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- Navigate all types of agility obstacles big and small, narrow and wide
- Prepare your dog for canine good citizen certification
- Determine if your dog can get involved in pet therapy and what's involved (i.e. nursing homes, children's centers, prisons, etc.)
- Make your own agility obstacles at home and set up a course
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Editorial Review

From the Back Cover

Your hands-on guide to having fun with your dog!

Want to teach your dog the coolest tricks? This step-by-step guide uses positive reinforcement to help you easily train your four-legged friend. From simple to more complex tricks, you'll learn to think like a dog for a more positive relationship. Plus, you'll discover how to infuse the thrill of agility — for fun or competition — into your dog's life.

- Teach simple tricks the positive way — from rolling over to retrieving, discover the encouraging approaches to training that work best for you and your dog
- Take it to the next level — teach tricks that will excite your dog such as singing on cue, balancing treats, and playing "action hero"
- Leap into agility training — teach your dog to make the jumps, go through tunnels, weave around poles, and more

Open the book and find:

- A review of basic commands
- Hints for clicker and target training
- Advanced tricks your dog will love
- An introduction to agility obstacles
- Ways to troubleshoot agility moves
- National agility competitive groups and organizations
- Breed hobbies and events such as tracking, flyball, sledding, and more
- Tips for keeping your dog fit and healthy

Learn to:

- Teach your dog clever tricks and tasks
- Determine your dog's abilities and tailor activities accordingly
- Make training fun for you and your dog
- Work in tandem with your dog to master agility commands and courses

About the Author

Sarah Hodgson is a respected dog columnist as well as the author of many popular books on dogs. She has coached many other dog professionals and is frequently featured as a dog training specialist on network television, radio, and print media, including NBC's *Today* show, *Animal Planet*, CNBC, and CNN.

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