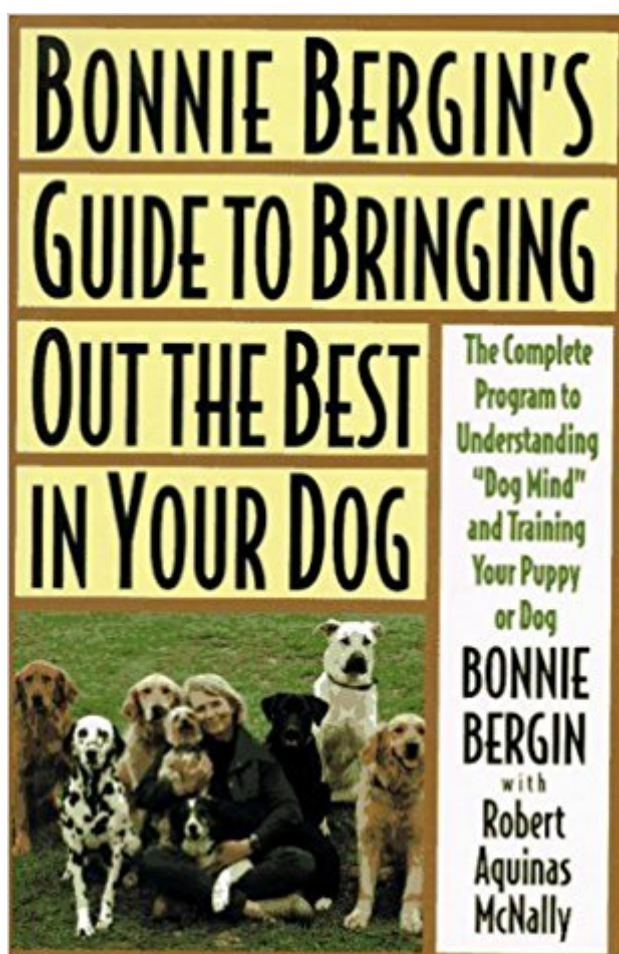


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# Bonnie Bergin's Guide To Bringing Out The Best In Your Dog: The Bonnie Bergin Method



## Synopsis

An experienced dog trainer and founder of the Assistance Dog Institute offers a training method for both pets and their owners that stresses the understanding of dog behavior as the key to successful communication. 20,000 first printing.

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## Customer Reviews

Bonnie Bergin, leader of the Assistance Dog Institute and the originator of Canine Companions for Independence, has written an excellent book about getting the most out of the relationship between dog and owner. More than just an instructional text for raising a canine, Bonnie Bergin's Guide to Bringing out the Best in Your Dog is an insightful, intuitive guide to understanding your dog. Bergin uses true stories about dogs and their owners to present facts and give opinions. She focuses on three main areas: your personal relationship with your dog, teaching and training your dog, and keeping your dog healthy. The book's many photographs illustrate each topic of discussion, including an especially entertaining series about dogs' moods and personalities. The book also addresses the most common misconceptions about dogs, such as "You can't teach an old dog new tricks," "Leaving a dog home all day is mean," and "It's natural for dogs to sniff everything, including people's crotches." In reference to old dogs, Bergin writes that, although puppies, like children, are most receptive to learning, adult dogs have longer attention spans and can focus better on learning. Incorporating poetry and humor, Bonnie Bergin's Guide to Bringing out the Best in Your Dog is a beautifully written celebration of man's (and woman's) best friend.

Am very pleased with Dr. Bergin's philosophy and approach. A very humane way to understand and work with and form an excellent bond with your dog. Emphasizes not who is in control, but how to match personalities (or behavior styles) of owner and dog before we even start working with our dog, or understanding our own and our dogs personalities so we can match our approach to our dog's needs or style. I've never encountered this concept and it makes so much sense. We want our dog personality to match ours as much as possible (our mates are usually opposites, but not our pets) and Bonnie helps the reader understand this very well. This and the sections on emotional balance and how to achieve it are the heart of this book, and something every dog owner should read and understand. She also includes two chapters on training, teaching 43 basic or core commands and how to do it easily. This is a real confidence building book: laying down principles for building the bond we all want with our dog, and concrete approaches to teaching our dog specific commands that we can expand on ourselves. A must for every dog owner.

This book has been around for a long time. It makes training simple by giving you the tools you need to understand your dog.

Good experience, thanks

love the book, writing styles, and organization. Well written, good examples for me to see and it helps in applying.

Most dog training books tend to be written for a standard person with a standard dog. If you and your pet are both standard then fine. Bonnie Bergin has written a book for the rest of us. Bonnie trains service dogs and unlike a 'how to guide for assembling your Bar B Q', Bonnie assumes that dogs are different and people are different. She has a structure for identifying personality types (both people and dogs). She then goes on to describe how these types interact and how to manage the relationship (still your responsibility) to get the most out of it. There is a lot of personality theory here but for someone trying to understand themselves and their dog, this is the best book I've found so far. It takes you beyond the fact that dogs are pack animals and gives you a richer relationship model than the one that says you should be the pack leader and your dog should be a member of the pack.

This book is a welcome change from books that try to make a dog a good pet by training the AKC

obedience exercises. Instead, this book helps you to understand yourself and your dog and then uses that understanding to train your dog to become the companion you always wanted. I find myself looking back into this book as I work with my own dogs and with my dog training students. It is a gold mine of information, tips and ideas. I have surprised myself by carrying it with me to read whenever I have a spare minute.

speaking as long time dog owner and dog lover and avid reader of all literature/canine 'bergin's book is,absolutley,the best thing out there.'

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