

Introduction to The Tao of Dogs

It is my belief that if you have technique without the required resonance, relationship with an animal is severely compromised to the point of dysfunction. In my years of experience with dogs and horses, I have found this to be true. This book was written to help you to be able to make the subtle changes in you that are required to successfully enter into an inter-species relationship.

My way is to ask the dog for a response to your subtle cue, and have the dog do what you ask as a free and willing partner in the relationship. Your 'cues' are simply requests for action; there is no force involved. This sharing of quiet agreement can only happen if dog and handler share mutual trust and respect and are in harmony. The patience, the understanding, and the hours of practice that are required are made easier in that the everyday interactions with the dog are included as part of the training; living the relationship at all times assures repetition and consistency naturally. The dog is not being forced to do anything; he is an equal member of the partnership.

This is not a how-to-train the dog book. It is a how-to-train-yourself-so-you-can-train-the-dog book. Many dog gurus have made lives of fame and fortune based on their 'remarkable way' with dogs. My way, I can take no credit for, for it is The Way of Taoism which is centuries old. The information is not original with me; I simply applied the concepts to training animals and found it works. Yes, you have become more separated from nature than the Indian. Yes, you may enter the arena of 'training the dog'

with some fear and perhaps a lack of confidence. Being honest about the fact that things are not working is the healthy start point. You do not need to feel that your relationship with your dog cannot be better. It can. Perhaps you have already read a few books about WHAT TO DO; perhaps it didn't work very well; it probably didn't work because you were not really told HOW TO DO it. If you are willing to make some changes, it will improve not only your relationship with the dog, but also every aspect of your life. Sounds good? Well, just remember; you must do the work. No one can do this for you. But, hey, in keeping with my philosophy, we'll take it slow and start from the beginning. Please turn the page where you will find Book 1.