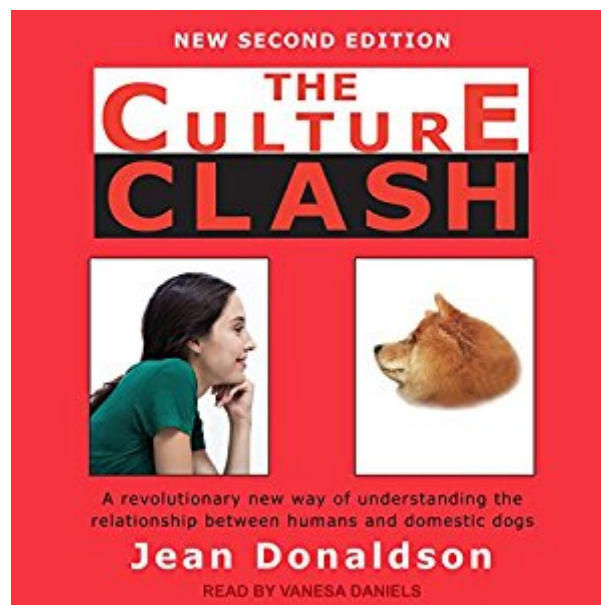




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The Culture Clash: A Revolutionary New Way Of Understanding The Relationship Between Humans And Domestic Dogs



Synopsis

Generations of dogs have been labeled training lemons for requiring actual motivation when all along they were perfectly normal. Numerous other completely and utterly normal dogs have been branded as canine misfits simply because they grew up to act like dogs. Barking, chewing, sniffing, licking, jumping up, and occasionally (just like people) having arguments are as normal and natural for dogs as wagging tails and burying bones. However, all dogs need to be taught how to modify their normal and natural behaviors to adjust to human culture. Sadly, all too often, when the dog's way of life conflicts with human rules and standards, many dogs are discarded and summarily put to death. That's quite the Culture Clash.

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Customer Reviews

One of the best ever books on dog behavior and training. Combine it with Ian Dunbar's "How to Teach a New Dog Old Tricks" and Karen Pryor's "Don't Shoot the Dog" and you will have all you ever need!

This is the best book about how to understand and train your dog that I have read. Emphasis the value and effectiveness of positive reinforcement. I have begun to use the methods outlined in this book on my 2 year old shelter dog, who has numerous issues, and am seeing positive results. A must read for anybody who want to understand how a dog really thinks and how to use that information to aid in training.

Clear why this book is on several lists of must read for dog training. The author has a firm command of the topic and details a clear vision of how to effectively train your puppy/dog in a positive manner. I found the first few chapters to be a bit whiny and would have benefited from a clearer focused game plan. There are tidbits here and there in these chapters that are important to grasp. The chapter on socialization is very important. The last three chapters are very strong providing both the ideas and the detail progression of steps that helps the reader effectively and positively train a dog on the primary obedience behaviors and establishes a foundation for raising an engaged and well-mannered dog.

Very good book for understanding learning behaviours in dogs and why. I like that the writer debunks famous Dog Whisperer type style of training as it makes you think outside the box and expand possibilities in training dogs. I'm not against the dog whisperer style but it's nice to add to the training with other view points. One thing I did find though is when a point is made, the writing tends to jump around into multiple other thoughts before finishing the original point. Would be nice to finish then add to it. For newbies to dog training, grab a dictionary. Otherwise I'd give it 5 stars because she is very knowledgeable and I have learnt a lot. And I mean a lot!

Am enjoying this book - it's a bit more scholarly than I expected, but it's full of good information and great insights. Helps me see more clearly how my actions affect and are interpreted by my dog. If you're looking for "basic training" - sit, down, stay, etc., then this may not be the book for you. BUT if you truly want to understand how a dog thinks and to learn better how to communicate meaningfully with your dog, then this is a great read.

Extremely useful work for dog owners who think they know it all already and newbies like me who started late in life with a rare breed puppy (then a 2nd one) and is still learning everyday about canine psychology and behavior. Dispels a lot of convenient myths and pretty quickly gets to the all-important "how to" advice. We have found that there are countless theories, often completely contradictory, about dog training. Who to believe ? Jean Donaldson appears to be very credible !

I just got a rescue dog and not only is this book helpful, and very current with known behavioral science, but it's fascinating to read! I'm really enjoying it. I'll probably read once through just to enjoy the content, then re-read immediately to put her knowledge and recommendations into action. I highly recommend!

We are getting ready to get another dog and this book was recommended. My daughter has been using the suggestions from the book and they have been working really well. My wife has had her nose in the book for the last week! She loves it... so I will be reading it next. It is interesting to see how a dog views the world... definitely not as we do!

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