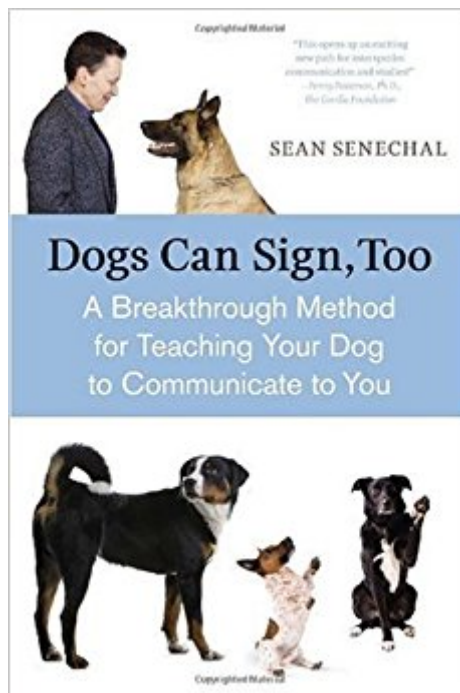




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Dogs Can Sign, Too: A Breakthrough Method For Teaching Your Dog To Communicate



Synopsis

Imagine being able to ask your poodle, "Who's at the door?" and having her respond, "It's Katy." Or asking your golden retriever, "Do you want a treat?" and him responding, "No, water." Or asking your Border collie, "Which toy do you want?" and getting the response, "Stick." If you've ever wondered what dogs would tell us if they could, now you can find out. The K9Sign system teaches dogs to communicate to us, making it a first in any dog training book category. *Dogs Can Sign, Too* is the first book dedicated exclusively to the K9Sign system for teaching dogs to communicate to their human companions using a vocabulary of gestures. This extraordinary education tool, developed by the creator of AnimalSign Language exclusively for the canine community, teaches people and their pets a unique mode of communication that employs an extensive lexicon of specific signs. Sample signs range from general concepts, such as "Food" or "Play" to identifying special treats, such as "Liver" or "Cheese" and specifying a favorite toy, such as "Ball" or "Frisbee." Signs also include useful questions such as "Who's that?" or "What type?" to naming a particular friend or family member, or even indicating a stranger. Learning and practicing K9Sign is a fun, challenging, and rewarding experience for both you and your dog that is sure to deepen the human-canine bond while expanding our ideas about interspecies communication.

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“This opens up an exciting new path for interspecies communication and studies!”
Penny Patterson, Ph.D., The Gorilla Foundation

* The first book to offer the K9Sign system, which teaches dogs to communicate with their human companions using a system of gestures. * 35 illustrations demonstrate the basic gestural vocabulary upon which to build consistent, sophisticated communication.

I was disappointed by this book. The premise is fantastic. But the author is a poor writer. The book was repetitive and poorly organized. She wasted around 5 chapters explaining how her method works over and over again, but suspiciously seemed to hint that it hasn't been tried or proven. That was confusing. She said her methods worked well in her school but in other places she seemed to not know of people have had success with her methods. The overall principle sounded solid, but I don't think you could teach yourself to do it with her lessons in the book because they referred to each other. Here is what I mean: she starts out with the lessons teaching your dog the signs, then she teaches you how to train your dog to sign back. But almost all of the "sign to your dog" methods told you to expect a sign back from your dog... which hasn't been learned yet. This isn't the author's fault, but it's also impossible to see what the dogs in the illustrations were doing because they were still photos. They were grainy black and white photos, but also most of the advanced behaviors are motion based which you cannot illustrate with a still photo.

No question the authors work and dedication to advancing understanding of our deaf canine friends is impressive; however it would be helpful if information could be condensed to cliff notes w/references to more extensive explanation. Also visual depictions are helpful to implementing training techniques. Would love to see a simplified publication w/this this information. Otherwise awesome body of work.

Altogether and invaluable advance in the possibilities for shared work and living with Domestic dogs. Lots of people, including animal behavior-cognition researchers routinely speculate about what their dog really meant by what it did. Now, with a modest amount of effort, you can get the dog's answer directly. Skip the mind-reading - ask! Did your dog really intend to send a message by that spot on the rug? So ask her or him! Get a real answer, don't just sputter that you wish you knew what she really wanted! If you ask him why he ate the TV remote control, you might get the answer

"Pizza," because you got pizza juice on it while watching TV, so the remote tasted good. Our deaf dog we asked why she chewed table legs; she answered "teeth hurt," -because her new adult teeth were coming in at the time. Women, teenagers and children are especially good at teaching family dogs to converse with them. Kids teach other children and dogs, because the kids at school are always teaching each other new words and slang, and it's fun. While we were at first teaching our dogs, we were amused to find that in the noise of adult parties we could converse between wife and husband by using Ms Senechals K9 gestures. - -Think of it as Twitter by gesture-signs. People who rely on service dogs and therapy support can readily use the gesture languages to enhance the dog's understanding of what their human really wants and needs. And if the dog is unable to do what their person asked, they can more clearly explain what the problem is and perhaps offer an alternative. The book is straight forward, uncomplicated and reliable. We used the methods Sean recommended, and discovered that our dogs, both normal hearing and deaf, soon began to invent their own new signs to expand their and our vocabulary to include their own topics.

I love reading this book. I haven't finished it yet but I like the idea that they can talk to me. I find myself asking them what they are trying to tell me, I give them options now. I ask them, do you need to go outside? Do you want a treat? Do you want up in my lap? Oddly, usually by the 3rd question they sit. whatever they sit to, I respond to. So I think there is something to this. I am going to keep reading. I think every pet lover should get this book and see what their pet tells them.

This is a wonderful tool that I'm using to train my deaf dog sign language and morse code. I'm really hoping my dog will be able to utilize this to her advantage. The author has experience and is a great teacher. I really appreciate this book and am in the process of training my dog.

Fantastic...recommended by deafdogsrock.com and worth every penny..my little boy has learned 6 signs so far in 3 weeks and he's partially blind (and not the shapest tool in the shed...shsh!) Thank for helping us Bond in a way I was beginning to think we never would.

Very good information

This is a great skill to learn for all dogs. Even if a dog can hear, sign language(hand signals) can be a better way to communicate in noisy places. But the dog without hearing especially needs to be taught this way of communication as a life skill. The human/dog bond becomes stronger and makes

your relationship even better.

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