Rearing Skills for a Well-Trained Companion

by King, Trish.

636.7088 KING

LOCATIONS:

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Training the Best Dog Ever : a 5-week Program Using the Power of Positive Reinforcement

by Sylvia-Stasiewicz, Dawn.

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The Ultimate Guide to Raising a Puppy: How to Train and Care for Your New Dog

by Stilwell, Victoria.

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LOCATION: MORGAN LIBRARY

Understanding Your Dog for Dummies

by Coren, Stanley.

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Juvenile:

Guide Dogs

by Laughlin, Kara L.

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LOCATION: MORGAN LIBRARY

Let Sleeping Dogs Lie

by Erickson, John R.

JF ERICKSON

LOCATIONS: ALL LIBRARY

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Why Do Dogs Bark?

by Holub, Joan.

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LOCATIONS: ALL

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Young Adult:

Where the Red Fern Grows: the Story of Two Dogs and a Boy

by Rawls, Wilson.

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LOCATIONS: COLISEUM, GOV. SQUARE,

BERTHA WILLIAMS, & HAMPSTEAD

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Call of the Wild

by London, Jack.

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LOCATIONS: MORGAN,

LEWIS, LOWDER & HAMPSTEAD LIBRARIES

White Fang

by London, Jack.

YA F LONDON

LOCATIONS: ALL LIBRARY

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Online Sources

Dog Training 101: Step-by-Step Instructions for Raising a Happy Well-Behaved Dog. by Sundance, Kyra.

Quarry Books, 2017 (EBSCO)

Don't Dump The Dog : Outrageous Stories and Simple Solutions to Your Worst Dog Behavior Problems.

by Skyhorse Publishing, 2009 (EBSCO)

The Best Dog Training Guide With Step By Step Instructions For A Happy, Obedient, Well Trained Dog

by Carter, Patricia M. (Hoopla)

Dog Training for Beginners & Dummies by Banks, Bradley (Cloud Library)

How to Stop Puppy Biting and Don't Do These 5 Things When Training Your Puppy

by George, Zak

<https://youtu.be/1H1JGfzaW9A> (Youtube)

How To Stop Your Puppy From Biting - Professional Dog Training Tips by McCann Kayl

<https://youtu.be/3-ozpynzZuU> (Youtube)



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