

Pet Therapy How Animals And Humans Heal Each Other

This book looks at how therapies involving animals can be used to help individuals with autism to develop skills, including sensory and social skills, to manage challenging behaviors, and improve quality of life. Whether participating in therapeutic horseback riding, utilizing a trained service dog, visiting a dolphin therapy center, or simply experiencing companion animal therapy, people with autism can reap a multitude of benefits from interaction with furry, feathered, and finned friends. Merope Pavlides relates the success stories of different animal-assisted interventions, as well as noting the challenges of working with particular animal species. She also emphasizes the importance of tailoring interventions to the specific needs of the individual and of monitoring progress. With recommendations for resources and further reading, this book will be of great interest to people with autism, their parents, and the professionals who work with them.

Dealing with such varied topics as pet ownership and gender differences, the pet's freedom from social taboos, and pets' taking on roles of family members, this work shows that animal companionship affects, and is affected by, the most basic levels of human existence.

This fascinating new book addresses the most recent research and provocative findings on the use of pets in mental health therapy. The historical basis of using pets in therapy is reviewed, and numerous examples are provided of results incurred from prescribing pets to disabled, lonely, incarcerated, and institutionalized individuals. The author provides convincing evidence of the therapeutic value of animals in making us happier, healthier, and more sociable. Although the terms human-animal bond and pet-facilitated therapy are relative newcomers to the scientific literature, the concepts they encompass have been with us for centuries. BACKCOVER COPY Research has shown that animals can promote humor, laughter, play, and a sense of importance in people. This fascinating book explores the provocative findings on the use of pets in mental health therapy. Although the terms human-animal bond and pet-facilitated therapy are relative newcomers to the scientific literature, the concepts they encompass have been with us for centuries. The historical basis of using pets in therapy is reviewed, and numerous examples show the astonishing results of prescribing pets to disabled, lonely, incarcerated, and institutionalized individuals. Odean Cusack, animal lover and writer, provides convincing evidence of the therapeutic value that animals have in making us happier, healthier, and more sociable.

The integration of animals into the therapy setting by psychotherapists has been a growing trend. Psychological problems treated include emotional and behavioral problems, attachment issues, trauma, and developmental disorders. An influential 1970s survey suggests that over 20 percent of therapists in the psychotherapy division of the American Psychological Association incorporated

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animals into their treatment in some fashion. Anecdotal evidence suggests that the number is much higher today. Since Yeshiva University psychologist Boris Levinson popularized the involvement of animals in psychotherapy in the 1960s, Israel has come to be perhaps the most advanced country in the world in the area of animal-assisted psychotherapy (AAP). This is true especially in the areas of academic training programs, theory-building, and clinical practice. Great effort has been put into understanding the mechanisms behind AAP, as well as into developing ethical guidelines that take into account the therapist's responsibility toward both client and animal. This book exposes the world to the theory and practice of AAP as conceived and used in Israel. It emphasizes evidence-based and clinically sound applications with psychotherapeutic goals, as differentiated from other animal-assisted interventions, such as AAE (animal-assisted education) and AAA (animal-assisted activities), which may have education or skills-oriented goals. Not just anyone with a dog can call him-or herself an animal-assisted therapist. This volume demonstrates not only the promise of animal-assisted psychotherapeutic approaches, but also some of the challenges the field still needs to overcome to gain widespread legitimacy.

Maggie, the intuitive, four-legged therapist, ventures into the world of health care with a heart full of compassion. Janet's health care background, pet therapy knowledge, and dog training techniques enlighten readers as they travel with Maggie and Janet to the bedside of patients and witness the magic of Maggie's ability to decipher patient needs. This collection of heart-wrenching as well as humorous encounters demonstrates multiple ways fur-coated creatures can impact patients. Dog lovers, health care clinicians, and individuals whose loved ones might benefit from pet therapy will connect with these healing moments in pet therapy during *The Visit*. "Even if you are not part of a pet therapy team, you will be inspired and moved by Janet's story." -Anita Kelso Edson, Senior Director Media & Communications, ASPCA "Learn how unconditional love can heal spirits and ease our journey through life." -Vicki Johnson, RN, BSN, MSN, BC-NE, Chief Nursing Officer, Schneck Medical Center

