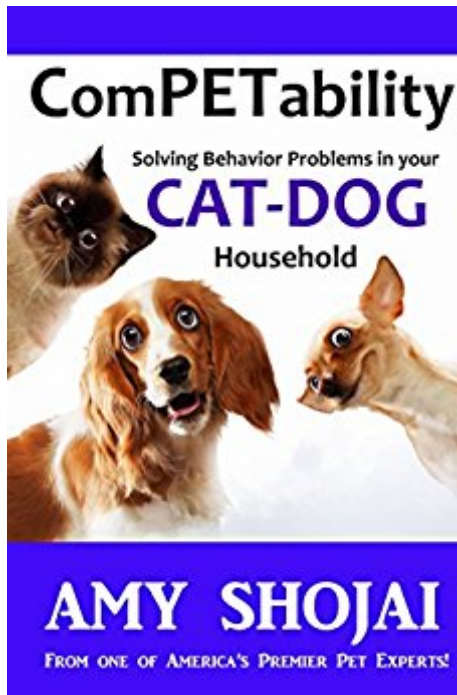




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# ComPETability: Solving Behavior Problems In Your Cat-Dog Household



## Synopsis

CUT THE CHASE & HALT THE HISSES! Cat behavior and behavior of dogs puzzles the most savvy pet owners, and pet behavior problems lose dogs and cats their homes. Animal behavioral problems arise out of owners not understanding dog language or cat language, and misunderstanding normal animal behavior. Training a dog helps stop dog barking, for instance, while behavior modification redirects cat clawing but this book explains why dogs bark and the reason cats scratching behavior is normal. Understand and manage your pet friends whether you have a single pet, a clowder of cats or canine pack, or one or more of both cats and dogs. Step by step cat and dog tips from this award-winning author and certified animal behavior consultant uses pet psychology to address:

- \* Cat aggression and aggressive dog behavior
- \* Cat bites and dog bites
- \* Disputes over territory
- \* Cat stress and feline fear
- \* Scared dogs, noise phobias, thunderstorm & fireworks fears
- \* Separation anxiety & destructive behaviors
- \* Potty problems& marking behaviors
- \* Meal management& resource guarding (of toys, food & owners)
- \* Best pet friend choices to reduce cat fights and dog fights
- \* Introductions (to other pets, babies & kids)
- \* Effective techniques for crate training, cat leash training, clicker training
- \* Eating poop, cat clawing, dog barking, meowing, destructive chewing, jumping up, countertop cruising, digging and more!

More than 30 million U.S. households double their pleasure by welcoming both cats and dogs into their homes. Yet mixing the two can mean trouble in paradise, especially if you treat your cat like your dog, or vice versa. Cats and dogs are two very different animals with distinctive animal behavioral needs and they cannot--and must not--be treated in the same way. From conflicts over favorite sleep spots, sharing potty facilities, resource guarding toys or jealous pets when sharing your attention, adding new pets rubs fur the wrong way and creates hairy situations for everyone--including you. The book includes information about aggressive dog behavior, dog language, positive dog obedience training techniques, how to stop dog biting and prevent dog behavioral problems, understanding feline body language and cat hisses, dealing with cat litter box problems, cat nutrition and feeding challenges around dogs, and more. Use these animal behaviorists fun techniques to learn about normal canine behavior, cat behavior modification techniques, and expert dog trainer tips to solve common dog problems and strengthen the human animal bond you share with your pets. Fun, practical, and eminently informative, *ComPETability* briefly looks at the biological, evolutionary, and behavioral differences between cats and dogs to devise strategies for owners that enable the two species to live in harmony within the same household. Written by one of America's premier pet experts, the book explains everything an owner of a cat and dog should know. Most important, *Competability* provides crucial tips on how to evaluate and match your pets' personalities, improve their

relationships, and make your home a sanctuary for pet fun and peace. For more pet behavior advice refer to: [ComPETability: Solving Behavior Problems In Your Multi-CAT Household](#) [ComPETability: Solving Behavior Problems In Your Multi-DOG Household](#)

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## **Customer Reviews**

Well written, well researched. I'm a long-time dog and cat foster parent and this book brings up points I hadn't considered. Very enlightening. However, I'm also an editor, and the typos and formatting errors are driving me crazy. This is the first book I'm reading on my new Kindle, so I don't know if the typographical errors are typical of e-books, or if it's this publisher.

