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One of the most popular books on dog training ever published This book has been the choice of thousands seeking expert instruction in dog training since it first appeared in 1962. The Koehler Method has gone through 38 printings and has sold over 475,000 copies. It has taken on the status of a classic on the subject and this, the first new edition of the work, will bring the ingenious approach of a great innovator to an entire new audience of dog owners.

The instructions and training approaches given here can be equally successful with groups in a training class environment or for individuals training alone. There are numerous tips on how to get the desired training results and a host of original approaches designed to discourage the stubborn canine pupil, avoid the establishment of bad habits or correct those that may already be set.

This new edition of The Koehler Method of Dog Training presents a pertinent update of AKC Novice obedience requirements and incorporates applicable findings in the area of canine behavior which were not generally known or in wide use by trainers and owners when the first edition of this fine book was introduced to dog owners.

A very important section of this book deals with correcting serious behavior problems which, left uncorrected, could, and often do, lead to the pet being put to sleep. Needless to say, The Koehler Method of Dog Training has saved thousands of dogs over the years. The new edition is expected to serve the same valuable function.

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Boradicus says

I did not finish this book because it is an old methodology that advocates negative reinforcement, and the use of choke chains, etc, which have been discovered not only to be unnecessary and cruel, but likewise to damaging to the physiology of the dog.

Kenny says

Excellent dog training method. The problem solving methods are a little harsh but overall the method works.

Koleesa says

I found this book to be a very interesting read. I agreed with many of the authors presuppositions which made the book even more enjoyable. I am not convinced of all his applications but I did find many of them interesting and feel that some of them will be very helpful. The author understood something that most dog trainers fail to understand - dogs are not born wanting to obey you in everything. Dogs want to do what they want not what they need to. Dogs need to be trained to obey and its our duty and responsibility to do so. Its part of mans dominion task. This is where I believe the author failed - in that he failed to take into account mans duty towards God in relation to dog training. That being said I did learn quite a bit from this book even though I did not agree with the entirety of the authors views.

Fredrick Danysh says

The author lays out his methods of training dogs for guard duty and home pets. It does not use any brutal methods. A good read for anyone interested in training their pet as long as they remember that no one method is suitable for all dogs.

Felicity says

Read this just because so much of this training advice is still hanging around, and I thought it best to know exactly what this method recommends. These methods are outdated and overly heavy-handed. There are far less relationship-damaging methods that produce the same (or even better) results.

Allison says

It's a bit of a horror story. I wouldn't advocate it as a book for the beginner. And anyone else of experience would have moved beyond the method.

Still. From a historical perspective you can begin to understand where a lot of 'wives tales' come from.

I won't be taping anything to my dogs mouth anytime soon.

Thinmint29 says

The book is fine, the methods are destructive.

Kirsten (lush.lit.life) says

This is the book recommended by our dog trainer and I'm a novice AND it was written by the person who allegedly trained Asta from the Thin Man movies, so yay! But wow, the language is archaic and the philosophies are outdated and his tone is unbearably condescending. I am in absolute hysterics - cry-laughing, ha. If you've ever seen a black and white instructional film/filmstrip from the 30's-40's that's pretty much the tone. Bottom line is that the dog yearns to be dominated by you, but imagine it said with many more words in a smug, scolding way. If my dog yearns to be dominated, it is absolute aces at hiding it. This will always be a comedy classic to me. Maybe I'll shelve it in humor?

Ant says

Fantastic book on the philosophy of dog training. The methods have changed with the improvements in technology since the book was written. However, the fundamentals are still completely relevant to training dogs today. On top of that, the book is so wonderfully written that every page contains quotable wisdom.

Kathy says

social compliance
