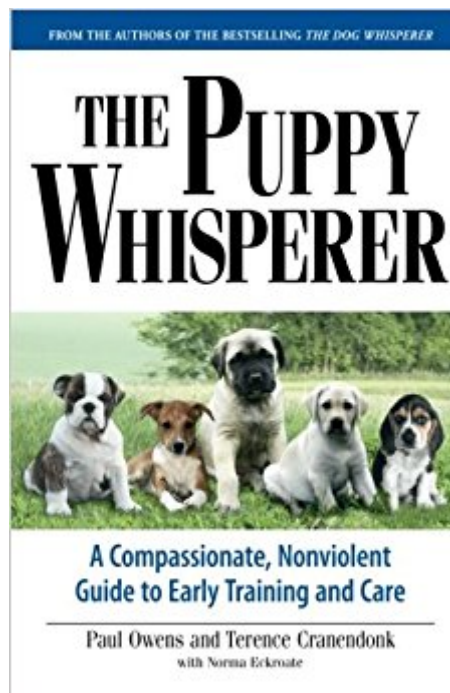




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# The Puppy Whisperer: A Compassionate, Non Violent Guide To Early Training And Care



## Synopsis

"I've known Paul personally for many years and have faithfully followed his training advice with wonderful results. I can't recommend him highly enough." &#151;Jeff Probst, host of Survivor" This is basically a 'perfect book'...with this knowledge there should be many more well-adjusted canine companions and far fewer dogs being relinquished to shelters. This book is an admirable accomplishment." &#151;The APDT Chronicle of the Dog (The publication for professional dog trainers) Following the success of his book *The Dog Whisperer*, Paul Owens turns his attention to puppies. In this book, Owens and his protégé Terence Cranendonk offer a compassionate step-by-step guide to all things puppy, including how to: Evaluate temperament Choose the right pup personality for your family Monitor diet, play, and exercise Train and problem solve Provide early socialization and positive training Potty train, step-by-step Ensure safety and health care, including the latest on vaccinations Puppies can be a lot of work, but they can also be a furry bundle of joy. If you're thinking of bringing a puppy into your home, *The Puppy Whisperer* is your must-have guide.

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## Customer Reviews

Paul Owens (Los Angeles, CA), the best selling author of *The Dog Whisperer*, 2nd Edition, is nationally recognised as a leading proponent of non-violent training. Terence Cranendonk (Akron, OH) apprenticed as a trainer with Paul Owens and is a Certified Pet Dog Trainer as well as a Certified Dog Behaviour Consultant. Norma Eckroate (Los Angeles, CA) writes on the holistic care of humans and animals.

This book is straight up reward on good behavior and ignoring bad behavior entirely. Very difficult for me to do. Made me recognize I am too harsh with negative reinforcement. Temper control mandatory in order to use these methods. It really does work, but your individual personality, like mine, might be tough to actually implement. It was very helpful to read about the different weeks of life and what to expect from the dog as they mature. It was right on for me at about 10 or 12 weeks, my dog got all sorts of scared about everything on walks. The book called it out and said it should last about 2 weeks. Basically his senses got turned on and he had to learn how to process them. What was a bad sound and what was a nothing sound, etc.

Pauls Owens offers wonderful advice for any new puppy owner in his book, The Puppy Whisperer. He gives detailed information about everything from potty training to to leash training, socialization to diet and even learning games to play with the new addition to your family. The information in this book is what every puppy would want his new owner to know about him or her. One of the things that I like best about Owens approach is that he breaks the training down into components labeled "kindergarten", "grade school", and "high school" to help guarantee success for both the puppy and the owner. The other thing that I like about the info in this book is that it is all based on positive reinforcement. I highly recommend it!

Haven't gotten my puppy yet! I am anxious to get my Sheepadoodle the end of this week. Have only just started reading the book....the beginning is all about how to select the right puppy for you which would have been helpful earlier if my breeder were closer. But now getting into the initial training and it seems so helpful. So many things make perfect sense but are not done by owners in initial training. I really think that this is going to be a great guide for initial training and alleviate some of the stress of adjusting to a new puppy! I can see using it as a reference as training continues. I would recommend it...

Bought this book before we brought home our new puppy. Lots of great tips and ideas for taking care of a new puppy!

A great approach to puppy training that encourages loving response rather than defiance that seemed to follow other, pack-based forms of discipline. This has been very helpful to be given more choices in training.

I foster puppies for the local animal shelter and have read lots of books on care and feeding. This one I will keep- the instructions are well detailed and cover very basic training to more complex commands. The approach is kind to the animal and rewards rather than punishes, leading to a capable and very happy little one. The book arrived in mint condition, securely wrapped and quickly received. Kudos to the seller.

Paul Owens addresses just about every topic concerning a new dog's needs - but some of them only very superficially. His play and exercise discussions in particular were quite lightweight on content. Not a comprehensive puppy-rearing guide by any means. I have no problem with food rewards for early training (why are people more eager to scold a dog than to give her a piece of food?). That said, I HATE his overuse of food for socialization. Puppies should be encouraged to approach the world on their own. If they balk at something, it is best to lead by example by quietly interacting with that object yourself, allowing your puppy to approach at her own pace and giving her praise and support when she freely interacts ("what a brave, good puppy!"). Covering the world in food is not instilling the puppy with confidence. It is also a terrible way for puppies to view people. They lose their interest in interacting, and focus on begging or demanding food. Unless the pup has a big problem that requires counterconditioning, plying them with food in social situations is unnecessary. Calm confidence on your part will send the needed message. I do like his training section. I love his description of "capturing" as "the magnet game" - good behavior draws good things. Easy to remember and enact. His methods are common for positive reinforcement, but they are well presented. His troubleshooting section is slight, but in truth, most common behavior issues can be addressed by redirecting the puppy into a preferred response. "Do this instead of doing that." It is boring visually, but having tried to read "How to Raise a Puppy You Can Live With" (talk about BORING), at least I wasn't lulled to sleep by it. Still, I found Gwen Bailey's *A Perfect Puppy-Newly Revised & Updated: How to Raise a Well-Behaved Dog* a more enjoyable and thorough, and it remains my #1 choice among puppy books.

This book is more for someone who is considering getting a puppy not somebody who already has one. Over half the book is about selection of a puppy and what you need. I was just looking for tips on how to teach basic commands and get my puppy to quit chewing on things. This book covers this just a little bit.

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