Great!

Amy Shojai has done it again! Competability is a concise yet thorough treatment of cat and dog behavior as they living in the same environment. This book addresses the complicated relationship between these two animals as they share the same space with humans and each other. In addition

to explaining some of the behaviors seen between cats and dogs, Ms. Shojai addresses diverse topics with charm and humor. She tackles "Pet Senses" and how they affect behavior, "Moping Dogs" and "Hiding Cats", and a subject near and dear to all of us, "Potty Concerns". This book contains insight into a multitude of behavioral issues with practical solutions and tips to make cohabitation palatable for all those involved. As always, I look forward for more of Ms. Shojai's books, essential additions to anyone's pet care library.

I don't like cats. Well, actually I'm allergic to them, so I don't like being AROUND cats. And prior to this book, I didn't realize there was such a thing as a Certified Animal Behavior Consultant (CABC, if you're in the know), but hey, it takes all stripes, spots, and shades. So, with that as a backdrop, I went into this book with a healthy (relative term) skepticism about pet psychiatry and what not. Be that as it may, I found this book to be extremely thorough and well researched and, hey, you can't help but believe what she says about the inner workings of cats and dogs because she writes with a definite sense of authority. This book covers just about everything you could imagine about pet dynamics and, despite its focus on dog and cat interactions, is helpful for people like me, who would never dream of getting a cat, but often wonders what on earth is going on in my dog's head. Very interesting read - even for the skeptic in you. By the way, I received a complimentary digital edition of this book from Story Cartel because I promised to write an honest review. Honestly, I wouldn't have picked it up otherwise, but I'm glad I did. (If you think I'm being kind for the wrong reasons, you should see what I wrote about those other books... )

This was an entertaining read with plenty of points made about the history of cats and dogs in the lives of humans. It's fairly well written but I found my mind wandering several times. The information is presented as dry knowledge. While this shows an ability to research and present what was learned it lacks that comfortable feel. This would be a good read for those wanting to understand some of the reasons behind the behavior and a few basic methods in trying to "solve" them, but it's no dog or cat whisperer type read. I received a free copy through Story Cartel in exchange for an honest review b

First, I was offered a free copy of the E-book in exchange for my review. I vacillate between 3 & 4 stars. We have a now 1 yr. old Havanese puppy that is giving us fits in some areas - especially barking & house training - so I'm very interested in training ideas. I did not read the description of

the book very well prior to obtaining, and did not realize it was about helping dogs & cats get a long in the same household, so there were a lot of parts I glossed over because they did not pertain to our situation. However, there was still valuable information and suggestions contained in the book - even for the issues we're experiencing. The author appears to have a good knowledge of pet behavior, species characteristics and psychology - which she spends a good amount of time describing. Parts of it were a little tedious for me, since I was more interested in solving problems than learning species history. Thus, the book contained much information that was over and above basic "here's a problem, here are suggestions to deal with it." This author definitely comes from a positive approach to pet behavior issues.

This book addresses all the complexities of multiple pet households while also educating the reader with the history of cats and dogs and how they came into our lives as pets. It helps enormously to understand the differences and similarities of these animals if they are going to be members of the family. I appreciate that the author has addressed the responsibility of pet owners as well as the basics of family adjustments. Cats and dogs can enrich a family in ways impossible to describe - one must experience the joy and love of pets to understand. This book is a terrific tool for anyone who wishes to truly experience that joy.

This is very well written book, and very helpful with Man's best friend be it Dog or Cat. I found it well written, and it sure helped me with my Cat. He has a very distinctive whine, and has been very needy. It has surely impacted me and our household with our cat and understanding our neighbors dog. This is a very good informational book especially when you are not the only one to have behavioral problems with your pet, who is like your family to you. You will really get a lot out of this book, like I did

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