Recommended Reading List for Academy Students

Ethology (Choose 2)

* **Dogs : A Startling New Understanding of Canine Origin, Behavior, and Evolution** by Ray Coppinger*.*
* **For the Love of Dog** by Patricia McConnell

*She writes very well, and her information is accurate and well thought out*

* **The Evolution of Social Behavior** by Roger Abrantes
* **Inside the Animal Mind** by George Page
* **The Truth About Dogs** by Steven Budianski
* **The Domestic Dog** by James Serpell

*Very expensive and very good – quite technical*

* **Genetics and the Social Behavior of the Dog** John Paul Scott & John L. Fuller

*The daddy of all these types of books – the first comprehensive studies of companion dogs*

* **Animals in Translation** by Temple Grandin & Catherine Johnson

*My favorite, I think. I love Tricia McConnell, but Temple’s book is a bit more comprehensive than For the Love of a Dog.*

Behavior (choose 1 or more)

***These books are all more personal in nature, since theories about how to handle behavior problems***

* **Parenting Your Dog** by Trish King (Available in Animal Outfitters)

*Well, of course I’m going to put this in there – but I’m told it’s good and comprehensive*

* **Think Dog** by John Fisher
* **Culture Clash** by Jean Donaldson
* **The Dog’s Mind** by Bruce Fogel
* **Behavior Problems in Dogs** by William Campbell

**Been around for a long time, but he tends to be innovative and I like him.**

* **The Other End of the Leash** by Patricia McConnell

Breeds (choose 1)

* **Choosing a Dog** by Nancy Baer (may be difficult to locate)
* Any good dog breed book

Training (choose 1 or more)

* **How Dogs Learn** by Burch & Bailey
* **Accelerated Learning** by Pam Reid
* **Don’t Shoot the Dog** by Karen Pryor
* **Clicker Training for Dogs** by Karen Pryor
* **Agility Tricks** by Donna Duford
* **Control Unleashed** by Leslie McDevitt
* [**Get Connected with Your Dog. Emphasizing the Relationship While Training Your Dog**](http://www.amazon.com/Connected-Emphasizing-Relationship-While-Training/dp/1929242530/ref=pd_bbs_sr_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1215022289&sr=8-1)by Brenda Aloff (and other Aloff books)

Advanced Behavior Consultations (optional)

* **Clinical Behavioral Medicine for Small Animals** by Karen Overall
* **Pet Behavior Protocols: What to Say, What to Do, When to Refer** by Suzanne Hetts

Miscellaneous Good Books

* **Bones Would Rain From the Sky** by Suzanne Clothier
* **Power of Positive Training** by Pat Miller
* **Blink**  by Malcolm Gladwell
* **Gift of Fear** by Gavin de Becker
* **How to Run a Dog Business** by Veronica Boutelle