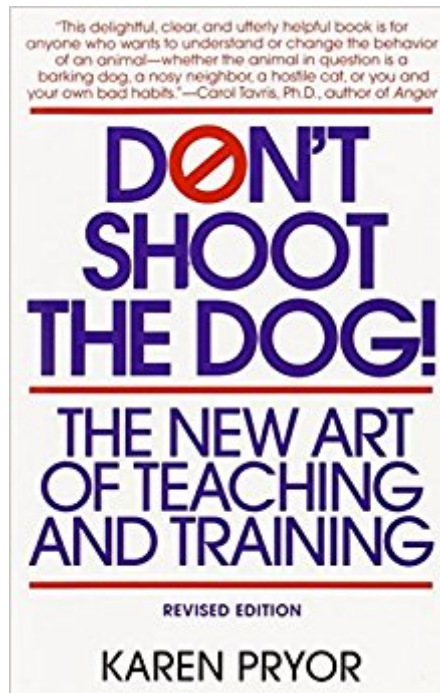




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# Don't Shoot The Dog: The New Art Of Teaching And Training



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"This delightful, clear, and utterly helpful book is for anyone who wants to understand or change the behavior of an animal whether the animal in question is a barking dog, a nosy neighbor, a hostile cat, or you and your own bad habits." Carol Tavris, Ph.D., author of *Anger*

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A previous coworker recommended this book, among many others, when I was coming into my interest in canine behavior and training and it's definitely a worthwhile read, or reference book, for those interested in training anything, or anyone. Karen Pryor created an easy to read book breaking down positive reinforcement training, as well as other types of training and how they can be applied not only to animals, but to the people around us, within our work and school environment and pretty much in our day to day life. She explains how positive reinforcement provides better results over alternative methods of training by making plenty of comparisons to punishment based training methods as well as negative reinforcement training methods. I loved the incorporation of her personal stories, and training sessions, in order to emphasize certain drawbacks to punishment, and specific benefits to positive reinforcement training. There was plenty of material in this book that overlapped with the novice clicker training course that I had taken a month ago which it allowed me to breeze through some parts but enough new material to keep me engaged and actively reading till the end. Overall, a worthwhile read for those interested in pursuing training of any kind (or are looking for healthier ways to improve the relationships in their lives).

This book. This book is straight up amazing. It's not just about dogs. It's about LIFE. It's about relationships. As an educator, this changed the way I approach my job and have seen my student's soar to new heights. Get this book. Read this book. LIVE this book.

Buy this book! If you have a pet, this book will change your life. I used it for my rabbit and my pig. Simple, but brilliant. I am complimented all the time on how well-behaved my pets are and it's because they are always receiving positive reinforcement. I'll never need another method again.

Not sure why this is so counterintuitive for people but I witness it everyday in how my 30+ managers interact with the staff members who report to them. We are starting a book club and this is first up and mandatory reading for all supervisors! Adding it to the orientation protocol for all new managers going forward as well! Expect to see job satisfaction scores skyrocket-- for staff members at all levels!

An awesome look at animal and people training with non abusive methods. It talks a lot about how dolphins and other animals can be taught to communicate with humans in ways that benefit both. Great read for people interested in training.

I bought this for a class on Learning and Memory and it's wonderful!! The text is easy to read and understand with stories from real life scenarios that have happened to the author. I recommend this for anyone interested in learning how behaviors are learned.

This a great book! It has given me insight on some issues that I have hope for regarding our dog! She is afraid of thunder and fireworks. With positive reinforcement given at critical timing we are making headway with reducing her fear responses! Also with improvement on her natural hearing instincts that I am getting controlled with learning how to communicate with her. I also believe the techniques can work on people and changing unwanted behaviors! A must to understand clear communications with anything!! Thank you!!!!

I read the original book some years ago when I'd just started competitive obedience training with my dog. I thought it was about dog training. I've just finished the revised edition. The truth is it's about changing and shaping behaviour. Whether it be people; partners, children, students, yourself, or animals; dogs, cats, elephants, fish, dolphins, you name it, you can use the principles and techniques in this book to improve relationships and behaviours as well as to train specific skills. Karen Pryor's work is based on the work of BF Skinner who was a Harvard Professor and largely credited as being the father of behavioural psychology. Pryor's book, however is not some dry theoretical textbook. It's lively, entertaining and with many and diverse examples to inspire you

to try out these techniques. It pushes the boundaries of behavioural conditioning (anchoring in NLP terminology) and what you can do with it and applies it to just about any context you can think of; from the way international governments relate to each other, to getting your teenager to keep his room tidy, to teaching a seal to talk! (Yes, really) A philosophy Pryor explains the philosophy behind the techniques and answers any questions you might have about 'why' positive reinforcement works better than punishment in the majority of situations. While it isn't a step-by-step manual, I gleaned enough to teach my parrot, Shaggy to go to a box, pick up a stick, run through a tube with it and then deliver it to my hand. You can see a video of him doing this here [...] as well as a couple of videos of my puppy, Ragz who is also being taught with these methods. Pryor has created tables for the eight methods that can be used to get rid of a bunch of undesirable behaviours and explains the pros and cons of each one. It might be tempting, reading this review to think that the book is about manipulating people or animals. People attempt to manipulate others' behaviour anyway, often unsuccessfully by yelling, punishing, negative reinforcement or ignoring the behaviour (and seething inside!) The information in this book provides you with methodologies that make sense and that you can use immediately to achieve rapid results. I highly recommend you read it, put the principles and methodologies to use and notice how quickly the relationships improve with the people and pets you have in your life.

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