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*When it comes to doggy style, he's behind you 100%.*

Preston Evans is a legend in and out of the bedroom. He's six foot two, gorgeous, and famous because his celebrity ex snapchatted his huge package. I hate him. I hate his stupid puppy store, Doggy Style. I hate the way he looks at me like I'm a piece of meat. I don't care that his abs are chiseled, his arms are tattooed, and his face belongs on the cover of a magazine. Every dog bred means a shelter dog dead!

I chain myself to his store in protest, but instead of calling the cops, he throws me a bone.

If I spend one week with him in Hawaii pretending to be his fiancée to snag an investor, he will transform his store into a shelter dog adoption center, saving thousands of dogs' lives.

One week and I never have to see this sexy, dirty-talking jerk again. How hard can he, uh I mean it, be?

Sex is off the table. So why do I want him to bend me over it?

*Doggy Style is a sexy rom com from best-selling author and dog rescuer Alana Albertson. HEA, no cliffhanger. First in a new series of full length interconnected standalones romances.*

## Doggy Style Details

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## From Reader Review Doggy Style for online ebook

### Nadia Debowska-Stephens (Obsessed by Books) says

Selling designer puppies to make money out of a leaked sex video that has hailed him the Doggie Style Sex God, Preston meets his match when Yessi decides to take a stand against the injustice of puppy mills. She is a tattoo artist by day and a dog rescuer by night...and passionate about animal rights. Hiding behind her quest to save every single dog she can she is burying her own pain of abandonment. Bartering an once in a lifetime deal to raise funds for her shelter and change the business she signs up for a week away with her nemesis. Getting to know each other fuels the flame of passion and they embark on more than just a business arrangement but can they find some middle ground to build upon?

Opposites attract and that's certainly true in this story. Preston had hidden depths and trusted the wrong people. Blinded by over night fame and popularity deep down he's a decent guy. Yessi has been shaped by her childhood and has issues with feeling unwanted. This is a good short read and it was refreshing to find a character that challenged what society accepts and wasn't afraid to voice unpopular opinions. My only niggle is both these characters had a strong back story and I would have liked the added depth of exploring them a little more, filling out the grey areas and adding more weight to their characters by telling their whole stories.

A four star adopt don't shop read.

~\*~ Reviewed on behalf of Obsessed by Books ~\*~

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### Within The Pages Book Blog says

#### Seriously Enjoyable Read!

Preston Evans at first glance is a shallow fame hungry dog, but soon you realize this man is much more than his Instagram posts. Yessi is a spunky animal lover who has had a tough life and pours all her time and compassion into the animals she rescues. She has never known love, and he has lost his... Sparks fly when these two first meet, and it takes them both being willing to look deeper than the surface to realize they were made for one another.

I really enjoyed this read. Preston's military background and PTSD symptoms in the storyline are intriguing and handled with a sense of authenticity. Yessi's total commitment to animals is commendable, and a bit heartbreaking when you learn of her reasoning behind her passion to save them. Her sass and his sarcasm work hand in hand like a great melody and lyrics. I did find Yessi a bit unyielding in certain areas at first, and I found myself getting annoyed with her character. But she gives it some thought and she herself realizes she is being unfair and becomes willing to entertain new ideas. I really enjoyed getting to go along for the emotional ride while she figured it all out. Preston is an all-around great guy who got caught up in the "me game" and the fame of being a social media celebrity. It was his heart that had me rooting for the two of them. I also loved the animal rescue aspect to this book. Although a work of fiction, there is a lot of truth to the plight and reality of shelter dogs and the need for adoption depicted here.

I wish there had been a bit more given to explain the why and how of Hugh and his behavior... why did he treat his best friend that way? Was he jealous? Did Preston do something to turn him against him? Did he think he could get away with it? I just needed more!

I would recommend this book to anyone who is looking for an enjoyable, light hearted read. Oh, and anyone who is an animal lover will adore this book!

