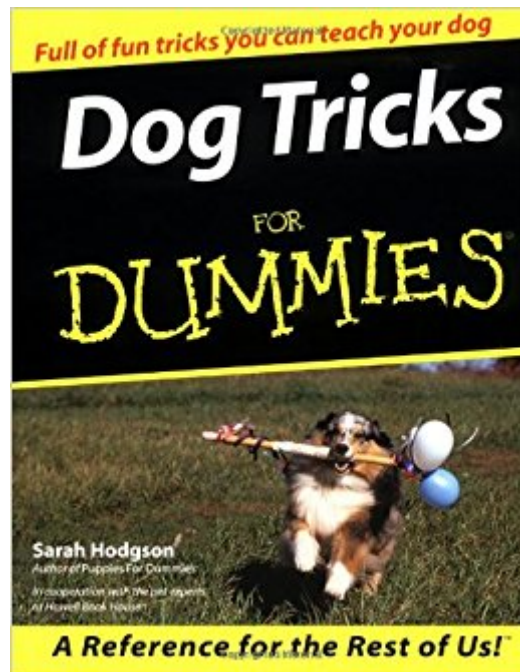




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# Dog Tricks For Dummies



## Synopsis

One of the reasons we share our lives with dogs is to enjoy their company—while they help us loosen our grip on this no-nonsense, career-driven world. Once you and your canine pal have serious training (for obedience, basic good behavior, and so on) under the belt, you can take the edge off by injecting the whole training process with some fun tricks and games. Tricks and games are open to dogs of all sizes, shapes, and ages. Every dog can learn to do something they'll enjoy. A Poodle, for example, can learn to dance. A retriever needs to fetch. Bichon Frises love their parlor tricks. Huskies want to pull a sled, herders love to herd, and so on. As for you, the dog owner, you need to be sure your pooch knows who's in charge. You need to be the trainer, not the trained, before you and your dog can move on to tricks and games. Dog Tricks For Dummies makes trick training fun for you and your dog. You can teach simple tricks, like wagging the tail on command, and more complex ones, like fetching a soda from the refrigerator. This handy guide also shows you how to

- Use basic commands such as Sit, Stay, Down, and Go.
- Teach good manners: Potty in one place, settle in one spot, pick up toys
- Identify your dog's personality: Eager Beaver, Comedian, Bully, and more
- Keep injuries at bay with a health plan
- Teach jumps (and when not to jump)
- Have fun in the snow: Sledding, skijoring, and tunneling
- Go hiking, backpacking, or carting with your dog
- Train your dog to run an agility course
- Play Frisbee and flyball
- Participate in pet therapy and at kids' parties

Sharing your life with a dog shouldn't be a militaristic venture, selfishly designed around what you want your dog to do. Owning a dog is about joining two different species, two different spirits, in a way that will make the world better for both.

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Easy-to-follow illustrations throughout The quick and easy way to make trick training fun for you and your dog This fun and friendly guide shows you how to teach your dog tricks, from the simple (wagging his tail) to the extraordinary (fetching a soda from the refrigerator). Dogs of all sizes, shapes, and ages can learn new tricks, and this book's clear, step-by-step instructions show you how to train your special friend to perform. Discover how to: Teach cool tricks Use basic commands Use tricks to solve behavioral problems Keep your dog motivated Participate in dog sports and games The Dummies Way®; Explanations in plain English "Get in, get out" information Icons and other navigational aids Tear-out cheat sheet Top ten lists A dash of humor and fun Get smart! [www.dummies.com](http://www.dummies.com)

Sarah Hodgson has been training dogs for more than a decade and has appeared on TV shows such as NBC's Today and The Rosie O'Donnell Show. She is the author of several dog books.

This book has a great lay out and the tricks are easy to understand. Worth the money.

This is a great book for beginners to clicker training. The book works its way up from basic commands to elaborate tricks like getting a soda from the refrigerator. And it actually looks easy. There are some great reference websites listed so you can look into the clicker training in more depth. I know how well it works because I have an old dog learning a lot of new tricks! She's a little havanese girl who is just so much fun. She is so excited to be able to please me. And because she is older (5 years), she is often bored and sleeping. This is a wonderful way to get her moving and having fun with me. I recommend this book highly. It works without the clicker too.

I have learned so much about teaching a pup easy tricks with this book. My dog learned to ring the bell to go potty. It was easy for this dummy to pick up the concepts and pick the ones I was willing to commit to (cuz it does take practice). The pups love the attention and the stimulation. I wish my mom had a book like this to train me....Really..the book gives great tips on training tricks, but also gives information on understanding and managing dog behavior in general. I highly recommend it.

One of the most fun books ever written . Easy to follow and a blast to use. I have recommended this book frequently over the years. All it takes is time, patience and a sense of humor

Exactly as described, but relies heavily on having a natural retriever.

Fun book.

I guess i am more advanced than i thought because this book covers the basics and I do mean very basics. For someone without any experience with dogs this may be a useful tool it just wasn't the right tool for me. I also don't clicker train my dogs.

Great book. I will teach my dog most o them and we will have a great time. Thank you. Thanks

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