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**Best Friends** by American Kennel Club. An Elementary School Program about Dogs and Responsibility for Grades K – 6. Presentation length: 12 minutes. Shows dogs as companions and at work assisting people that are blind, deaf and in wheelchairs. Also encourages the pet owner to properly care for and train their pets. The final few minutes feature people advocating for spay/neuter, obeying leash laws and being responsible for your pet’s safety. There is no in-depth information provided but very nice footage of happy, healthy dogs. DVD also is available with handouts that can be copied and distributed to youth.

**Your New Dog and You** by American Kennel Club 2003
Length: 28 minutes. Experts from AKC talk about basic dog care, nutrition and training. Gives helpful ideas on preparing your home for a new puppy, grooming and teaching the five essential commands for Canine Good Citizens as well as the importance of proper socialization.

**Safety Around Dogs** by American Kennel Club 2003
Length: 14 minutes. AKC’s Safety Education Program for Children includes activity copy masters. This video is a must see for families that have not had much exposure to dogs. *Excellent information but geared towards elementary age children.*

**Sirius Puppy Training** by Ian Dunbar
Length: 90 minutes. Emphasizes building a strong foundation for future training with your puppy. Demonstrates basic obedience and socialization, including dealing with puppies that nip. Dr. Dunbar adds a twist of humor to reinforce that training should be fun for you and your puppy. *Highly recommended for any new puppy owner, youth or adult.*

**Dog First Aid** Produced by the American Red Cross, sponsored by Iams. Based on the popular Pet First Aid course offered by the American Red Cross, the world’s leader in First Aid Emergency Instruction. Length: 30 minutes. *Recommended for older youth and adults.* For order information contact [www.acrossla.org](http://www.acrossla.org)

**Click & Treat Training Kit** Version 1.1 by Gary Wilkes 2006
Length: 56 minutes. Good introduction to clicker training with a variety of dogs. Explains shaping the behavior – associating the click to identify correct behavior, then progressing to introducing cues for the behavior. Demonstrated using the clicker to work some basic obedience and teach some tricks, such as rollover and high five. *Recommended for youth Grades 6 and up.*

**Competitive Agility Training** with Jane Simmons-Moake: 1996
**Video #1: Obstacles** Length: 1 hour 20 minutes. An excellent introduction to all the AKC obstacles – entertaining & informative. Emphasizes the need for clear communication with the dog, patience and positive reinforcement. Appropriate for adults and youth 10 years and older regardless of experience level.
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Dog Resource Handbook: by The Ohio State University Extension, 2008  10M-P18737
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The 4-H dog program provides positive learning experiences and opportunities for diverse youth, encouraging them to reach their potential through year-round active involvement in dog projects and activities. Dog projects provide the catalyst for youth to experience and practice life skills until they are mastered and used in everyday activities, helping them develop as competent, capable, caring, and contributing citizens. This is a great resource that every 4-H Dog Club should own!  *Recommended for all 4-H Youth and Volunteers.*

*The Power of Positive Dog Training* by renowned dog trainer Pat Miller gives you the positive training tools you need to ensure that you and your dog share a lifetime of fun, companionship, and respect. Following her step-by-step, six-week basic training program, you’ll learn how to develop a relationship with your dog based on friendship and positive reinforcement, not fear and punishment. Plus, you’ll get: Information on the importance of observing, understanding, and reacting appropriately to your dog’s body language, Instructions on how to phase out the use of a clicker and treats to introduce more advanced training concepts, a helpful diary to track progress, suggestions for delicious treats your dog will respond to, and a glossary of training terms. This is a must read for those that want to learn about positive dog training!  *Recommended for adults and older youth.*

101 Dog Tricks contains a variety of training recommendations for your dog. While caution was taken to give safe recommendations, it is impossible to predict an individual dog’s reaction to the recommended handling or training. This book provides excellent photos illustrating the training steps. A great way to have fun training your dog. *Training may be a little oversimplified but a great resource of a multitude of fun tricks you can do with your dog.*

*Dog Training & Dog Tricks* is designed to introduce methods that are useful to train the common obedience commands, including those exhibited at 4-H fair competitions and AKC obedience trials. It will also explain how to teach your dog a variety of useful tasks and fun tricks. Tammie does a nice job offering both compliance and incentive based methods of training.  *Recommended for all 4-H Youth and Volunteers.*

*Pawsitively Youth: A Guidebook about Dogs for Community Outreach Leaders* is a self-directed learning guide intended for use by a teen or adult leader who has a basic level of knowledge about canines, dog-handling experience, and a passion for dogs. The learner will find
background information about animal behavior theory; current training philosophies; a primer about dog anatomy and health considerations; as well as research-based information about canine nutritional needs and feeding regimes.