### **Kristen Lewendon says**

I wanted to love this book. The blurb made me think I was going to. I picked this book because I've enjoyed books from this author before and I wanted to read a fun, fluffy romantic comedy with pets. Instead, I got hundreds of pages of the text equivalent of an ASPCA protest rally. I am not a happy camper. At this point, I'm just trying to stay nice. Personally, I didn't enjoy this book. I admire people who stand by their convictions. Rescuing homeless pets is a noble endeavor. But I have no respect for people who have no room in their world-view for any other opinion except their own. I'm not a fan of rabid, radical protesters and that's all I could see of Yessi. I thought she was a horrible, whiny, judgemental harpy. And by saying that, I think I've just insulted harpies. Even Preston, who was one of the more likable characters in the book, was not much more than a cardboard cut-out. However, it was very well-written and I didn't notice any glaring spelling or grammatical mistakes. I don't anticipate I will read further in the series.

I received a complimentary copy of this book through Hidden Gems Books.

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### **Carmen Rae says**

Wow this book was so hot. From the first time Yessi and Preston meet you can just feel the sparks fly. And I have to be honest that was all I really expected from this book when I went into it. A steamy hot feel good book that would make me swoon and escape for a few hours but not a lot more than that.

But damn did I get so much more. I absolutely love that the plight of dog rescue was so prevalent without being preachy. And it was so true and based on the everyday cold hard realities of the rescue world. And for that Alana will forever be my hero.

Yessi was such a kick arse heroine and I loved how strongly she stood behind her convictions. She probably could have been a little more flexible but having been there I have to admit you kind of hit this point where you just walk around thinking how horrible people are without realising what a bitter person you're becoming until suddenly it hits you. And although it didn't hit Yessi she had Preston to help her see a different perspective.

Preston was absolutely the star of the show. He was absolute perfection. I loved that he didn't compromise who he was in anyway yet was such an solidly good guy it shone through in everything he did.

Preston and Yessi were so good together and I couldn't stop reading this book to see how everything was going to wash out. And now I can't wait to read the next book, which I would normally miss since it's about Prestons ex but the blurb and Preston himself has me dying to read it as soon as I can get my grabby hands on it.

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### **Jeune says**

Cute romance with Preston a entrepreneur trying to start a new business and Yessi the girl trying to save the world one dog at a time. I loved the chemistry with these two, made me smile while reading.

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### **Angela says**

Yessi was extremely unlikable. I get having convictions, but the way she tried to force her beliefs on everyone else with all that damn attitude just made me dislike her. From start to finish, I was annoyed by her.

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### **Nay Denise says**

Loved Yessi and Evan together! The pups and dogs were all so adorable ?

Full review coming soon!

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I adored the romance within this novel. This was a classic enemies to lovers trope and I adored how humorous it was. The writing flowed and made the story seem very realistic. I did however wish there was more to this than how it skipped from the last chapter to the epilogue.

Yessi is a dog rescuer, vegan and obsessed with animals. She's the type of girl you don't eat a burger around. I loved her fiery temperament and how devoted she is to her work. She has a passion for animals that she has no problem expressing and sharing. I loved it!

Evan is a man of many words and as an ex-marine he also knows how to work hard. Nothing gets handed to him as people think. A sex-tape made him famous, but it destroyed his privacy and his relationship with his father. Everything about Evan made me laugh. He was a straight-forward man, hot and knew how to treat a woman.

The romance was perfect. Though it was quick between the two of them I enjoyed how Yessi tried to fight the attraction she felt. They were so perfect one another and were able to learn from each other.

Hugh was a bastard and I'm glad he got what was coming to him. I still feel like Yessi and Evan should have both gotten a good punch or five in for all the damage he did.

Overall, I enjoyed the story and can't wait to read more in this series.

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### **Valeen Robertson (Live Thru Books Blog) says**

Preston's a former Marine who's using his notoriety to open a dog store, specifically selling puppies that come from breeders. His claim to fame comes from a sex tape leaked (he thinks by his famous ex) that shows him using a certain, ahem, aptly named dog position. He's a player and a commitment phobe but he's got a good heart. Yessi is the opposite of Preston. She's a former tattoo artist who runs a dog rescue and she's spitting mad when she finds out he's opening a store that will only sell dogs that come from a puppy mill

(dog breeder). So handcuffing herself to his store seems like just the thing to do. And actually it is, because it gives Preston an idea to use her to help him convince an investor he needs for his new store. That they're madly attracted to each other is just some delicious icing on an already convenient cake of a situation.

