

The best tip I can give for dog/puppy training is to take your puppy to training classes as soon as you can. The sooner they start, the easier and more successful it will be. There are many very good training books available and I also recommend reading at least 1 or more books. However, books cannot replace the socialization a puppy gets from going to class with other puppies. Books also cannot observe you and give you pointers or answer any questions you might have. Training is fun and very rewarding for both you and your puppy. Puppies have an amazing capacity to learn complex demands quickly. Educating yourself in proper training methods that are easy and work well will make a world of difference. If you understand why your puppy is doing certain things then you will know what to do to correct him/her. This will leave you less frustrated and with a happier household and puppy. Putting the time into training your puppy to have manners will give you a well trained dog for his/her life.

Some good books on training are:

Sirius Puppy Training by Dr. Ian Dunbar
The Dog Listener by Jan Fennell

How To Raise The Perfect Puppy by Cesar Millan

Dog Training For Dummies by Jack and Wendy Volhard

Living With Kids And Dogs by Colleen Pelar

There numerous other books out there. I strongly recommend to do the reading before you get your puppy and then attend training classes as soon as you get your puppy.