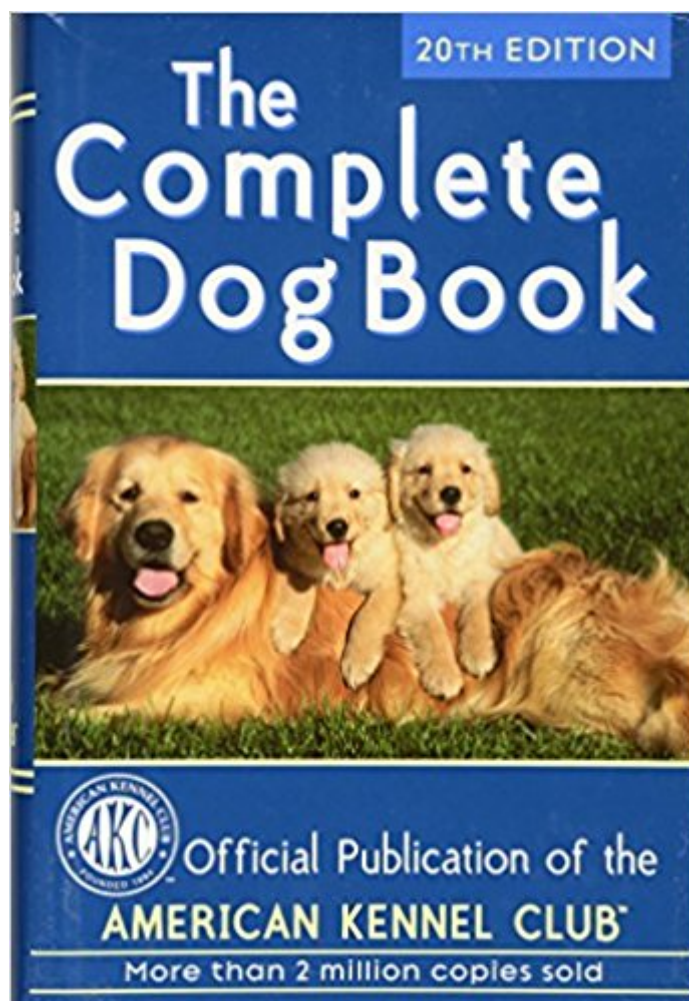


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# The Complete Dog Book: 20th Edition



## Synopsis

For more than seventy-five years, *The Complete Dog Book* has been the premier reference on purebred dogs. Now in its twentieth edition, this treasured guide is an essential volume for every dog owner and owner-to-be. Comprehensive and thoughtfully organized, *The Complete Dog Book* features all 153 breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club, the official breed standards, breed histories, and photographs. Also included are the twelve most recently recognized breeds: Anatolian Shepherd Dog, Black Russian Terrier, German Pinscher, Glen of Imaal Terrier, Havanese, LÃƒÂƒwchen, Neapolitan Mastiff, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, Parson Russell Terrier, Polish Lowland Sheepdog, Spinone Italiano, and Toy Fox Terrier. Along with AKC registration procedures and current forms, *The Complete Dog Book* includes sections on choosing the dog that's right for you, training, nutrition, grooming, responsible breeding, canine first-aid, joining a dog club, Canine Good CitizenÂ® program, every AKC sport: Agility, Conformation, Coonhound, Earthdog, Field Trials, Herding, Hunt Tests, Junior Showmanship, Lure Coursing, Obedience, Rally, and Tracking. Concluding with an extensive glossary of terms and line drawings, *The Complete Dog Book* is a reference that dog aficionados will turn to again and again.

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Established in 1884, the American Kennel Club is composed of more than 500 dog clubs from around the United States. In addition, approximately 3,800 affiliated clubs hold AKC events and use AKC rules to conduct dog shows, performance events, educational programs, training classes, and health clinics. For more than 100 years, the American Kennel Club has been the nation's premier publisher of magazines on the subject of dogs. The American Kennel Club magazines, AKC Gazette, AKC Family Dog, and Puppies, reach a collective audience of more than 1.1 million readers.

As expected is complete in good shape

I'm happy - it helped me discover that the stray dog I inherited from the pound may be a purebred dog. It replaced the two older books that got lost in my moves.

2nd copy for dog owner

This book was recommended reading for my dog training class. Obviously, one doesn't sit down and read it cover to cover, but it is a wonderful reference book. If you are thinking of buying a pure bred pooch, you should check out this book for the complete low down on your desired dog. Also, if you are trying to understand your All American dog, or figure out his ancestry, this is a great book to help you out. There is a photo or sketch of every pure bred dog recognized by the American Kennel Club with a detailed description of it's disposition and tips to help guide you into a good and respectful relationship with your dog. I highly recommend this book to anyone involved with dogs and especially to those who wish to train dogs.

This book follows a long line of AKC volumes announcing the latest registration requirements for pedigreed dogs. The information keeps us up to date on AKC changes. Tips on raising dogs bring the latest scientific research to our attention. If you own a pedigreed dog you are most likely aware of this publication. If you are unaware of it. You need to purchase it soon. Invaluable information dwells inside.

This is a gift to my young grandniece in India with an insatiable appetite for knowledge on dogs. She is 11 and might not own a dog until she gets a place of her own. Parents are Orthodox Hindus and owning and feeding a dog meat-based food would be problematic. This book would help her to

become familiar with dog breeds and AKC guidelines on responsible dog ownership.

It's great for learning about the AKC and the standards they use to grade the breeds, but what comes across the strongest is the physical features and how certain personality traits should or should not be penalized. There does not seem to be a lot of information about the dogs themselves; the closest thing to that is a short history of each breed. I also don't agree with the choke-chain training they instruct readers to use in the back of the book. All in all, a good AKC book but not much more to offer.

I'm using this as part of my study materials for the National Dog Groomers Association of America tests for mastery in dog grooming. It has all the information I need and covers all the breeds I need to learn

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