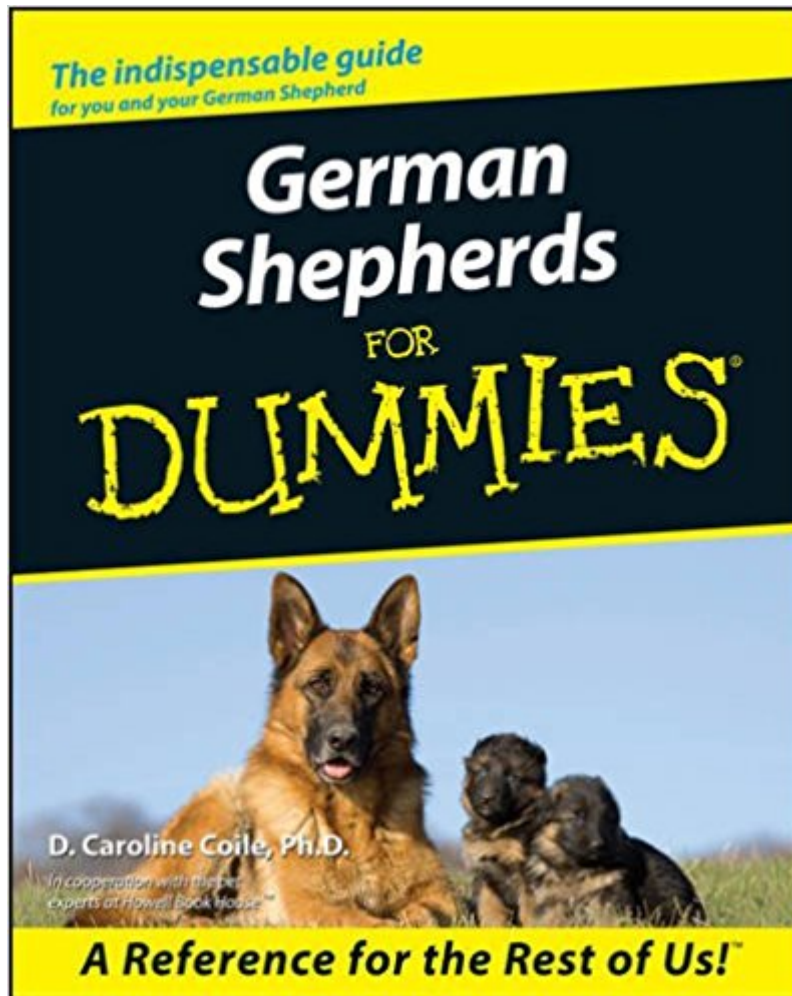




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German Shepherds For Dummies



Synopsis

Everybody thinks they know the German Shepherd. Many of us grew up with Rin Tin Tin, or we saw German Shepherds in nightly news reports breaking up riots, or we saw them in neighbors' backyards protecting children. But that only scratches the surface of one of the most fascinating and confusing breeds on earth. Whether it's selection, nutrition, routine health care, training, competition, or just having fun, there's more to it with a German Shepherd than with other breeds. And if you're thinking about adding one to your family, or you already have one, you need to know all you can about this breed. Which is where *German Shepherds For Dummies* comes in. Is this noble and intelligent breed the right dog for you and your family? *German Shepherds For Dummies* provides the answer to this and all your questions about getting, caring for, and living with this loveable breed. Lifelong German Shepherd owner and longtime German Shepherd breeder, trainer, and exhibitor, Carline Coile, PhD, gets you up and running with what you need to know to:

- Find and communicate with reputable breeders
- Choose the right German Shepherd for you
- Housebreak and socialize your new puppy
- Educate yourself and your dog
- Handle behavioral problems
- Participate in competitions

Dr. Coile provides insights into the German Shepherd temperament and loads of sensible, easy-to-follow advice, along with fun facts and Shepherd trivia, amusing and informative anecdotes, and tips on how to have a great time with your dog. Discover how to:

- Understand how to communicate with your German Shepherd
- Train your German Shepherd
- Find a good trainer and attend classes
- Deal with hereditary health problems
- Feed and exercise your German Shepherd
- Recognize, prevent and treat common health problems
- Have loyal friend for life

The indispensable guide for you and your German Shepherd, *German Shepherds For Dummies* is the only book you'll need to help you have the best possible experience with this handsome and sensitive breed of dog.

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I've found the book extremely informative with information specific to German Shepherd Dogs (GSD). I have two puppies about 6 months old now, and bought this in hopes that it would make the raising a bit easier with them. The book has a lot of useful tips for house breaking, crating, collars, separation anxiety, digging. A whole wonderful chapter on "Bad dogs"! Not that dogs are bad, but when they are bored they sure do like to cause mischief. It's an easy read, and broken down into easy to navigate chapters and sections. Makes finding what you're looking for a breeze. I enjoy reading a bit here and there, and like to keep it handy if I want to go back over a section from time to time. ** edit ** - I gave this book 4 stars, put it on the kitchen table and went to the bathroom. I came back, and one of my puppies gave it 1 puddle. So, take my review or my puppies. The decision is yours.

There is very little in this book on Shepherds. There is quite a bit of material on dogs in general. I wanted a more thorough book on Shepherds...so choosing this title, I thought, would get me this. I suspect if I go to the store and look for Collies for Dummies, that there will be a lot of duplication. If

you're at a store, check this out before you buy.

book was a little too basic in so far as the author tries to make a lot of jokes, e.g. "How to get your german shepherd to run a lot?" - buy a bigger house with a huge backyard. I don't remember the exact phrase but you get the idea. Also, a lot of the material was in regards to "If you think you want a german shepherd" I greatly have typically enjoyed the books "for dummies" but this is probably my least favorite

I'm new to dog ownership and I just adopted an 18-month old German Shepherd Dog from a local shelter. I wanted to learn as much as I could about dogs, specifically GSD's so I ordered this book. My observations are:1) The book is informative and covers a wide range of topics, i.e., training, feeding, housebreaking, etc.2) This book can be used as a reference guide so you don't need to read the entire book if you just need advice on specific issues.3) This book was easy to read and I read the entire book in a few days.4) Although I gained some knowledge from this book, many of the items covered I was able to find quite easily on the internet for free.5) This book was inexpensive and available through with free shipping, which is how I got it. Bottom line: If you don't mind spending a few dollars, this is a nice reference guide to have. Otherwise, you can find this information for free on the internet.

Good book, good general information on how to raise and care for your dog. A lot of health care information for dogs. I believe the author to be a dog expert, but not a German Shepherd expert. For example, the section on health describes gums and how the color can be a symptom of health problems, black gums indicate many problems. But the author never mentioned the fact that many GSDs have black gums naturally.

The "Dummies" series was such a genius idea. I do not feel dumber at all for needing to have useful information explained in a simpler fashion. We all learn differently. This book was a wealth of information for a first-time owner of a German Shepherd! I would recommend it to anyone who is even considering the idea of owning this breed. Buy before you get the dog and be better prepared to give your pet the best care and training!

Great book. I refer to it a lot. It's a lot of information to take in, but it's the usual type of reference book when it comes to the "Dummies" collection. It's been quite useful in training and raising a

German Shepherd puppy. Would definitely recommend.

Good book

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