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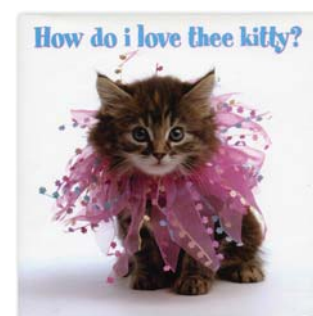
Compelling books on pets, care and just fun reading



How Do I Love Thee Kitty

If you love kittens (or know someone close to you who does) then this is the perfect little stocking stuffer. This book has delightful images of kittens couple with selections of romantic works from William Shakespeare. The chosen works fit well with the gorgeous photos. *"Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind, And therefore is wing'd Cupid painted blind."*

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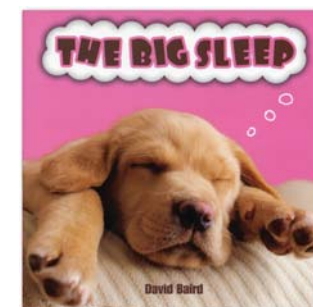


The Big Sleep

This is another little book big on charm for any animal lover. It features a wide array of animals dozing, sleeping, snoozing and lazing around. Each photo also features a literary extract to encourage us to take time out from our hectic lifestyles.

"If you want your dreams to come true then don't oversleep" Yiddish proverb.

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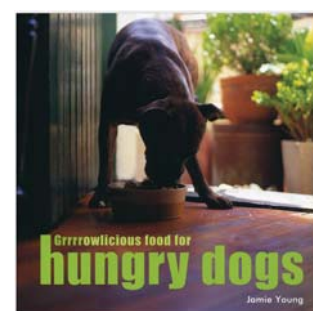


Grrrowlicious Food For Hungry Dogs

By Jamie Young

Melbourne based CPA and advertising executive turned dog chef and author, Jamie Young, decided it was unfair that he should be eating meals made from fresh produce when his beloved Staffie, Frodo, was dished up less salubrious fare. Jamie wanted to give Frodo the best diet possible and through his research found advocates for three kinds of diets for dogs-cooked, raw and meals consisting mostly of bones. Jamie decided to create a cookbook with some of his recipes-from main meals to treats-for dogs with good taste. We give praise for this book because unlike many US publications, recipes don't call for a can of this or a packet of that.

Published by Grrrr Enterprises RRP \$16.95

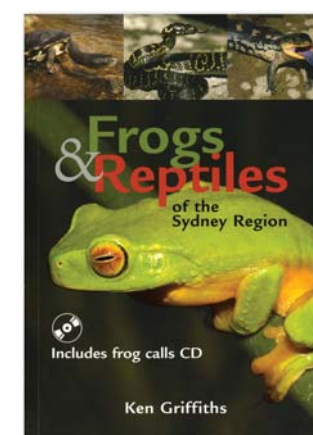


Frogs & Reptiles of the Sydney Region

By Ken Griffiths

Did you know there are over 130 species of frogs and reptiles to be found in the Sydney region-from Newcastle to Batemans Bay and out to the Blue Mountains? This informative guide has colour photos and descriptions on each species-from their appearance, diet and the areas they're common to. A CD of frog calls is also included.

Published by New Holland RRP \$24.95



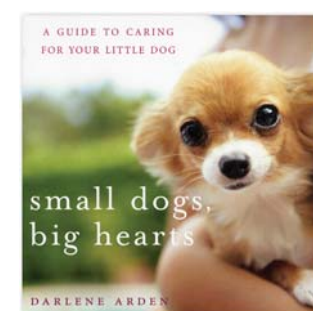
Small Dogs, Big Hearts-A guide to caring for your little dog

By Darlene Arden

From the title you're probably thinking that this is one of those little fluff books that tells you how to cart your Chihuahua around in your Chanel bag-wrong! Finally a sensible, well researched and written guide for the care, training and nurture of smaller breeds. The book covers development from puppy-hood to pensioner and looks at housetraining, socialisation, diet, basic training and nutrition.

This revised edition includes new information on breed specific health issues such as unhealthy knees, bad teeth and skin conditions. It also examines genetic problems that did not exist 10 years ago. Yes, some of this information may seem a little scary to readers but we give it a big thumbs up for the health concerns of specific breeds. This is essential reading for little dog owners as it answers many behavioural and health related questions.

Published by Wiley RRP \$30.95



Scared Poopless-The straight scoop on Dog care

By Chiclet T. Dog & Jan Rasmusen


Cue the applause for this wonderful resource and entertaining read. This fabulous book was awarded the Benjamin Franklin literary award. Normally we would think that anything written by a dog is a little nauseating, however, Chiclet, the four pound Maltese delivers some pretty interesting information on dog care.

