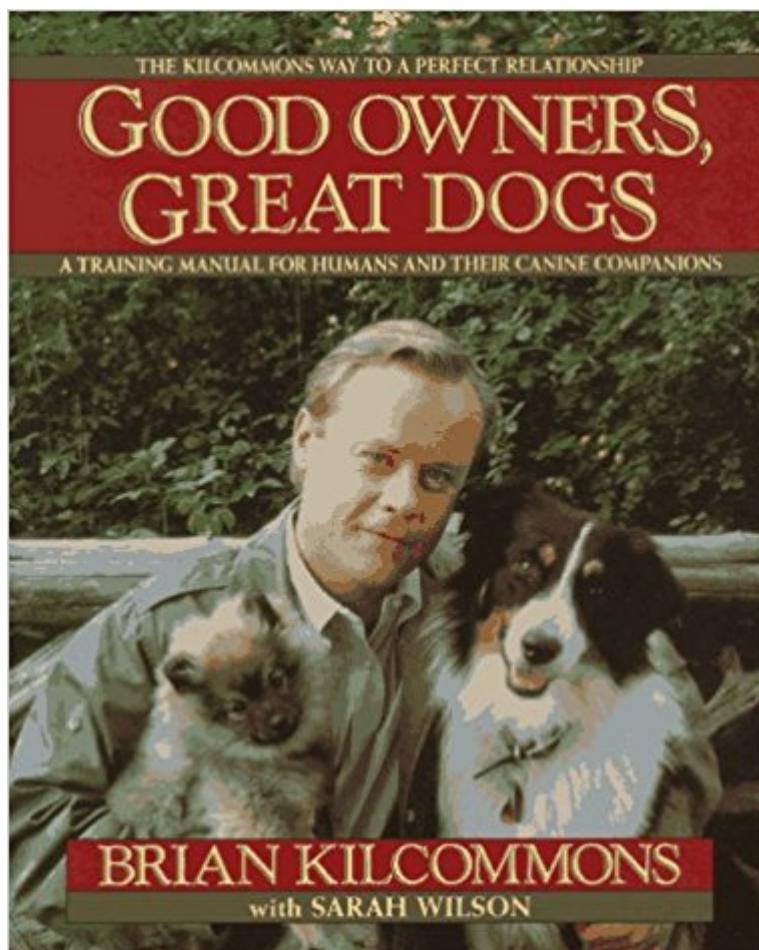


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# Good Owners, Great Dogs



## **Synopsis**

One of the world's foremost experts on dog training and animal behavior offers a comprehensive, practical, and innovative guide to dog ownership, care, and training. Kilcommons teaches dog owners how to master the effective training skills that will result in obedient, well-behaved pets who can accompany their owners anywhere.

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INSTEAD OF GOING OUT OF YOUR MIND, GET INTO HIS. The only American to study and work with the renowned Barbara Woodhouse, Brian Kilcommons solves all those "bad dog" problems that drive owners crazy -- and shows you how to raise a puppy into a happy, perfectly behaved dog. The trick is to understand how dogs think, read their body language, and, with the secrets Kilcommons shares in this book, be "fun, fair, and firm". A dog-training guide that gives you immediate results even with an adult dog, this manual trains you, as it gives owners everything they need and everything dogs need to become...GOOD OWNERS, GREAT DOGS! Includes specific tips on how to: -- housebreak both puppies and adult dogs-- teach your dog to come to you regardless of what he's doing-- end annoying habits like jumping, food stealing, and barking-- prevent aggression and, in many cases, stop it after it has become a problemuse games to teach your dog to obey...and much more. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Own several dog training books and videos. Like the authors use of dog psychology to explain why dogs do what they do and to use it to get the dogs to do what we want. I reference this book often. Incredible amount of information in one book. Definitely worth the price. Tex Salerno