The third edition of *Animal-Assisted Therapy in Counseling* is the most comprehensive book available dedicated to training mental health practitioners in the performance of animal assisted therapy in counseling (AAT-C). New to this edition is discussion of the human-animal relational theory, a new theory dedicated to the practice of AAT-C. This edition also has added applications for supervision and includes the most recent research and practice. Consistent with previous editions, a variety of animal-assisted interventions are described with case examples provided in a variety of settings with different types of animals. This unique resource is an indispensable guide for any counselor or psychotherapist looking to develop and implement AAT techniques in practice. In the 15 years since the first edition of *Handbook on Animal-Assisted Therapy* published, the field has changed considerably. The fourth edition of the *Handbook* highlights advances in the field, with 11 new chapters and over 40%

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new material. In reading this book, therapists will discover the benefits of incorporating animal-assisted therapy (AAT) into their practices, best practices in animal-assisted intervention, how to design and implement animal-assisted interventions, and the efficacy of AAT with different disorders and patient populations. Coverage includes the use of AAT with children, the elderly, those receiving palliative care, as well as people with chronic disorders, AIDS, trauma, and autistic spectrum disorders. Additional chapters cover techniques for working with families, in juvenile and criminal justice systems, and in colleges and universities. Summarizes efficacy research on AAT Identifies how to design and implement animal assisted interventions Provides methods, standards, and guidelines for AAT Discusses AAT for children, the elderly, and special populations Describes AAT use in different settings Includes 11 new chapters and 40% new material

This book sets out to examine how animals affect their companion humans' quality of life. The contributors address human animal interaction (HAI) according to the elements that define quality of life: physical; mental/emotional and social health; functional health; and general well-being. The book will be required reading for all health and social science professionals caring for clients who already have companion animals or for clients who might benefit from such interaction.

An excellent resource for pet therapy teams, educators, and therapists, this text presents clearly outlined instructions with educational and clinical application suggestions from a pioneer in the area of pet therapy.

Discover How Animal Assisted Therapy Can Help You Lose Weight, Overcome Phobias, Treat Your Addictions AND Help You Take Responsibility For Your Life In A Positive, Non-Invasive And Easy-To-Follow Way! Did you know pets have been used as powerful therapy and healing for centuries? The human animal bond has existed since the dawn of time, something the ancient's used for centuries to promote natural healing and self-discovery. Animals are more than simple creatures - they are therapy providers and healers with the ability to light up the lives of those who benefit supportive embrace. Animal assisted therapy will change the way you think about your pet, and just about any animal, forever.* Discover how to take charge of your life and responsibility for your actions in 1 easy step... * Uncover the top 10 mental & psychological benefits of pet therapy PROVEN through years of research and scientific analysis into the benefits of animal assisted therapy... * Find out what and where the top 3 National Organizations are supporting AAT programs and how you can connect with them to start making positive changes in your life today... * Learn about 7 little-known resources you can use to find an AAT program that specializes in the types of treatment you want located in YOUR hometown... * Find out what your doctor might NOT be telling you about the benefits of AAT, and how AAT may be MORE effective at helping you conquer depression, anxiety, addictions and loneliness than counseling or medications alone...

The original edition was the first book to provide a comprehensive overview of the ways in which animals can assist therapists with treatment of specific populations, and/or in specific settings. The second edition continues in this vein, with 7 new chapters plus

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substantial revisions of continuing chapters as the research in this field has grown. New coverage includes: Animals as social supports, Use of AAT with Special Needs students, the role of animals in the family- insights for clinicians, and measuring the animal-person bond. *Contributions from veterinarians, animal trainers, psychologists, and social workers *Includes guidelines and best practices for using animals as therapeutic companions *Addresses specific types of patients and environmental situations

