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# Think Like Your Dog And Enjoy The Rewards



## Synopsis

Speak Your Dog's Language – You can take communication with your dog to amazing levels if you know how, and this award-winning, #1 best-selling dog training book shows you how. Learn to think like your dog and to communicate with it in a language your dog understands and uses all the time; body language. If you aspire to become a dog whisperer, this pet training book is the right one for you. It stands out among dog training books because it provides information from a boots-on-the-ground professional dog trainer who has learned her craft in a painstaking way. This dog obedience training book is about what works and why. It discusses all facets of training dogs and puppies of all breeds, and will help put you inside the head of your canine companion so you can understand the processes that go on there. Whether you have one dog or a house full of pets, this book will show you how to make that new knowledge work for you. Is this dog training for dummies? Hardly. This author respects your intelligence and your sincere desire to improve your relationship with your dog or puppy, and she can help you achieve exactly that. She discusses all important aspects of care & health, puppy training, dog obedience training, with chapters covering on-leash and off-leash training, rewards versus corrections, dog training clicker, welcoming a new dog to your home, how to attain and retain leadership in your human-canine pack, and many other important subjects. The principles this book shares, when properly applied, will reward you with a happy dog, a disciplined dog, and a fulfilling companion with whom you will be pleased to share your life. It is ideal for a new dog owner, or simply the owner of a new dog; anyone who is about to step up to the challenge of dog training and is searching among dog training books for the one that will show the way clearly and effectively. There are a lot of dog training books on the market, but you are sure to be pleased with this one, which has provided outstanding results to many grateful dog people.

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much stronger and more fulfilling. -Elizabeth Kerstetter, veterinary hospital manager, Selinsgrove, PA  
The book Dianna M. Young wrote and published with Robert H. Mottram unlocks secrets that dog owners can use to establish and improve their ideal relationship with man's best friend. Pick up your own copy of this number one dog training book today! --Camano Island (WA) American

This book is dedicated to my parents, who have supported all of my projects dating back to my earliest memories; to my husband, Jason Young, who is a terrific business partner and wonderful life partner; and to my sons, Alexander and Nicholas. May they find the same joy in dogs that their mother has found. It also is dedicated to all of my dog friends, past and present. They have been wonderful teachers.

As a Professional K9 handler in an unfriendly country...I found this book to be both useful and worth sharing with my fellow handlers. Dianna explains things in a way that seem to turn on that little light bulb above your head! I read this on the airplane on my way here and used a lot of Dianna's methodology when I was introduced to my new K9 partner. She was a timid German Shepherd who truly needed me to be her leader. Now we are a great team and I enjoy working each and everyday. Great read and even better information- for everyone from the professional to the novice dog owner.

This is the first dog training book that held my attention and I have tried to read a lot of training books, but most of them do not hold my interest because they seem to be all over the place and confusing. Got immediate results following her advice. I highly recommend this book if you have a dog.

[...]Review from "German Shepherd Adventures"  
Do you know what happens to books that I wish I'd written? I cut off their spines and punch holes in them. That's right it makes ring-binding them possible. And that has become my new shortcut to knowing which books I use as constant reference material or just find enjoyable to read. Once ring bound, books can be kept open while studying them, or left open flat for ease of reading. I use them a lot, and I want their words easily accessible.  
"Think Like Your Dog, and Enjoy The Rewards" by the Daughter/Father team of Dianna Young and her co-author Robert Mottram is truly one of those books. And I know you'll find it just as valuable. Chapter 1 is entitled, "A Fundamental Truth" and

it's a truth that way too many in the dog world would call a myth. To quote:  
"In every Dog/Handler Team, without exception, There is a Leader, and there is a follower. In the current atmosphere of 'ignore bad behavior' training methods, this is practically heresy, BUT SOMEBODY NEEDS TO SAY IT, TEACH IT, AND EXPLAIN IT. 'Think Like Your Dog' does just so simply, and with conviction. The explanation of 'Rank' and 'Leadership' are among the best I've seen in writing, and are sure to raise eyebrows within those that need to read this book the most. If you don't believe that dogs crave a social hierarchy, then you'll miss the very best parts out of 'politically-correct' bigotry. My advice is to read this book, and use your power of reason. That is the true strength of this book. It uses Reason to explain the truth, and that is all too uncommon. Dianna and Robert had a clear aim with their book. They never mention or criticize other methods of training, or particular Trainers. They don't need to, as they are trying to assist dog owners, rather than professionals. Although any professional has as much to gain from the book as any first-time pet owner. The tone of the book is warm, inviting, and yet pointed. The authors are obviously talented, capable trainers, but their strength comes from an ability to teach others with empathy, and foresight into how dogs react. You never are made to feel that you are being spoken 'down to' from a pedestal, and that is rare. Chapter 4 is a treatise on Canine Temperament. Too many dogs are given the description of 'unsound' by the failed methods of some, and many of those dogs are euthanized. 'Think Like A Dog' establishes ways to change behaviors that cause these tragedies, and throws the 'neo-positive' failures a loop in their doctrine. What Dianna and Robert write here will save lives of troubled dogs. Or even better, it will start your family pet, or prospective working dog, onto the best practiced way to raise, train, and live with your dog. A very balanced discussion of training methods is taken up in the book as well. No sides are taken in the training method maelstrom, so no one need fear that they are reading in a hostile atmosphere. In fact, the reader is invited to choose whatever works for them, after due consideration of the differing choices. The foundational statement of the book is found throughout, often worded differently. This quote from page 96 embodies that ideology. "The idea is to structure a relationship of trust and mutual respect between handler and dog, teach the handler how to assume the leadership position in that relationship, and then demonstrate to the dog what the handler-its Leader-desires from it. Without further

guiding this lily, I'll invite you to add this book to your library. Have it bound so that you can use it. There's a lot more here that will offer a new line of thinking on some old topics like equipment, Obedience, and performance. One final suggestion: Chapter 20 is entitled "Going Forward." Read it carefully and thoughtfully. Read it again and highlight key phrases that touch you. Keep it open there and refer to it often. It is the catalyst that will make you Use the previous 19 chapters with purpose, intent, and joy for you and your dog.

I enjoyed this book and did get some new ideas about training my dog but I can't say it helped me to "think like my dog." There were also a few of the training aids I didn't agree with.

Loved the overall approach to dog training. The lesson that either you or your dog will be the leader in the relationship echos throughout. And that if you don't step up, your unhappy dog will be compelled to try to fill the void. So many other trainers stress reward without correction. Dianna believes in both. She compares her method of using reward and gentle correction for dogs with instructions that might be given to a child who is trying to locate an object and is given the clues "you're getting warmer" and "you're getting colder". That was an aha moment for me. Very sensible advice. Great stories from her canine career help illustrate her points.

I gave this book to my daughter for Christmas. She enjoyed it immensely. I read an article in our local paper about the authors who live close to me. That inspired me to order the book. We love our animals and so pleased to get more insights to love and enjoy our dogs even more. Thank you.

Very insightful book written by someone who really knows what they are talking about. A must read for dog owners.

I wanted a book that would inform me the best ways to understand dog behavior and subsequently how to train that natural behavior. Found it! Although I have not read this book cover to cover yet, what I have read has been sooo helpful in my quest to teach my dog and not force him in to submission with simple training. It really does help me think like my dog, making it easier for both of us to live compatibly together and have some fun getting the kinks of our relationship honed. Really good reference!

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