I got this book in 1996 when I got my first pup. Kooka was a shelter rescue who was part lab and part St. Bernard. When, at four months old, he pulled me right off the porch face first onto the driveway, I thought, "One of us has to be in charge". So I asked around and this book was recommended. I devoured it and put its lessons to use. Kooka and I worked daily on our lessons (these are all about teaching us to help them learn) together and I have to say, he was a nearly perfect dog. He was welcome everywhere because he was so well behaved. I just bought this book for my nephew who is the proud new owner of a doberman pup--she has HUGE paws and he's going to have to train her early. That is not to say this info can't be used to improve the lives of dogs (and their owners) at any age. It's a common sense, humane, "smack-free" way to train. Kilcommons and Wilson know their stuff. They have a newer title out: "My Smart Puppy" that comes with a DVD--that alone is worth the price of the book. These are invaluable lessons for owners of all breeds and ages of dog/pup. Do your canine family members the favor of these lessons. This book helped me to understand how dogs think--very different than we, and how to communicate what we need them to do in a way they can quickly understand.

I have bought this book for friends who are getting dogs. It was a required reading for me when I was going to get one of my friend's dogs. Am I glad she did! Both of my dogs were trained as the book recommended, from potty training to commands. Even though it's been 13 years since I first read the book, I still pull it out for reference for friends and myself. If you take the time and follow through on your actions, it's amazing what your dog is capable of doing! I would recommend this book to anyone who has a dog, wants a dog, or owns a dog. The condition of the used book was what it stated.

I've got many dog books and I like this one best. I just got it. Very user friendly and helpful. From dog psychology, puppyhood, and to adult rehomed dogs like mine, with accompanying issues. It's encouraging info. Ordered the book used and it came quickly and as described. Thank you.

A really good, solid book that will help anyone with a puppy learn how to teach their dog. It covers

basic commands, socialization, and helps with challenges and problem situations. It is a well organized book, with highlighted tips in the margins that makes reading and referencing pretty easy. My vet had recommend the book to us and I am glad that she did. We found it to be a very helpful book and can recommend it for both those with no puppy training experience and also for experienced dog families. It is jammed packed with intelligent, common sense instructions that really can help to make Good Owners and Great Dogs.

My sister give me this book 10 years ago, everything you need to know is in this book, no other books needed. A neighbor girl took in a lost dog, he had no home, was dirty weak and hungry. He slept outside for 2 weeks and was afraid of everyone. Except for this one 11 year old girl. I ordered this book for her and she has done a great job of training him. She has a new buddy, that's also his new name.

has a good deal of information but some of it seems quite dated ..not in keeping with the trend to positive training that is now popular.

As the title cheekily suggests, the key to good dog behavior is good owner behavior. When my beloved terrier mix of 17 years passed in February, I wasn't sure I wanted another dog at all, but I was sure I didn't want another terrier. I loved my dog dearly, but he was a bit of a handful at times. After reading "Good Owners...", "Paws To Consider" and TiVo-ing every episode of "The Dog Whisperer", I realized a lot of my dog's issues had been my issues! Ouch! So, when I agreed to foster Flash 2 weeks ago, I was clear that I would only foster him 'til a forever home could be found, as he is a Cardigan Welsh Corgi/Jack Russell Terrier mix. He had been abused and his owners had given him to the shelter with nothing more than a name. With "Good Owners..." never more than an arms-length away, I decided to go ahead and exercise him daily and start trying out my new-found skills, so I would be ready when I found "my" dog. Needless to say, 3 days later I called the rescue group and told them they were never getting Flash back. Simply put, the book works!! Flash is walking calmly on a loose lead, doesn't flinch anymore when he passes a man or a loud truck, sits and lays down on command, and we've just started working on "stay". I never realized how crucial daily, brisk exercise is for even a smaller dog. The authors say, "A tired dog is a good dog" and they've made a believer out of me. I would have never expected such good things from a JRT. The BEST part is, his separation anxiety has all but disappeared! He's learned to remain calm when I get home--er, I mean I'VE learned to remain calm when I get home and not baby his anxious

behavior. He gets affection & attention when he's calm, which is now happening within about 90 seconds, thanks to this book. It works like a charm!!

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