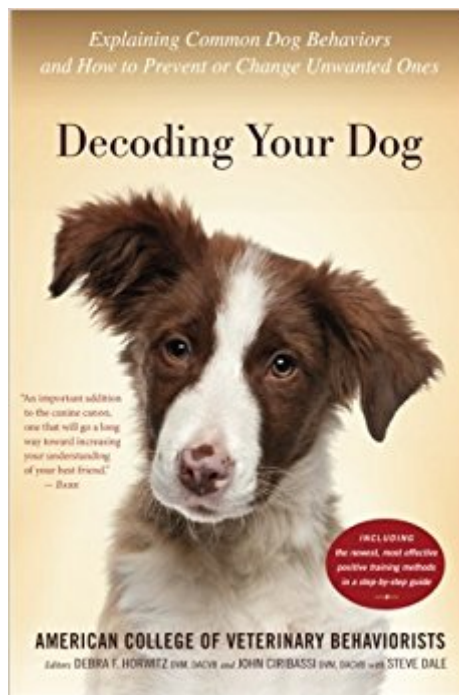


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# Decoding Your Dog: Explaining Common Dog Behaviors And How To Prevent Or Change Unwanted Ones



## Synopsis

“Although this book has a scientific basis, it was written in a manner that is easily understandable for laypersons. *Decoding Your Dog* will be a valuable addition to the library of any small-animal practitioner or dog owner.”  
—Angela Bockelman, DVM, Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association  
Unwanted behavior is the number-one reason dogs are relinquished to shelters and rescue groups. Dog owners face a plethora of trainers offering a bewildering variety of advice. From rewards to dominance training, from shock collars to clickers, there are too many theories peddled by too few trained experts. Finally, the board-certified specialists of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists are here to decode how dogs think, how they communicate, and how they learn. Combining cutting-edge science with accessible and adaptable real-life examples, this is a must-have dog behavior guide showcasing the latest veterinary-approved positive training methods. *Decoding Your Dog* will resolve the complaints, answer the curiosities, and, ultimately, challenge the way we think about our dogs. “[The] authors nimbly craft a basic primer for grasping dogs’ demeanor and in the process offer up the best life insurance policy you can buy for Fido.”  
—Ranny Green, coauthor of *Good Dogs, Bad Habits*  
“*Decoding Your Dog* is an important addition to the canine canon, one that will go a long way toward increasing your understanding of your best friend.”  
—Bark

## Customer Reviews

**\*Starred Review\*** The American College of Veterinary Behaviorists is an organization of veterinarians with advanced training and experience in the field of applied animal behavior. More than 90 percent of pet owners feel that their dog is part of the family so the need for good communication between dog and owner becomes obvious if that familial relationship is to be positive for both species. Behavior problems in pets can erode that relationship, and without successful training or treatment, the result may be the loss of the dog to a shelter or to euthanasia. In 14 chapters, veterinary behaviorists walk dog owners through the stages of dog ownership. A basic chapter on learning to speak “dog” starts us off, followed by essays on choosing a dog, house training, behavior training, and training tools. Chapters on common issues, such as separation anxiety, aggression, sound phobias, and compulsive behaviors, teach how to retrain the dog, and a final chapter on the aging canine rounds out the book. Boxes defining terms used in the chapter or containing in-depth coverage of a behavior fill many sections, and each chapter ends with a “What Did We Say?” summary. Libraries and dog owners may

have found the holy grail with this title. --Nancy Bent --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"Kudos to the Veterinary Behaviorists! Decoding Your Dog is a welcome addition to the voices supporting science-based and benevolent dog training. Read this book and your dog will thank you for it!" -- Patricia B McConnell, PhD, CAAB, author of The Other End of the Leash: Why We Do What We Do Around Dogs

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