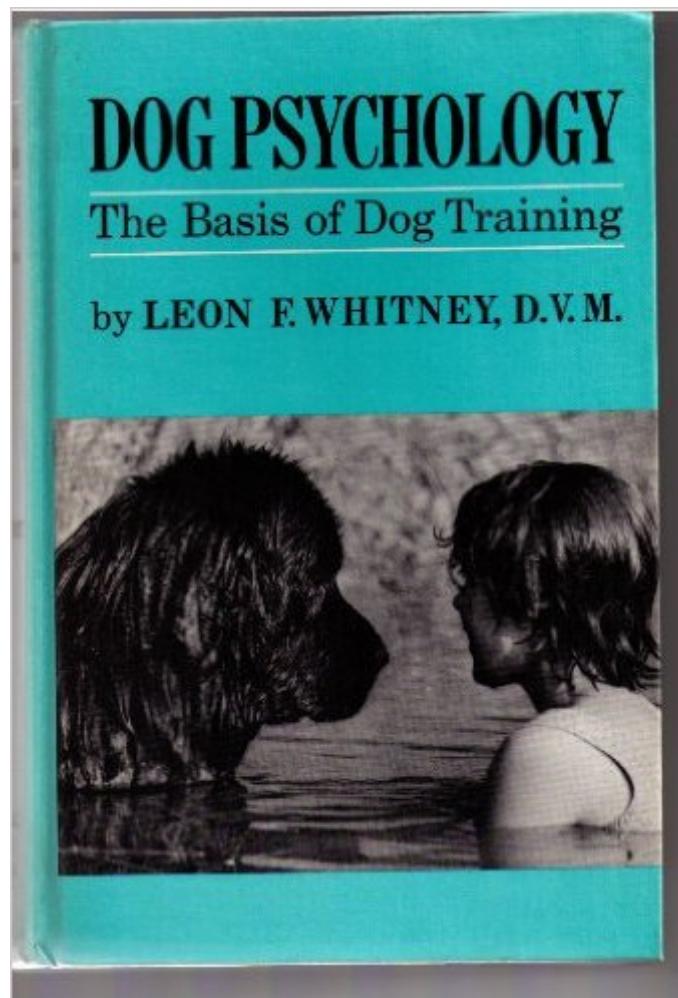


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# Dog Psychology; The Basis Of Dog Training,



## **Synopsis**

Cited by the Dog Writers Association of America as the Best Technical Book of 1972 and still just as applicable today, this manual interprets the physiological and psychological make-up of the dog -- allowing the owner to achieve optimum training results.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I like the approach to this book. The author breaks everything down in "laymen" terms and gives you examples with his own experience as well. He also gives you tips on training (ie. conditioning for upland bird hunting, field trials, guarding) and to let the dog do their natural thing and how to enforce this as positive behavior. My pyrenees is pretty stubborn and after reading other books on "positive reinforcement only" i.e. treats I was starting to get discouraged. It was not doing the trick. but this book states that you need to find the "drive" behind the dog in order for positive reinforcement to work. If you feed them before training, obviously getting a treat won't work because there "drive" food, has already been met. I was also surprised that many dog owners make the mistake of calling "come" to their dog when he runs away and won't listen to you. (Myself included). This is the wrong thing to do because your conditioning the dog to "run away" by associating the word "come" to it. How to solve this problem... You will have to read the book..

First I'd like to correct the TOTALLY ERRONEOUS statement someone else made in their review that this book used force to achieve anything. That is precisely the opposite of what Dr. Whitney recommends, and I think that person had never even looked at the book. These methods are fast,

simple, easy to follow, and use the dog's own innate wishes to achieve success. For instance, training to sit, down, shake. Place dog on a table - might have to secure him to something if he wants to jump down. Take treat, hold over nose and continue to move it back until dog sits. When it sits, give treat and reward with a "good boy". Does that sound like the dog is forced into position? No, and the rest of the training in the book is similar. Hold treat below table to teach down, hold just out of reach for shake, etc. He suggests separation from the family as correction, not rewarding bad behavior by lots of attention, simply taking the dog and putting him up when he misbehaves. Dr. Whitney stresses that training is MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE WHEN THE DOG THINKS UP THE CORRECT BEHAVIOR BY HIMSELF. This is NOT coercive, and it encourages the dog to think. You won't find a better book, IMO. You'll find modern people who took his basic ideas, changed them a little bit (like adding an operant for a faster sound reward) and wrote a book. They are good too. But in my view, this original book is best for the easiest, most practical advice you'll ever get.

This is an excellent book for those who want to understand the way a dog thinks. They may live among humans, they may mimic many of our ways, but they are not 4-legged human and we do them a dis-service by treating them as if they were. Dogs are dogs and are much happier when we understand that and treat them as such. That doesn't mean that we stop loving them, or taking care of them, it just means that when we understand why they do what they do, we're better equipped to live more amicably together.

He preceded Ian Dunbar, Cesar Milan, Bash Dibra and Victoria Stillwell. He understood dogs, their thinking, their behavior and though some of his methods are now considered old-school, no dog trainer is complete without reading some of Leon F. Whitney's books about dogs.

Still reading the book. Although geared toward hunting dogs, it provides insight to what might be going on inside your dog's head during certain behaviors. As far as training, I'll have to wait until I've read the whole book to comment.

So far I've read 3 chapters and I already like this book. It is very detailed. It starts off good with an introduction of the wolf. Explaining how they are related and how the dog evolved from the wolf. I will write another review once I am done with the book. Much love Maurice G. (3 American Pit Bull Terrier owner)

This is a book recommended by Cesar Milan. Shortly after we adopted our 6 month old Rottweiler, we realized he had a few behavior issues that we had not been told about. This book helped us to understand why he did certain things and we were able to help him (and us) work through them to make him a better dog.

Excellent information. Not the easiest read for me and I'm reading it a second time now. Will probably a third time at some future point.

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