Learn to use a powerful tool in Solution-Focused Brief Therapy—a pet Animal Assisted Activities/Therapy (AAA/T) is an innovative intervention in which an animal becomes a crucial—and highly effective—part of the treatment process. Pet-Assisted Brief Therapy: A Solution-Focused Approach gives therapists the tools they need to begin and maintain an effective treatment program that meaningfully merges dogs and other therapy animals with Solution-Focused Therapy (SFT). This unique book clearly explains how AAA/T integrated with SFT in one substance abuse counseling program. It provides a revealing description of the program's challenges and successes, and discusses the possibilities for AAA/T implementation in other agencies. The authors review in detail the multitude of scenarios where animals can add a valuable dimension for treatment with clients on specific issues. Animal-Assisted Brief Therapy: A Solution-Focused Approach provides therapists with concrete examples of how to appropriately implement AAA/T to cultivate positive effects in treatment. The book explains how this loving and patient therapy for clients need not be the difficult challenge that it at first appears to be. This resource takes you step by step through the process, showing what practical strategies can be used to offset most obstacles and unknowns. This one-of-a-kind guide clearly explains how to blend and structure the numerous aspects of AAA/T with Solution Focused Therapy to become a more effective treatment program. Appendices provide AAA/T resources, sample policy and procedures, and training resources across the United States. Animal-Assisted Brief Therapy: A Solution-Focused Approach discusses: the history of AAA/T common values between AAA/T and Solution-Focused Therapy the principles and goals of SFT how to understand canine culture the creation of a successful AAA/T program phobias, allergies, liabilities, and insurance therapy dogs' needs common interventions therapy with children therapy with adolescents therapy with adults therapy with substance abusing clients Animal-Assisted Brief Therapy: A Solution-Focused Approach provides a comprehensive look at AAA/T and is perfect for therapists struggling to find new and effective ways to work with clients; therapists trying to utilize this approach in their practice; administrators and clinical supervisors wanting to implement AAA/T at their agency; educators; and students.

"Story about an aid dog, for children"--

This comprehensive overview of the many types of animal-assisted therapy provides the perfect reference for students, general readers, pet owners, animal care specialists, psychologists, occupational and physical therapists, and mental health professionals. • A list of government regulations about the rights of service dogs in public accommodations • A glossary of major terms, such as animal-assisted therapy, animal-assisted activities, equine therapy, and many others • The most comprehensive annotated bibliography yet developed on the subject, including books, journal articles, videos, and websites

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A book of guidance and advice about how to become a Therapy Dog team. It contains the tips and tricks the author has learned in a decade of Therapy Dog work. If you're ready to become a Therapy Dog team but are hesitant to dive into the unknown and just want someone to be there to guide you along the way, this book is for you. If you've always been a little curious what Therapy Dog work was all about and why people do it, this book is for you. If you're a trainer, veterinarian, groomer, or other dog professional who has people asking them about Therapy Dog work but you've had no idea how to help them find answers, this book is for you.

Complementary Therapies (CT) refers to the practices, products, or health systems that are outside the realm of conventional medicine, used to treat disease or to promote health and well-being. Defining CT is difficult, because the field is very broad and constantly changing. The title of this book includes the words body, mind, and soul. The body and the mind (and their reciprocal relations) have been extensively studied scientifically. What about the soul? The book brings some points about this new ground in CT. We hope you find in the present work the sincere desire to collaborate with the dissemination of knowledge. May this book be useful and pleasant to you.

Pet a dog a day to keep the doctor away? Every knows pets are fun, but did you know that they can help keep you healthy, too? This book introduces readers to the world of animal therapy. They will meet real therapy pets and their handlers, and learn a little bit about the science behind pet therapy, and what it takes to be a good therapy animal. Accessible text, a few fun surprises, and lively illustrations make this easy-to-read book a winner.

What does a therapy dog do? Can my dog do therapy work? How can I train my dog? What do I need to know? What problems am I likely to encounter? Love on a Leash gives you the tips, methods, and techniques for training and working with a therapy dog.

