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Your reading pathways, collection catalog, and file guide.



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THE HAPPY DOG LIBRARY | FIRST EDITION

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Welcome to the collection

You do not have to read eight books before helping your dog. Begin with the question that matters today. Each concise guide has its own focus, and the printable companion helps you turn useful ideas into everyday habits.

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Find your next read

01 - Welcome Home, Best Friend

Choose a dog thoughtfully, prepare a manageable home, and organize arrival, routines, and a realistic care budget. Start here before adoption or when a dog has just joined the household.

02 - The Puppy Start-Smart Guide

Work on toilet routines, comfortable rest, positive social learning, chewing, mouthing, and gentle handling. Use the toilet log and social-learning record alongside the guide.

03 - Everyday Training, Happier Together

Practice attention, hand targeting, settling, recall, loose-lead walking, exchanges, and greetings. Begin in easy settings and use the training log to record what your dog can do comfortably.

04 - A Calmer Life with Your Dog

Observe the setting behind barking, excitement, fear, and conflict. Build management into daily life and recognize when professional help is needed. Use the behavior diary for factual observations.

05 - The Everyday Dog Care Handbook

Organize preventive-care conversations, grooming, medication instructions, caregiver handovers, and urgent-care preparation. Keep the emergency contact page somewhere easy to find.

06 - Food, Treats & Healthy Habits

Understand feeding decisions, track extras, and make training rewards fit the plan. Simple serving ideas are treats, not nutritionally complete homemade diets. Use the food record to prepare veterinary questions.

07 - Play, Explore & Connect

Find manageable games, better walks, travel preparation, social choices, and rainy-day activities. Build an enrichment menu around your own dog's preferences.

08 - Every Dog, Every Life Stage

Adapt routines to individual needs, young adulthood, sensory or mobility changes, and the senior years. Use the comfort journal and lifetime review to notice what needs to change.

Choose a reading pathway

New adoption: Read 01, then 05 and 03. Add 04 if the dog has difficulty settling or coping. Use the home checklist, care profile, and training log.

New puppy: Read 02, then 03 and 06. Keep 05 available for care organization. Use the toilet log and social-learning record.

Everyday adult-dog life: Read 03, 06, and 07. Use the food record and weekly enrichment menu. Read 04 for behavior-related questions.

Senior companion: Read 08 and 05, then adapt activities from 07 with professional guidance. Use the comfort journal and caregiver sheet.

If there is an immediate health or safety concern, contact the appropriate professional instead of treating a reading pathway as the next step.

Use the companion workbook

The workbook is designed for printing and handwriting; it is not an interactive form. Print individual pages as needed, including extra copies of logs. You do not need to complete every page.

Begin with the dog profile and emergency contacts. Choose one habit to observe for a week. Write factual notes, review patterns, and make a small adjustment. Take relevant records to appointments when they help explain what you have noticed.

The 30-day connection plan is a flexible sequence of observations and gentle activities. Repeat or skip tasks to fit your dog's health, comfort, and stage of learning. It is not a promise of training results within 30 days.

The name finder offers 100 ideas and a shortlist page. Choose something your household can say comfortably and associate it with pleasant attention. A dog's name can change through patient, rewarding practice.

File formats and household use

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