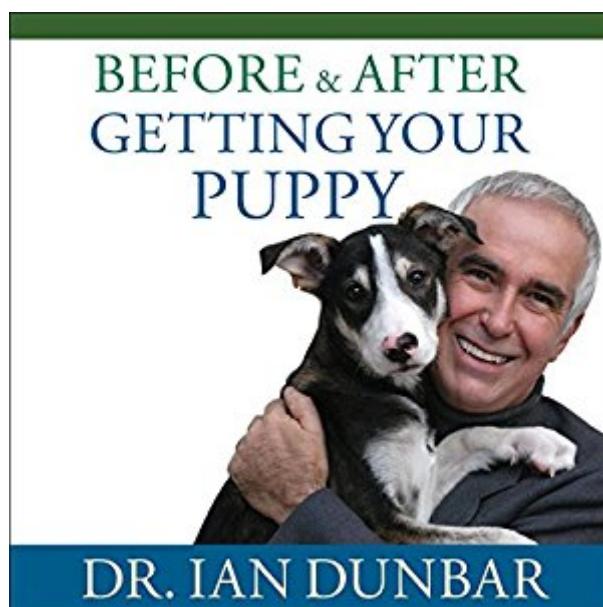


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# Before And After Getting Your Puppy: The Positive Approach To Raising A Happy, Healthy, And Well-Behaved Dog



## Synopsis

Before and After Getting Your Puppy is a simple, practical guide for anyone bringing a new puppy into the family. In clear steps, with easy-to-follow training deadlines, Dr. Ian Dunbar, who pioneered puppy classes and a loving style of dog training in the 1970s, presents a structured yet playful and humorous plan for raising a wonderful dog. The guide is based on six developmental deadlines: Completing owner education and preparation Assessing a puppy's prior socialization and education Teaching errorless house-training and chew-toy training Completing a socialization program of meeting strange dogs and people Learning bite inhibition A continuing program of ongoing training In the first half of the book, Dr. Dunbar focuses on what the owner needs to know to select a great puppy. In the second half, he presents the crucial lessons the puppy must be taught during its impressionable early development. Over time, Dr. Dunbar's kind, positive program has been proven the most effective.

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## Customer Reviews

SO helpful for crate training, potty training, and getting my dog on a consistent schedule. Information on puppy socialization (meeting 100 people of all ages, genders, and physical attributes), puppy milestones, and exposing your puppy to various sounds, textures, obstacles, moving objects, etc. Also helpful for some basic commands such as sit, down, puppy push-ups, stay, etc. I read this book and Good Owners, Great Dogs before I got my puppy and prior to starting puppy kindergarten. Dr. Dunbar is funny, has a great attitude about dogs and dog misbehavior (it is

always the human's fault!), and though many parts of this book are repetitive, repetition aids retention. Highly recommended!

Ian Dunbar is one of the foremost dog behavior experts. His approach is based on science: what techniques for raising puppies have been proven effective. His approach is also designed for those of us who are utterly human: our timing is imperfect and we are not 100% consistent -- there are no "don't try this at home" warnings here. With decades of experience as a behaviorist and trainer and informed with a veterinary degree, Dunbar has distilled experience and scientific research into a book that is easy and entertaining. Raise your dog according to the book and you will create what he calls a "bomb-proof" dog. My last two dogs have been raised strictly according to the book. No damage was done to my house (chewing, house-soiling, etc.) by them in their puppy-hood and I have phased out the crate for one (but not the other because she demands to go in it when she wants to relax -- very ideal). Both dogs live with senior dogs that are trained to eliminate on toilet sheets. Despite this, neither dog pees indoors - not at home nor in doggy day care even though many other dogs do so. Please see his website [dogstairdaily.com](http://dogstairdaily.com) for additional resources. And by the way, he's serious when he cautions training doesn't end at puppy hood, especially not classical conditioning: always reward your dog for polite interactions with people and other dogs for the lifetime of the dog.

Gives a lot of good info for first time puppy owners. I think the sections on how to potty train and crate train could be expanded. He gives good instructions for how to start both, but it's not realistic to keep taking my dog out every hour after the first couple weeks. How do you continue training (both potty and crate) as the puppy ages? I've found myself having to do additional research via google. :/

A classic description of what to expect in the puppy process. The book is loaded with great advice on how responsible owners should prepare for bringing puppy home and important milestones as puppy grows up. Some of the language used might make a pet owner feel like the consequences of not following the advice will lead to an unruly dog that will be given away, but I feel like that is only the author's attempt to remind the reader that socialization is of critical importance along with instruction on good manners. Dr. Dunbar is a well-respected behaviorist and his understanding of operant conditioning pairs fantastically with his views on how to improve the owner-dog relationship through frequent training and bonding sessions. I would recommend this book to any current or

future puppy owner, but in particular this text is suitable for those who are more interested in dog psychology and behaviorism. This is definitely a manual on how to raise an attentive, obedient dog and is not necessarily the best for owners who do not want to modify their puppy's behavior or who don't want to integrate training into a lifestyle.

This is the best book I have ever read on training yourself and your puppy. A must read reference for every one anticipating getting a puppy. I read and studied this book for a full year before I found the right dog. If you want to raise a dog who is sociable, obedient, and a great lifetime companion, this is the right book. Everything is easy to understand and makes sense and helps you to understand the importance of reaching goals at the right stages of a puppy's life. I have used it to train two puppies and I am very confident in understanding how to raise a successful puppy. My oldest dog is one of the best dogs I have ever known. She is a Westie and they are known for being difficult to train and very stubborn. She is completely obedient and the smartest dog I have ever seen. My current puppy is learning quickly what is expected to do and what he can expect from me. I reread this book before the last puppy and it helped so much. If you are only going to get one book, get this one.

I have really liked this book (I reread it after finishing it). Other reviewers thought the information could have been covered in a book with far few pages, and I agree, to point . However, I think it is Dunbar's teaching technique to repeat the key principles so that they sink in with the reader. He sets lofty goals for socializing your puppy, and if you can accept that you probably won't quite reach his target, you will have tried your best, for your dog.

My husband and I are becoming puppy parents in a few weeks, I've worked with dogs before, he hasn't. I was looking for a book that would have some practical advice on how to prepare for our pups arrival and how to train our puppy to grow into a well behaved adult dog. This book offers practical, common sense advice and also gives some tips that one would only get from a professional trainer. The book is repetitive at times, but I believe that is done to help drive home a point. It is organized into very helpful chapters that align with the developmental stages of your puppy and is focused as much on training dog owners as it is on training dogs. The "deadlines" provided are really guidelines and let you as an owner know what the critical points are in training a dog, but just like kids, all puppies are different, so you need to do what works for your dog. I've already marked important pages and anticipate looking back to this book often as I work with my

new pup!

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