A warm and fuzzy read . . . heartwarming stories. - Publishers Weekly
Pets love us unconditionally. They're always happy to see us, they encourage us when we're feeling down, and their devotion is touching and reassuring. If this is true for the average pet owner, it is especially true for the disabled, handicapped, emotionally troubled, and seriously ill person. In this uplifting book we learn firsthand how the field of Animal Assisted Therapy is having remarkable success training animals to help and enhance the lives of children and adults with serious medical problems. Hospital rehabilitation programs, physical and occupational therapy sessions, nursing homes, mental healthcare facilities, and hospice programs are just some of the settings where dogs, cats, horses, and other animals have helped patients cope with often daunting medical challenges. With more than fifty photographs showing the visible improvements that trained therapy pets are making in the lives of sick and disabled people, the compelling stories relate many inspiring incidents of the healing animal-human partnership: six-year-old Brendan, disabled from birth, successfully completes his physical therapy with the help of Zorro, a big black hound once considered unadoptable; Philip, a hospice patient in his last days, finds some joy in the company of a therapy dog named Andy; and Tikva, a Keeshond therapy dog from Oregon, helps to comfort emotionally drained firefighters at New York City's Ground Zero. For animal lovers, healthcare providers, and anyone who appreciates how animals and humans interrelate, this is a wonderful, truly inspirational book. Jacqueline J. Crawford is a clinical psychologist at Lakeland Mental Health Center in Moorhead, MN, and the lead author of Please! Teach ALL of Me: Multisensory Instruction for Preschoolers. Karen A. Pomerinke is a professional dog trainer in the state of Washington and the moderator of the pet-advice website www.greatpets.com. Donald W. Smith is a photographer, website designer, and a retired mental health counselor.

"Boris Levinson was the first professionally trained clinician to formally introduce and document the way that companion animals could hasten the development of a rapport between therapist

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and patient, thereby increasing the likelihood of patient motivation. The original edition of this fascinating book was the first work to document "pet-oriented psychotherapy." That text is reproduced here in its original form; furthermore, in order to update and revise the text, footnotes have been added to identify and highlight research and practices which have occurred since the book was first published in 1969. Also, a list of resources now appears in the appendix. This classic work has universal appeal, from human service practitioners, health and mental health practitioners, to educators in social work, psychology, nursing, veterinary medicine and counseling."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

The Waltham Book of Human-Animal Interaction: Benefits and Responsibilities of Pet Ownership discusses the scientific study of the relationship between man and animals, focusing on the behavior of companion animals, and how humans and animals affect each other's behavior. This first half of this book discusses research on benefits that have been found to accumulate from associations with animals, and the role of animals in care and therapy program. The responsibilities toward the animals kept, and how to enhance their care and welfare are considered in the next chapters. The human response to pet loss is also elaborated. This publication is beneficial to veterinary students and individuals concerned with the study of human-animal interactions.

Occupational therapy is a health care specialty with a deep focus on client-centered and holistic rehabilitation to improve the individual's occupational performance, quality of life and well-being through participation in meaningful and purposeful activities. This new book presents the importance of the therapeutic and creative use of activity in different populations, which is one of the core components of occupational therapy. Rehabilitation, rehabilitation delivery and outcomes are affected by recent changes in the meaning of health and social values. This resulted in an increasing necessity for therapeutic therapy, as well as creative use of activity in occupational therapy. This book focuses on recent advances in occupational therapy and reviews current practical guidelines. It introduces updated knowledge and skills for children, adults and the communities, including physical, mental, social, sensory, behavioral, environmental and community-based interventions to prevent, promote and improve activity use. The book will be relevant to occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, physical therapists, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and all the members of interdisciplinary rehabilitation team care workers.

The biological and psychological basis of pet therapy / animal-assisted therapy and what this means for practice "A comprehensive, scientific foundation for human-animal therapy." (Judith Solomon) In recent years, the ancient symbiosis between humans and their pets has entered a new phase, marked by the burgeoning clinical specialty of human-animal therapy. This approach uses the relationship between humans and their (mainly) mammalian pets to support the growth of emotion regulation, social skills, and mental health in children, adolescents, and adults. But how are humans and animals able to develop close bonds at all? What makes it possible for animals to have a therapeutic effect on humans? And how can we best use this understanding in animal-assisted therapy? In this unique book, a team of expert biologists and psychologists integrate and combine sophisticated biological and psychological knowledge to answer these questions. Together they have created a comprehensive, scientific foundation for human-animal therapy, a foundation that will facilitate the development, implementation, and evaluation of effective new interventions.

"A collection of poems showing how animals bring joy to all those in need of unconditional love and healing.