Neither counted on that attraction leading into actual feelings, though. And can these two really manage a relationship anyway? When he's a manwhore (or possibly reformed) and she's slow to trust? When it seems someone has it out for them?

I mostly enjoyed *Doggy Style*. I have to say, though, that it's not really the rom com that I thought it would be. For one, it's not really funny, although it is kinda fluffy in that their relationship isn't exactly that deep or anything. There's a lot of insta-lust going on, and I didn't really believe they loved each other, although I do think they were heading in that direction and will probably get there at some point. And the whole dog rescue thing was definitely not funny or fluffy. It's a pretty heavy subject, actually, one that I enjoyed reading about, as I'm a huge advocate for only adopting rescued pets. I did like *Doggy Style*, so I hope I didn't give the wrong impression, I just didn't love it and it wasn't the fluffy rom com I was expecting. It is well-written, though, and I liked Preston and Yessi, Yessi to a lesser extent, though. I will probably continue with the series and hope it's as entertaining as *Doggy Style* is.

*ARC via IndieSage PR for an honest review.*

Full review posted on *Live Through Books Blog*.

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### **Amy says**

*Doggy Style* by Alana Albertson follows the story of Yessenia (Yessi), a vegan animal activist who helps run a dog rescue and Preston Evans, an Instagram celebrity, former military man who has recently decided to open a boutique pet store. Yessi and Preston meet when she handcuffs herself to Preston's new store in protest of the sale of bred dogs. From first meeting, Preston is physically attracted to Yessi, who also struggles with her attraction to the "enemy." Preston recognizes the value in befriending and using Yessi, the pet rescuer, to bring attention to his store. He entices her with a trip to a pet convention in Hawaii. His goal is two-fold: (1) get her in bed and (2) use her influence. What he comes to find is a woman who matches him well.

This is my second Alana Albertson book, and she has a way of offering interesting storylines. This book appears to be the first of a proposed series related to the employees of the dog rescue, and I think she has found an important focus for her book, pet rescue. There were times, however, in the story when I thought she had too many angles: pet rescue, the fallout of being a foster child, Preston's daddy issues, and fame/celebrity. Since there were so many different ideas, the only one that seemed the most fleshed out was the one relating to pet rescue. I would have liked her to edit out some of the other ideas or write a longer book that developed all the angles of the story better.

Preston and Yessi clearly have chemistry, and they connect sexually fairly early in the story, given that they are set up as enemies. I thought they might have struggled against each other a bit more. For all of her

virtues, Yessi gives into Preston fairly quick, and I was disappointed that she did not wait a bit longer. Even more, Preston falls for Yessi a bit too fast. He matured from being a “horn dog” about her to someone who respected her values and connected to her emotionally and spiritually in the span of a couple of chapters. I simply felt short-changed by a lack of character development.

Overall, it's a cute, quick read. However, it needs a bit more editing of story ideas or more development of those story ideas and the characters

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### **Ree says**

A former Marine with wealthy connections, Preston decides to cash in on his newly-found Internet notoriety and open up a pet dog store. Then, he encounters Yesenia Cordova. A self-appointed animal rights activist, she's upset that Preston's store will only contribute more dogs to shelters and other worse fates.

I really didn't expect to dislike this book. I was fully engaged until around midway. Up until that point, both characters were pretty likable. I tried to check my judgment at the door quickly, but Yessi's preachy, in-your-face attitude turned me off really quickly. I got her passion and determination to save as many strays as she could, but she was a little too over-the-top for me to fully like her character.

I liked Preston a bit more. He impressed me as a strategist. He looked for ways to turn things around, even when they looked bleak. He got fame in a way he never wanted, so he used his fame to open a pet store. Yessi & her planned protests would be damaging to his new business, so he tried to learn about what her issues were and reach a compromise.

I also felt that both characters were not fully in love with each other. Though the ending tried to show how far they'd come, the story we were given didn't really support that. The lust & chemistry were there, though. I also felt that the book was a little too focused on the dogs.

Though I will check out the author's other work in the future, I don't plan to continue reading the other books in this series.

I voluntarily read & reviewed an ARC of this book.

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### **Viper Spaulding says**

Caution: Don't read this book if you're a puppy mill breeder!

