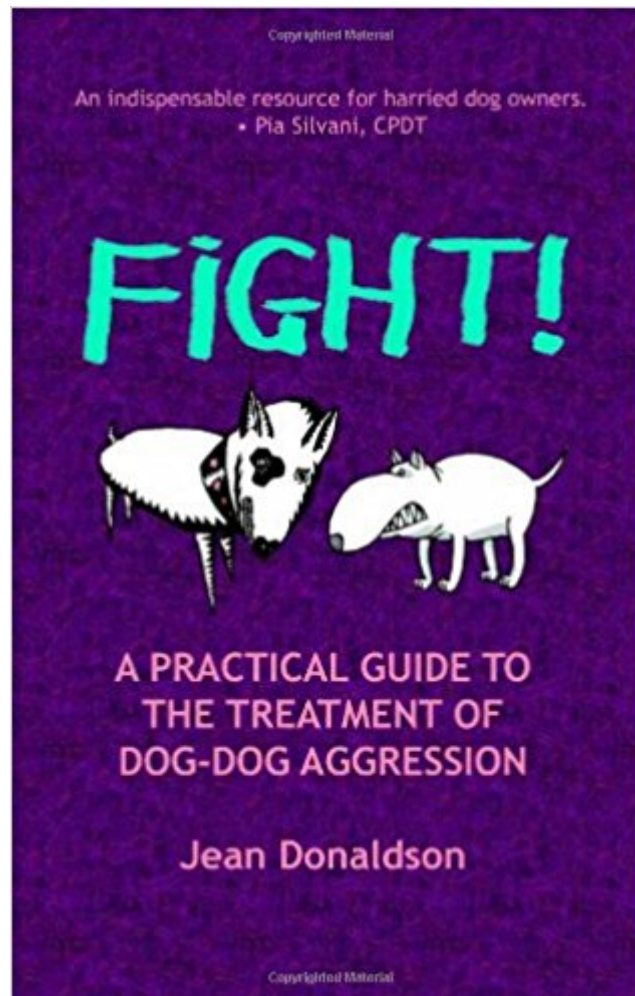




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Fight!: A Practical Guide To The Treatment Of Dog-dog Aggression



Synopsis

Is it fear or bravado that causes some dogs to want to "take on" other dogs? Learn how to analyze the underlying causes for dog-dog aggression and retrain your dog so she can play nicely with others.

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Customer Reviews

Once you pick up this book, you won't be able to put it down. Jean Donaldson has put together a long overdue book brimming with pertinent information about a cluster of complex behavioral problems that have perplexed dog trainers for years. --Pia Silvani, CPDT, Director of training and Behavior at St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center, author of *RAISING PUPPIES AND KIDS TOGETHER - A GUIDE FOR PARENTS*

Author Jean Donaldson has over 30 years experience in dog behavior and training. As the Founder and Director of the San Francisco SPCA Academy for Dog Trainers, Jean leads a new generation of dog trainers to better understanding of the research and science of canine behavior. Jean's award winning book, *The Culture Clash*, is a pivotal book in the dog trainer's library because it called into question many sacred assumptions about the origins of behavior and behavior problems. Jean lives in the San Francisco area with her Chow Chow, Buffy.

The book was advertised as a practical guide for people dealing with dog to dog aggression. However, I found it very technical and obviously geared for professional dog trainers. I am not a dog trainer. I personally have two dogs who have recently begun hating each other to the point where I

have to keep them separated. I was hoping for some in-home practical techniques. The book talks about working with "your clients". After reading it from cover to cover and re-reading parts I thought might be applicable, I am still having to consult a behaviorist to help me deal with the problem.

This is a great, in-depth book based on scientific research and observable behavior. It's unfortunate that the title, subtitle, description, etc. don't make it completely clear (though the author makes it very clear in the introduction) that this book is aimed at professional dog trainers, and not at your average dog owner. As a scientist (plant ecologist) who has also read some books on dog and cat behavior by scientists for lay audiences (Inside of a Dog <https://www..com/Inside-Dog-What-Dogs-Smell/dp/1416583432> was great), I did not find this difficult to understand, and I absolutely appreciate the straightforward tone and evidence-based methods. No, the guides to working on behaviors are not simplified, numbered outlines, but they are complete and not difficult to understand. I have a couple of books with those simplified, step-by-step guides, and they're great, but they did not give me the confidence or detailed assistance with this particular, scary problem.

The author does not describe things well. It's like there are a lot of incomplete and/or run-on sentences and she uses A LOT of behaviorist acronyms, which I am not familiar with and had to keep going back to refer to the original definition. Sometimes she uses several acronyms in a row. Also, I think the explanations are confusing and not realistic. This book would work if you know behavior theory in and out and if you have endless friends with endless dogs of different temperaments to expose your dog to on a regularly scheduled basis. I found it hard to get through and not very cohesive.

I bought this to help manage two cranky dogs in my home, and there are several management techniques outlined here I hadn't considered. Simple, easy to follow steps to manage reactivity, and so far, they seem to be working quite well. Definitely recommend this book if you're having even mild (or occasional) issues with aggression/reactivity.

If you have dogs at home that get into spats, or a dog that reacts to other dogs when out on a walk, then you need this book! It will help you better understand not only the motivation/why your dog is doing this, but gives you great info on what to do to overcome these issues & get the dog you've always wanted.

this was recommended to me, but I really wasn't all that happy about it. It was basically telling me things I already knew and I am not a dog trainer, it felt more like somebody was just making observations , than giving helpful tips , specially training tips

I really liked this book. It was a look at what was bothering my dog from my dog's perspective. Turns out, she isn't just a jerk. :) Some of the steps would be hard to follow for the average owner (need to involve multiple dogs) but being hard doesn't make them less true or less the right choice. It just means you may have to find a dog group or a trainer in your area to assist in your process. There aren't easy answers in solving dog aggression, but knowing the causes and getting some positive steps to take were a huge help to me.

As a positive reinforcement dog trainer for 5 years and working within the shelter system as well for nearly two decades as a humane educator, I'm so impressed with the descriptive and thoughtful content of this book. It's right on in addressing dog-dog reactivity and has already been so helpful for me in leading a reactive dog class. Highly recommend anything by Jean Donaldson as well!

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