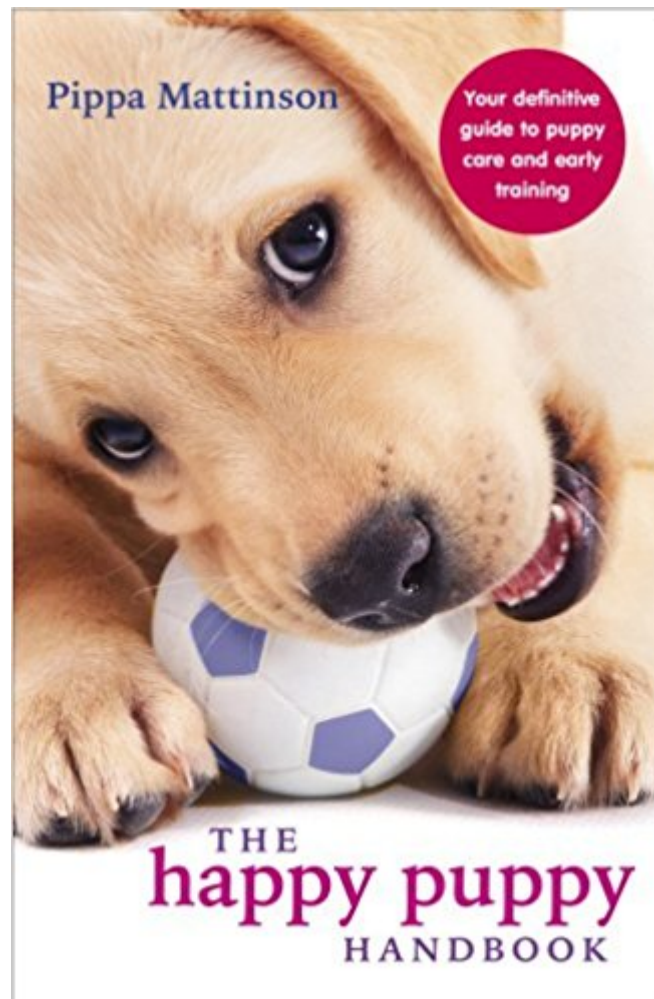


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# The Happy Puppy Handbook: Your Definitive Guide To Puppy Care And Early Training



## Synopsis

A comprehensive guide, written by an expert, to help any puppy owner with the care and training of the newest member of their family Pippa Mattinson, dog-training specialist, tells you everything you need to know about training and caring for your new puppy. From preparing the house and garden before the puppy arrives, to introducing your new friend to all the family (including children and other animals), and solving problems like crying, night waking, feeding, upset stomachs, biting, chewing, and jumping up, this book is packed with all you need to know as a puppy owner.

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## Customer Reviews

I have had Labs for years. I have read many different book but I think this is the best one yet. I love this ladies outlook on Labs and training. She explains the reasons behind the behaviors, then teaches the reader how to fix bad actions and reinforce the good ones. Well written, easy to read and understand. Get this book before you get a puppy and you will be well prepared to create a happy healthy environment for you and your fur friend.

This is a superb guide to positive training for your puppy. The advice parallels what I've learned from working with several professional trainers, but the book explains things so clearly and is always there as a reference for me. The subjects are well organized and it covered everything we needed to know bringing home our new lab puppy. He's now almost 5 months and a joy to live with. Everything in this book worked for us.

Has some great tips, my pups liked it too, as they tried to eat it, LOL!! I have had German Shepherds and Rottweiler's, mostly rescues. In my younger years, we bred German Shepherd's so I'm not new to puppy training, however, I got these pups at eight weeks old, so I did not have them from birth and that makes a major difference, by eight weeks, if not properly handled, they can develop issues. I found this book helpful, I believe in positive training, which this reference book also uses. I do recommend it for new puppy owners, along with common sense, love and patience.

This book saved our lives. One lesson though. Prepare to get no sleep the first 2-3 days your puppy comes home & have help with the pup. I swaddled mine in a fleecy fabric, sung lullabies, and fed him in the crate all day to make sure he felt safe in it. Now, four weeks later he goes bouncing into it with glee. Patience, kindness & perseverance.

Great book!!! If you like thelabradorsite, this book has all the information that is on that site put into a logical order. I wasn't sure if I'd need this book too after reading that site in depth, but I have found it quite helpful. I really like all the background the book gives on why puppies behave the way they do. It really helps me to understand how to best bond, nurture and train my new puppy. I suggest this book for all new and prospective puppy owners. I would say it is best to read this book well in advance of bringing your new puppy home, but I believe it is still quite helpful (to you and your new addition) to read at any point during your puppy's young life.

This book is an all-in-one guide to puppydom, from preparing to bring your puppy home to helping your puppy become a healthy and happy member of your family. I think that most questions that a new puppy parent would want to ask are covered in this book (e.g. where should my puppy sleep? why does my puppy bite so much and what do I do? can I let my puppy off the lead? what do puppies need to eat and how often?). It is really practical. It is also an easy, engaging read. The language is totally accessible - everything is clearly explained and it's written in a warm, friendly style. The author is also realistic in preparing new owners for all the perplexing and trying things that puppies might get up to and in giving great advice to head problems off at the pass before they arise (through good preparation) or through to help owners use a training solution. The training advice in the book covers all the important aspects of good doggie behaviour, including recall, walking on a loose lead, being gentle and playing nicely. All this advice is based on contemporary 'positive motivational' approaches to training (using rewards). Even if you have never trained a dog before you will find it all clearly explained and easy to grasp and follow. I wish I had had this book when I

first got a puppy over 15 years ago.

Absolutely loved this book! Well laid out and well written. I found her methods to be very easy to understand and practical to apply. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone getting a puppy for the first time or to those who haven't had a puppy in a while and need a refresher course.

Pippa has been training dogs for over 30 years. She runs two sites (at least!) packed full of information, theLabradorSite.com and TotallyGunDogs.com that have helped me tremendously in understanding the new, positive, humane way of communicating what you want to your dog. Previously, with our 4 dogs, I was using the choke-chain method that was taught at our local dog club. I didn't like it and my dogs didn't like it. I was thrilled to find Pippa's web site and learn a new way of teaching. I was grabbed this book up on pre-order and read it the same day I got it. Our dog also says, "THANKS."

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