



## So You Plan to Adopt a New Dog

Adding a dog to your household is a big step. There are many things you can do to prepare your family for the new addition. HSMC suggests these resources to help you get your perfect pet.

### Via the web:

#### Dog Star Daily

<http://www.dogstardaily.com> An excellent resource for training and behavior questions, as well as a place to brag about your wonderful canine. DSD also hosts downloadable PDFs of 2 of Dr. Ian Dunbar's books. "What to do Before You Get Your Puppy" and "What to do After You Get Your Puppy" are excellent books for the new dog owner, even if that dog is an adult. <http://www.dogstardaily.com/free-downloads>

#### The Blue Dog Project

Blue Dog is a British program designed to prevent dog bites where they happen most often-in the home. **If your household includes children under 10, you need this program.** Available in the USA exclusively through the American Veterinary Medical Association, it includes a workbook and an interactive cd. For a preview, check out the pdf of the workbook.

<http://www.avma.org/bluedog/default.asp> <http://www.thebluedog.org/parentguide.pdf>

#### Quick and Dirty Tips-the Dog Trainer

Jolanta Benal is as good at training humans as she is at training dogs. An excellent resource.

<http://dogtrainer.quickanddirtytips.com>

### Via the bookstore:

McConnell, Patricia "The Other End of the Leash"

Donaldson, Jean, "The Culture Clash" "How to Train Your Dog Like a Pro"

Yin, Sophia, "How to Behave so Your Dog Behaves"

While these are our top picks, the authors have other books as well. Other authors to look for include Paul Owens, Karen Pryor, Ian Dunbar, Pat Miller, Kyra Sundance, Suzanne Clothier, Victoria Stilwell and Dawn Sylvia-Stasiewicz

### Via the television:

It's Me or the Dog! Victoria Stilwell's program on Animal Planet will show you how you can train your dog and both of you will love it! You need to be trying this at home-dog training is not a spectator sport.