**Dog Insight:** by Dr Pam Reid. 2011. ISBN-10: 1617810541 InSight to better understand and train your dog. In over forty fascinating essays, Pam explores a wide range of topics, including learning theory, training techniques and behavior problems. You will learn: Why early enrichment and socialization are crucial when raising a puppy. Why you should take puppy temperament tests with a grain of salt. Why dogs are incredibly adept at reading body language and solving certain kinds of complex problems but spectacularly dense when facing other tasks. **Recommended for Older Teens and Adults with an interest in viewing training from a scientific viewpoint.**

**The Thinking Dog: Crossover to Clicker Training.** By Gail Fisher. 2009. ISBN-10: 192924262X In this book Gail Fisher discusses the challenges in crossing over from traditional training methods to clicker training as well as the nuts and bolts of how to clicker train.

**Coaching People to Train Their Dogs** by Terry Ryan. 2008. Filled with practical information, expert advice, lesson plans and class handouts for dog training instructors. Includes information on Ethology, Learning Theory, People Skills and Class Organization. **Recommended for teens and adult seeking in-depth training instruction.**

**Bones Would Rain From the Sky** by Suzanne Clothier. 2005. Rather than simply trying to "train" animals to behave in a certain way, Clothier focuses on improving the existing relationship between pet and owner. To help readers gain some insights into more effective training, Clothier offers anecdotes about her clients. Particularly important is the dog's connection to the owner and the ability of the two to communicate effectively. This is not a how to book or a quick read and definitely for older readers.

**Animals in the Classroom:** by David C. Kramer 1989 ISBN 0-201-20679-X
**Animals in the Classroom** is a sourcebook for elementary and middle school teachers who are interested in keeping a variety of small animals in the classroom—such as earthworms, snails, crickets, spiders, hermit crabs, frogs, hamsters, and rabbits. For each animal, the book provides information on: Natural history, How to obtain the animal, Housing and diet, How to handle the animal, What to do with the animal when the project is over, Observations, activities, and questions for students.

**Beyond Fetch:** by D. Caroline Coile, Ph.D. 2003 ISBN 0-7645-1767-8
**Beyond Fetch** fun, interactive activities for you and your dog. You know your dog wants to play! But how many times can you toss that same old tennis ball? Go **Beyond Fetch,** with Mind games that challenge your dog to learn and remember, Backyard athletics that will keep you both leaping and laughing, Party games for every dog and dog-lover you know, Doggy vacations that will make memories that last a lifetime, Outdoor adventures that will challenge your skills, and your dog’s skills, Dog toys your dog will love.
ISBN-10: 0-7573-1366-3

*Chow Hounds* you will discover: A step-by-step weight loss plan and tips to overcome begging, Homemade meals and healthy treats that won’t pack on the pounds, How to avoid the unscrupulous marketing and packaging of some pet foods, supplements, and weight-loss formulas, The best activities and exercise to maximize your pet’s fitness without maxing out your time. With cutting-edge science and ultra-practical tips, Dr. Ernie will help you give your dog the gift of great health that he or she deserves.

**Fitness Unleashed! A dog and owner’s guide to losing weight & gaining health together**  
ISBN 10-0-307-33858-4

*Fitness Unleashed* is a program that builds on the wonderful, powerful bond between people and pets, and because it’s constructed around that supportive, enjoyable relationship, it brings up positive associations in both two-legged and four-legged participants.

**Other Resources Available for Check Out**

**Ohio State Learning Lab Kits**

Learning Lab Kits are specie specific, hands-on, durable learning materials used for teaching and evaluating knowledge of livestock and companion animals. Perfect for classrooms, 4-H clubs, skillathons and more.  *Highly recommended for use in 4-H club meetings. Can be used for all 4-H ages but should be used under close supervision as these items are costly to replace.*

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- Horse
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- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Sheep
- Swine

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