Join Tako on an adventure as he makes a brave choice and proves that heroes come in all shapes and sizes When little Ricky Lee finds a puppy on the side of

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the road, he takes him home and names him Tako. Ricky's parents say that they will allow Tako to stay only if he is a good dog and follows the rules—or it's off to the pound he goes! Tako wants more than anything to be a good dog and stay with Ricky, but when greedy Mr. Prichard hatches a plan to put the Lee family's bakery out of business, Tako has to break the rules to protect his new family. Will he be able to spoil Mr. Prichard's plan and be a hero, or will he end up in the pound?

Toby, a pet therapy dog, and Miss Charmaine visit Mrs. Johnson's class, where Miss Charmaine tells the children how Toby dealt with a dog who bullied him, teaching them about the importance of kindness, respect, acceptance, and being considerate of others.

What can you do if your cat has worms? Use coconut oil. What can you do about smelly doggy breath? Try coconut oil. What if your cat has an ear infection? Again, coconut oil. Believe it or not, coconut oil is a highly effective treatment for a wide variety of common health problems. For this reason, coconut oil has gained a reputation as a superfood—a food that provides health benefits far beyond its nutritional content. Coconuts and coconut oil have a long history of safe and effective use as food and as medicine for both humans and animals. Most animals love the taste of coconut. Whether you own cats, dogs, ferrets, parrots, canaries, chickens, horses, goats, hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, rabbits, or other animals, they can all benefit from the nutritional and medicinal properties of coconut oil. Some of the many benefits include: ? Improves the appearance of the skin, hair, and feathers ? Reduces or eliminates body odor and bad breath ? Improves energy and balances metabolism ? Helps reduce excess body fat and maintain proper weight ? Prevents and fights bacterial, viral, and yeast infections ? Strengthens immune function ? Helps relieve kennel cough ? Improves oral health and whitens teeth ? Helps ease allergy symptoms ? Soothes itchy or irritated skin ? Improves digestion and nutrient absorption ? Protects against digestive disorders such as ulcers and colitis ? Expels or kills intestinal parasites ? Helps keep blood sugar in balance ? Helps build strong bones ? Helps prevent and ease joint pain and ligament problems ? Speeds healing from cuts, burns, insect bites, and other injuries ? Protects against fleas, ticks, mites, and other parasites

Pets have an amazing healing power about them that helps people with mental health conditions as well as medical issues with the healing process. These loving animals also provide love and comfort to people from all backgrounds and this book shows this unconditional love and healing ability.

Today's therapy dog handlers recognize the need to be teammates with their dogs, not just supervisors. Teaming with one's dog involves unobtrusively providing physical and emotional support as well as respectful guidance in what to do. Being a teammate requires attention to the handler's behavior, not just the dog's. This book reminds all handlers that being conscious of what they do with their dogs increases the effectiveness of therapy visits as well as providing a

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more rewarding experience for all involved. Written by a nationally famous practitioner with decades of real-world experience, the book introduces the "STEPS of Teamwork" and how those STEPs fit with a Therapy Dog's Bill of Rights. These general principles free handlers to apply them in their own way to their therapy dog's individual personality and work. As the author writes, "The book explores a way of being conscious of what you do with and to your therapy dog to support him in his work. It describes functional principles of behavior you can learn and use immediately, either together as a package or independently." Using an exciting new methodology, the author guides readers to deepen their relationship with their dogs by acting consciously and respectfully.

Clementine K. Fujimura and Simone Nommensen discuss the ethical treatment of animals and provide an overview of current and past uses of animals to enhance human well-being in Germany, the United States, Japan, and Russia. miracles. Whether it's a bird or a dog, whether its a prisoner or a kindergartener, there are ways in which all sorts of pets can help all sorts of people. This book discusses all the elements of animal-assisted therapy so that readers can learn what it takes to get involved and make a difference. Photos.

Handbook on Animal-Assisted Therapy Theoretical Foundations and Guidelines for Practice Elsevier

This book is packed with 190 pages of step-by-step instructions for 101 practical animal-assisted therapy activities and interventions. There is also an index that correlates the activities with a myriad of goals in the areas of physical therapy, occupational therapy, mental health, social skills, educational skills, speech therapy, and recreational therapy. You will also find recipes to make for animals, animal-related booklists, and animal-related songs. This book is not limited to animal-assisted therapy with dogs. It also includes small animals, cats, birds, and horses. If you are a handler of a therapy animal, a trainer of therapy teams, or if you are a professional who incorporates animal assisted therapy into your practice, this book was written for you.