I'm a lifetime owner/advocate of shelter and rescue pets, and this book really hit me square in the heart. The message of reducing the number of animals killed because they're homeless is directly, yet gently, delivered as we get to know Yessi, a rescue volunteer who isn't afraid to feel empathy for at-risk dogs and won't let anything stand in her way to save as many as she can.

Preston is opening a pet store mostly because it seems like a good business plan and it capitalizes on his recent notoriety. But when he meets Yessi as she handcuffs herself to his store and challenges him to run a more ethical business, he realizes that he's got a lot more to learn about the pet adoption business and she's

just the one to teach him.

These two have chemistry in spades, and despite their apparently opposite lifestyles they really do have a lot in common. This is a story of transformations, as Yessi puts the Doggy Style shop on a better business track while she also learns that not every enemy is a true enemy and Preston learns that his need for a simple life isn't such a far-fetched dream.

Even the dogs featured in this story get their HEA, and it's superior writing that makes us genuinely care about fictional dogs in the first place. Yessi and Preston are really great together, and I truly enjoyed this romance. There were a couple loose ends that were left dangling, but nothing that detracts from the focus of the story. I voluntarily reviewed an ARC of this book.

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### **Sissy's Romance Book Review says**

Doggy Style by Alana Albertson is book One in the Must Love Dogs series. This is the story of Preston Evans and Yessenia Cordova.

This was a cute romance. Preston needs help getting an investor that he strikes a bargain with Yessenia that if she helps him secure the deal that he will change his pet store ways. But neither counted on the feeling that this time would bring them too.

I enjoyed this book. The background story of pets touches the heart for sure.

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### **Lynn Reynolds says**

Yesenia "Yessi" Cordova has a big kind heart. She's like those special people I see on Animal Planet. Her situation, sad to say, is true. So be careful if you have a soft spot for animals. Yessi needs someone like Jackson Galaxy to come to her rescue. Or in her case maybe even Tia Torres. She's one of the unsung heroes we don't hear about.

Preston Evans is trying to turn a bad situation into something positive. He has a friend, Hugh, who I'm not sure I like very much. He's all about the bottom line and not about the animals themselves. One thing I think the author does well is have Preston voice his misconception of shelters. He has me wondering if a lot of people out there feel the same. I was happy to see that this piece of fiction was based on real life experience.

This is a great foil for getting the word out about pet adoption. If you're good at donating to charities, why not donate to your local shelter – also, check out the Afterword. I did get some giggles out of the story but no real belly laughs. The story stands on its own so I had no issue with the lack of any real laughs. I was more interested with our main characters with the dogs firmly in the middle. Of course when they took a trip I wished that I could have fit in their suitcase.

I was not compensated nor was I required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own.

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## **Caroline F says**

This was a fun, funny read.

*"This guy can't possibly be more wrong for me."*

Yessi Cordova adores dogs. It's her life's mission to save as many dogs from euthanasia, as possible, and find them new homes - to the detriment of her financial situation. When a new puppy store opens in town, she's determined to shut it down. However, going up against the hot AF Preston Evans is tough when she's constantly fighting her attraction to him.

*"I'm digging this chick more and more. Every time she tells me no, it just makes the hunt that much sweeter."*

Preston is a decorated former Marine whose ex-girlfriend exploited their sex life for social media stardom. Being semi-unemployable, he decides to then exploit his infamy by opening a puppy store. He knows nothing about dogs. When Yessi handcuffs herself to his new shop door, he realises that he's hit the jackpot: she knows everything there is to know about dogs, has a huge social media following, and is seriously beautiful to boot! He's determined to have her in his shop and in his bed, and makes her an offer that she can't refuse.

*"I need to connect with her, I want more than just sex from her. I want passion. I want intimacy. I want acceptance. I want love."*

This was a fun and funny story! Yessi is pretty hard-headed and stubborn, but she has a massive heart. I loved her fiery and passionate personality. I enjoyed how well she handled Preston, although there were times when she pushed a really hard bargain. I liked that she made him question everything - his life, his business, his direction. Preston is actually a solid guy. His notoriety had coloured his judgement but I loved that he was willing to do just about anything for Yessi. I loved that she challenged him and made him work to win her over.

Overall, a fairly quick, easy read that was amusing and sexy.

