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# ComPETability : Solving Behavior Problems In Your Multi-DOG Household

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### MULTI-DOG

Household



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FROM ONE OF AMERICA'S PREMIER PET EXPERTS!



## Synopsis

STOP THE GROWLS! People love dogs--and often "double their pleasure" by sharing their hearts (and pillows) with more than one. But dog behavior puzzles the most savvy pet owners especially when you add more pets to the furry equation. And behavior problems are the #1 reason pets lose their homes. This book helps any dog lover (whether you share your home with one or a dozen canines). It demystifies common behaviors and dog disputes, explains aggression (it's NORMAL!), solves pet potty challenges and dinnertime woes, and redirects normal (but aggravating) dog-to-dog behaviors. This guide explains aggressive dog behavior and dog fights, dog language, positive dog obedience training techniques, how to stop dog biting and prevent dog behavioral problems. You'll find detailed prescriptive how-to advice from premier dog trainers and behaviorists on the most common problems found in the multi-dog household. Step by step tips from this award-winning author and certified animal behavior consultant uses dog psychology to address:

- \*Dog bites, dog aggression, and dog fights
- \*Scared dogs, noise phobias, dog fireworks fears, and canine thunder phobias
- \*Canine separation anxiety, dog separation behaviors, and dog destructive behaviors
- \*Dog resource guarding of toys, food and owners
- \*Manage dog nutrition and meals
- \*Puppy house training and dog marking behaviors
- \*Positive dog training tips including clicker training, lure training, and obedience training
- \*Proper dog introductions
- \*Introduce dogs and a new baby or kids
- \*How to introduce dogs to cats
- \*Reduce bullying behavior
- \*How to choose pet friends to reduce growls
- \*Solve common pet peeves: barking, puppy chewing, dog digging, puppies eating poop, dogs rolling in poop, dogs jumping up, and more!

Fun, practical, and eminently informative, ComPETability helps you devise strategies that enable multiple dogs to live in harmony within the same household. Written by one of America's premier pet experts, the book explains everything the loving dog owner needs to know. Most important, CompPETability provides crucial tips on how to evaluate and match your pets' personalities, improve their relationships, and make your home a sanctuary for canine fun and peace. For more pet behavior advice refer to:

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## Customer Reviews

This Pet book arrived quickly. Briefly scanned it but not in depth since it is for a friend's dog. Looks like it will be helpful.

If I had, I would have made a few different choices from the beginning. She has compiled a ton of helpful information here. We are using these methods and suggestions to have a happier, more peaceful and well-integrated pack. Now we are able to recognize and head off problems as they develop. It has been especially valuable to learn to recognize that these three dogs have very different personalities and what works well for one of them doesn't work at all for another. We changed one simple thing in how we were dealing with the new dog's behavior and it worked! There is a lot to this book and sometimes it felt like SO MUCH information because she is addressing so many possibilities. Never fear, the answer to your issue is in there and so is the understanding about what causes many issues to begin with. Amy Shojai's book, ComPETability, showed us how to recognize the cues our dogs were giving us and how our reactions were sometimes making things worse, not better. The key is understanding and that is what this book helps you do.

Good all around coverage of possible problems and solutions. I really appreciated the advice on assessing the dangerous aggressive dog and the problem dog that could be redirected. My

problems were eventually solved by water spray bottles , then a small can of pheromones !

As someone who works with rescued dogs I frequently look for help in trying to get an abused, neglected, sick or traumatized animal to fit into a household with other animals. This is a well-written and well-researched look at canine behavior and how to socialize, train and use the animal's own instincts to help you train and introduce new dogs. There was humor and wit enough to keep it interesting. I especially appreciated the suggestions and tips on natural products. I have managed a multiple dog home for many years. I learned some things to do better and some things that I should change. I highly recommend this book for anyone -- one dog or more. I also read several sections out loud to my dogs, and they agree that it is well worth reading. I purchased this as a Kindle edition.

Don't let the title fool you - this book would be good for someone with just one dog as well, as it gives a lot of good information on why dogs do what they do, what can cause a lot of the common behavior problems, and how to help dogs and people get along too. It was recommended to me for helping a dog become less afraid of strangers, and there are tips I will be using to help out a friend's dog. This is a good reference that sees dogs as the complex creatures they really are in accordance with more up to date research, instead of oversimplifying them into a range of "dominant" and "submissive" behaviors. There is also an overview of the modern training styles, and the differences between various types of reward and punishment, and when they are best applied. Most of the methods involve a combination of positive reinforcement and what is known as "negative punishment", while avoiding accidental reinforcement of unwanted behaviors.

As the pack leader of a newly blended 4 dog household, I've had my share of problems. A small beagle, two medium sized labs, and a large lab (all rescue dogs) makes for a chaotic mix. Reading Competability helped me to understand the problems we were having and how to prevent them in the future. Right off the bat, I was making changes in how I interacted with the dogs and they were displaying more desirable behaviors. I've read a lot of books about dog behavior, but this author used great examples and broke things into easy to accomplish steps. Her writing style was clear and understandable. Though I received this free on Story Cartel, unlike some free books this is one I will refer to again and again and will recommend to friends with dogs.

The book title says it's for a Multi-Dog household but, it has good training advice that can be used for people with just one dog. I tried the technique for stopping multi-dog play when it gets too

aggressive and it worked! My 8 year old dog sometimes barks and stops the play when it gets too aggressive with the two younger dogs. Maybe she already read the book! I received this book free for my opinion, but I would have bought it as a reference book.

There's so much useful information packed in this book, I don't even know where to begin. I should state first off, I received this book free in exchange for an honest review, but I would have gladly paid for it. I have three big dogs, a 13. yr old female, a 3 yr. old female and a 7 month old male. Just one little tidbit from the book "A pup's testosterone level falls to adult levels by 18 months" has shed light on the behavior of the other dogs towards our puppy so we know how to react properly. We owe it to our dogs to try our best to understand them and this book is a great tool for doing just that.

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