

# Thoughtful Owners, Great Dogs Canine Behavior & Training A Triadic Approach

by James Akenhead, ED.D.

## Book Description

Want the best for your dog? Dr. Jim Akenhead talks to you like a Dutch uncle. He writes just the way he talks to the clients who come to his training center. He tells you what's going on in the world of dog training and how to get the best for you and your canine companion—all in an easy-to-read format. If you:

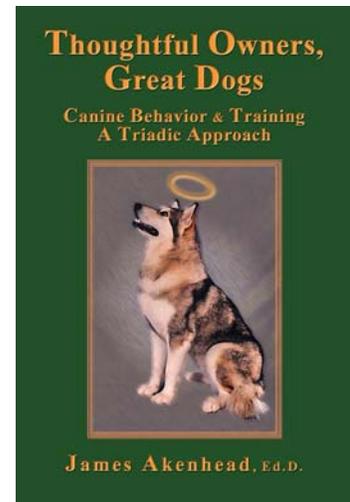
1) Wonder what's new in dog training, you'll know when you read this book; 2) Need to know how to determine what's best for your dog, you'll find it here; 3) Are looking for a trainer, this book will help you find one who will treat your dog the way you want; 4) Want a foundation for a great life with your canine companion, it's in this book; 5) Are thinking about doing the training yourself, you'll find a step-by-step process; 6) Need to know what rules you should set in your house, they're here; 7) Wish your dog would respect you, you can learn how to make it happen; 8) Desire good communication with your dog, Jim tells you how.

## About the Author

For more than 45 years, Jim Akenhead has owned and trained a variety of dogs. He and his wife, Dr. Charlene Akenhead, have bred and trained Shepherds and Malamutes for 50 years. In 1995, Jim and his son Matt formed Signature K-9 Training and Behavior LLC in northeastern Ohio. Signature K-9 does about two-thirds of its work in private consultations. About half their work is with difficult dogs. In addition to the usual group classes, they also offer group classes for reactive and shy dogs.

Jim has five earned degrees, including a Doctorate in Research and Education as well as a Masters Degree in Counseling. He is certified as a canine trainer and behavior consultant by four independent organizations. He is listed in seven *Who's Who* anthologies on leadership and has been recognized as a Distinguished Alumni by Bowling Green State University. In 2009, Jim presented at the conference of the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants and for the Canine Behavior program at Kutztown University. He frequently presents his views on canine aggression.

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