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## **Book-Bosomed blog says**

2.5 Stars

Former Marine, Preston Evans is cashing in on his notoriety by opening a pet store after a sex video with his reality star ex-girlfriend goes viral. Yesenia Cordova is a tattoo artist and dog rescuer who sets her sights on Preston and his new pure bred puppy store.

The opening kept me engaged; it paced well and the characters and premise had potential, but by the halfway point I found my connection with the characters quickly weakening and certain rhetoric growing stale. Specifically...

While Preston was confident and resourceful and I liked the fact that he was quick to solve problems and had a calm demeanor, the frequent reminders of what a horn dog (pun intended) he was inhibited the connection

between them.

**“My sex life over the past few months has consisted of swipe rights through dating apps and shopping from an endless catalog of women. As horrible as it sounds, I don’t remember most of them. Meaningless sex and hook-ups soothed my soul for a while.”**

Told via their dual first person POV, if Preston wasn’t referencing his penchant for dating app hook-ups, he was mentioning his ex. And talking about other women to the reader is just as tacky and counterproductive as doing it on a real life date. No one needs that in their head when they are trying to make a romantic connection.

**“It isn’t love at first sight, more like an insatiable lust, a lust I haven’t felt in months. Not since Kira.”**

That I’d agree with. It’s definitely insta-lust, not love, at play throughout the whole story. The romantic angle is weak, overshadowed by Preston’s sex brain working overtime every time he’s in a conversation with the heroine. It was a shame because Preston could have been a great guy—in certain scenes he showed some integrity and respect for women—if he would have just stopped thinking with his dick and prioritizing getting laid. It really felt like the characterization caved to the tired manho prototype that’s a dime a dozen these days in the romance market, much like the billionaire trope. (How did Preston afford his upper-class lifestyle???) Removing those angles would have taken the story up a level. A guy can be sexy without having to be constantly in heat.

But add in the fact that the heroine has not only seen his sex video (which included both doggystyle and muff diving) but she’s watched it more than once! While I believe that people can have a life before finding ‘the one,’ knowing about it and seeing it in living color are totally different monsters. I just couldn’t connect with Yessi’s fascination with his video. Not if I was supposed to believe these two were end game. As a meaningless hook-up, it’s one thing; but as a love story, it doesn’t spell romance.

(Reviewer’s Note: The original blurb when I signed up for this title a year ago read: “Preston Evans is a legend in and out of the bedroom. He’s six foot two, gorgeous, and famous because his celebrity ex snapchatted **his huge package**.” It has now been updated to the more accurate representation of the story: “...his celebrity ex Snapchatted **him doing her doggy style**.” If the original story was just a dick pic, it’s a shame it was changed to a graphic sex video. I’m not sure I would have signed up for this if I’d have known he had a porn w/OW.)

While in the opening I appreciated Yessi’s tenacity and dedication to a cause, after a while it just became too much. I wholeheartedly agree there should be better education in regards to responsible pet ownership, but it became too repetitive and outright preachy. It’s hardly the romcom it’s billed as, and while the title evokes a more light-hearted tone, the story’s message comes off heavy-handed. It was about as subtle as a PETA ad flashing across the page.

More disturbingly, Yessi’s obsession with animals was a crutch for her own issues of abandonment. Her activism didn’t make her courageous; it just made her seem like she needed some therapy in order to obtain a well adjusted life.

**“...I have the maturity of a five-year-old. I’m emotionally stunted.”**

She was absolutely immature, exhibiting a serious issue with pushing her beliefs onto others, at times even speaking hypocritically, as well as letting her emotions interfere with...well just about everything! Between Preston following her around like a puppy, making decisions based on the whims of his peen, and Yessi's overbearing personality, not only was their business realistically doomed to fail, so was their relationship.

**“...our emotional intimacy hasn’t caught up to our physical intimacy.”**

Good sex doesn't equal love any more than flat villains make for a compelling climax. I was ready to check out way back when Yessi got wet from Preston forking over hundreds of dollars to save an injured stray. That was a little creepy and so not my kink. I should have probably saved myself the time and bailed then. I was looking for more romance and likable characters, less Dog Lives Matter.

The next book in the series on his ex is definitely a pass for me.

Safety Recap: (view spoiler)

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