We suspect that owner and writer, Jan Rasmusen, had a hand in guiding Chiclet's paws over the keyboard. Small dog health care is put in focus but there's also


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some illuminating reading for any dog owner. As this book was an independent publication, the subject matter and the research findings don't pussy-foot around some ugly realities-such as what really goes into some dog food. Rasmusen did countless hours of research and interviews with many respected and innovative veterinarians in the US. It was a labour of love and discovery as she desperately searched to find how she could save the life of Chiclet's housemate, Jiggy. Through this research, we believe this book will make readers look at dog care a little differently.

We found this book a little by accident (perhaps there are no accidents) and even through it's a US title where you'll have to order via the Internet, we felt that many of our readers would benefit from its contents and information. If there was an annual Urban Animal literary award this would be the hands down winner for 2006. Bravo Jan & Chiclet!

Order through www.dogs4dogs.com

It's Me Or The Dog-How to have the perfect pet

By Victoria Stilwell

It's that dog-inatrix dominatrix from TV and she's written a guide to training your unruly beast. Victoria Stilwell's actually written this book more on dog care, training and generally seeing the world from a dog's perspective. She explains how a dog learns and why the signals we give them are important. From selecting a puppy to choosing the right food, Stilwell's book goes into great detail on dog care. She also packs in what she does best, identifying problems and finding solutions, all with a handy bag of chicken treats and lots of praise.

This is a really easy guide for training with fabulous photos. Stilwell began her career in the theatre and then switched over to found a dog training company in London. Unfortunately she has no advice on how to make your partner do the dishes. * see except on page 19

Published by Harper Collins RRP \$29.95

Kindred Spirit, Kindred Care-Making health decisions on behalf of our animal companions

By Shannon Fujimoto Nakaya, DVM

Anyone who has had a pet with a serious or life threatening illness will know how confusing and emotionally challenging making the 'right' decision on treatment can be. Author, Dr Nakaya, has been active in various aspects of veterinary practice for over twenty years. In that time she's helped many patients and their owners make decisions on medical procedures and health care choices. This book takes a holistic approach to making health decisions on behalf of our beloved pets.

Dr Nakaya offers insights and practical advice on the human-animal bond, healthy living and graceful aging. This book looks closely at the understanding diagnoses, assessing the financial commitment of medical care, understanding options and graceful exits.

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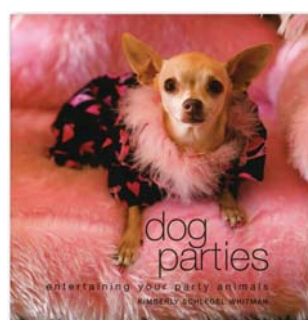
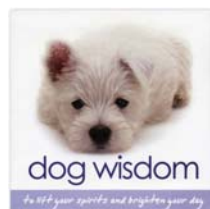
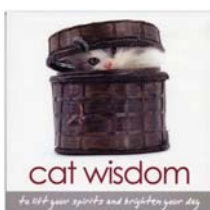
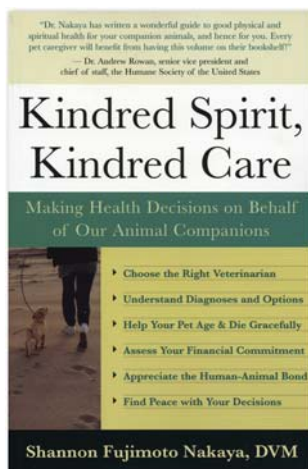
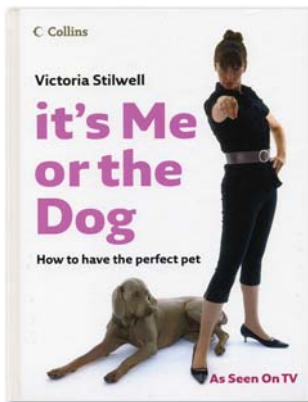
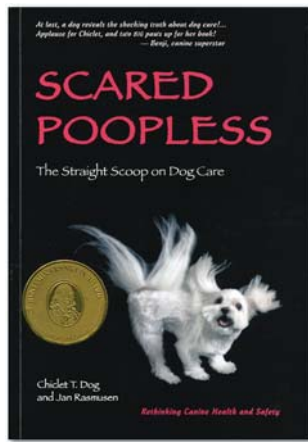
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Dog Parties-entertaining your party animals

Kimberly Schlegel Whitman

This is an extravagant look at how dog parties can really be done in a fancy way. This came across our desks just as we were organising our own Paw-dy (see our feature) and made us realise that they do it big in America for small dogs. Author, Schlegel Whitman is a socialite that believes that dogs should have their own swanky social occasions and is not afraid to go to great lengths to host the dog soiree of the season. An extravagant read for rich breeds!

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