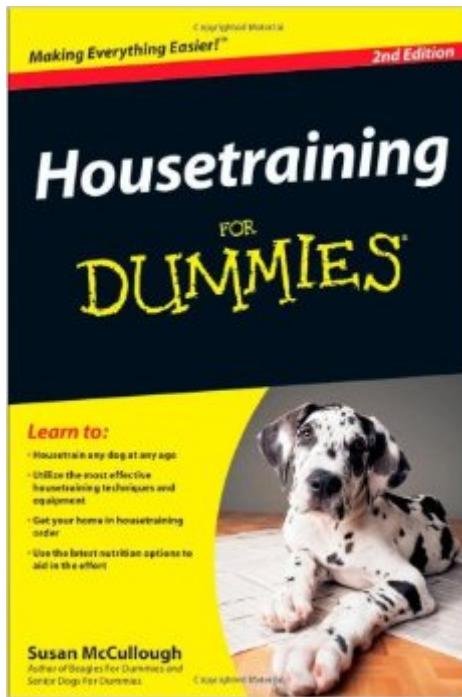


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Synopsis

The latest information and tips on making housetraining easier for your pet and yourself Did you know that what you feed your dog can effect help or hinder the housetraining process? That's just one of the valuable tips you'll find in Housetraining For Dummies 2nd Edition, the authoritative housetraining reference for new and veteran pet owners alike. This new edition features plenty of new and revised material on everything from the latest housetraining equipment to the latest information on diet and nutrition and the crucial role it plays in housetraining. You'll also find useful tips and techniques for creating environmentally safe cleaners from natural products found in the home and alternatives you can use if you have a sensitive pet. Features the latest findings on how pet nutrition can influence housetraining success Offers proven housetraining strategies Introduces new methods for housetraining multiple pets at once Reviews new housetraining equipment and products Shows you how to make environmentally safe stain and odor removers from products already in your home Susan McCullough is a columnist for Dog Fancy magazine and the author of several books including Beagles For Dummies and the award-winning Senior Dogs For Dummies Housetraining can be a difficult and stressful process for both you and your puppy, adult, or senior dog. Housetraining For Dummies 2nd Edition is the resource you need to make it faster and easier for both of you.

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Customer Reviews

First, a disclaimer. I live in the author's neighborhood. But after watching her "Corey" behave

himself while our two, young dogs made a mess of our carpet and backyard, I couldn't wait to read her book. I wasn't disappointed. I'm not a dummy (I don't think), but after a lifetime of dog-owning, this was the easiest and fastest way I've seen to learn the secrets that make having a pet such a pleasure for many people.

As a dog trainer, I often suggest people read *Housetraining for Dummies* before hiring me to do a housetraining consultation. The book covers far more information than I could go over in an hour. If after reading the book, they're still having problems (usually they aren't), I'm happy to set up an appointment. Gotta say I don't like calling people "dummies" though. It's hard for me to tell a client that they need to read a book for dummies. Seems insulting. But the book itself is quite good so I apologize for the title and recommend it anyway.

McCullough covers every aspect of housetraining, a very important part of living with a dog. Her writing is lively and accessible and she leaves no stone unturned. She doesn't shy away from any aspect of the topic and doesn't resort to cutesy euphemisms. Whether you're about to acquire a dog who will need housetraining or are already living with a dog who has potty problems, *Housetraining for Dummies* will provide the information you need to tackle the task.

It is a booklet, so short you can read in less than 15 minutes. I bought it to potty train my toy poodle inside, but the whole inside training it omitted, it just says to reference the full version. Total rip off. Do not waste your time or money with this mini version. It just gives you vague insights.

I searched and searched for a house training book. It seemed like all the books I came across covered crate training only. I wanted a book that covered other options in case my new puppy (or I) didn't like crate training. While this book focuses on crate training, it gives information on other options as well (paper, litter box). The author also provides options for dog owners who have to work during the day (I didn't find any other book that sympathized with such owners). The book has separate sections/schedules for puppies and adult dogs too so I could see how I should adjust as the puppy grew. I read the book before I got my new puppy. As I've been training my puppy, I am referring back to it often. What has been surprisingly helpful are the chapters on nutrition - how the food affects your dog's waste, and what can be done if there are issues. It also has some troubleshooting on other issues too - like "problem eaters." All in all, it has been just what I needed. I like having it as a quick reference instead of googling "house training a puppy" (the result being

hours upon hours of reviewing hundreds of web sites giving the same very basic information or conflicting information and failing to include trouble shooting tips). I should also note that I have the version published in 2002 (not the most recent, but still very useful and comprehensive).

I was pleased with the format of this book, and the simple instructions and explanations. I bought it to help me train my new puppy, and it was very useful. I'm not exactly a pro at dog training. This book made a big difference.

I have adopted a pitbull and this book helped me a lot. I recommend it! My puppy goes to the bathroom where he has to go! I also bought a "dog scent" to attract him to the place where the training pads are placed. This is part of the training. I praised him and NEVER yelled at him and the results are wonderful! I come home, and I only have to clean one spot, not all the house. Buy it.

I have read MANY books on all types of puppy and dog training, at many levels and areas, and by far recommend any book by, Faye Dunningham!! It's not that Housetraining For Dummies is not a good guide, it is. It's just that there are other books with more complete information. But if short and sweet is what you need, then this book will get you started.

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