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Emotional Support Animal: The Essential Guide to Animal Assisted Therapy for Beginners, Discover The Benefits and Best Practices of Animal Assisted Therapy That Can Change Your Life Pet therapy or animal assisted therapy has been gaining fans in healthcare and beyond. If you have a pet, you are already probably aware of the numerous benefits of having a pet.

Dogs and cats are the most common animals being used for pet therapy but other animals can also be used if they meet the screening criteria like fish, guinea pigs, and horses. This book will teach you all the ins and outs of animal assisted therapy and animal assisted activities. It will also educate you about its benefits and how helpful having a pet is for your wellness and overall quality of life. You will discover the different situations an animal assisted therapy can help, from lessening depression, reducing anxiety to developing social skills and increasing verbal communication. This book will discuss the following topics: Mental and Psychological Benefits of Owning Pets AAT in Practice Studies Involving the Use of Animals for Therapy Types of AAT Programs Pet Therapy and Children Why Does AAT Work? AAT and Counselling HOW to Become an AAT Specialist While there are many benefits to AAT, the success of pet therapy depends on establishing realistic goals and expectations and meeting those goals. If you own a pet or planning on adopting one because you're interested in pet therapy, this book is the perfect guide for you. Scroll up and click "add to cart" now!

Animal Assisted Therapy in Counseling is the most comprehensive book available dedicated to training mental health practitioners in Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT). It explains the history and practice of AAT in counseling, discusses the latest empirical research, and provides an in-depth explanation of the psychodynamics of AAT within various theoretical frameworks.

Readers will learn the proper way to select, train, and evaluate an animal for therapy. The use of a number of different therapy animals is considered, including dogs, cats, horses, birds, farm animals, rabbits and other small animals, and dolphins. Guidelines for implementing AAT in settings such as private practices, community agencies, schools, hospices, and prisons are covered, as well as ethical and legal considerations, risk management, diversity issues, and crisis and disaster response applications. Numerous case examples illustrate the use of AAT principles with clients, and forms, client handouts, and other resources provide valuable tools. This unique resource is an indispensable guide for any counselor looking to develop and implement AAT techniques in his or her practice.

This comprehensive study describes clinical and institutional therapies and activities using animals in physical and mental health programs with children, seniors, and a wide range of special populations. Topics include how to become an AAT/AAA practitioner, how to organize an AAT/AAA program, and techniques for conducting animal-assisted interventions. Extensive bibliographies and resources include materials on prison programs, service dogs for veterans, reading interventions, infectious disease control guidelines, state regulations, and directories of academic and programmatic centers. The 10th Edition of this book, first published in 1977, has been revised with all-new resources. This textbook is used internationally and in several college courses.

A dog is an ideal workout partner: always supportive, happy to go for a walk and never judgmental. The human-companion animal bond is a great way to help you and your dog lose weight or stay fit. When people and dogs exercise together, fitness and health happen on both

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ends of the leash. As the obesity epidemic spreads, 70% of Americans and 50% of dogs are overweight or obese, resulting in staggering health care costs and suffering. The causes, consequences, and treatment for overweight and obesity are strikingly similar in people and dogs. *Walk a Hound, Lose a Pound*, written by an expert veterinary surgeon and a leading nurse researcher, helps you move from a food-centered relationship with dogs, to an exercise-centered relationship. Even better, you don't have to own a dog! The book gives several creative suggestions to exercise or walk a dog even if you do not or cannot have one. This volume is designed for dog lovers, dog owners and families. Based on the latest scientific findings, it will also help professionals (including physicians, veterinarians, and physical therapists) fight obesity and promote fitness in both people and pets. Dog-walking programs can easily be implemented in neighborhoods, parks, workplaces, animal shelters, hospitals, retirement homes and obesity clinics, and this book shows you how to establish them. In nearly every health care profession, practitioners are teaching human patients and dog owners on a daily basis about the risks of obesity. Never has there been a more compelling time for innovative approaches to increasing physical activity, reforming sedentary lifestyles, and enhancing fitness. *Walk a Hound, Lose a Pound* provides specific strategies for people and dogs to exercise together, lose weight together, and have fun in the process.

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