

Carina's Dog Book Library

Maltese Specific

The Complete Maltese	Cutillo, Nick	1989	Highly Recommended
The Maltese Today	Herrieff, Vicki	1996	Recommended
The Maltese	Nicholas, Anna Katherine	1984	Recommended
The Maltese: Diminutive Aristocrat	Abbot, Vicki	2000	Recommended
A New Owner's Guide to Maltese	Abbot, Vicki	2002	
How to Raise and Train a Maltese	Liebers, Arthur	1962	
The Maltese	Morgan, Diane	2006	
Maltese	Giacomo, K. & Berquist B.	1988, 1990, 1995	(I have somehow acquired several copies)

Comments: The Cutillo book is a treasure. It contains an absolute wealth of history and information. Vicki Herrieff's book has a lot of great information all around, but in particular discusses Maltese in Great Britain. It makes for an interesting perspective. The book by Anna Katherine Nicholas shares some similarities to the Cutillo book. It also has a lot of kennel history. And Vicki Abbot's Diminutive Aristocrat is just a lovely book. It does much more than the formulaic pet owners' guides, but it is very accessible for the average Maltese owner.

Conformation

Show Me: A dog showing primer	Coile, D. Caroline	1997	Highly Recommended
Raising a Champion: A beginners guide to showing dogs	John, A.M.& Richards, C.	2001	Recommended
Tricks of the Trade: From best intentions to best in show	Hastings, Pat	2005	Recommended
The Absolute Beginners Guide to Showing your Dog	Smith, Cheryl	2001	Recommended
Born to Win: Breed to succeed	Craig (Trotter), Patricia	1997	
Top Dogs: Making it to Westminster	Wood, Deborah	2002	
The Winning Edge: Show ring secrets	Alston, George G.	1992	

Comments: Dr. Coile's book was recommended to me by Debbie Cleckley. I love it. (It is one of the few books that supports the idea that starting your show career with a male is a good idea). It is a classic "primer." Actually, there isn't a bad book on this list. I would recommend them all, but I would probably get them in this order.

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Training

Little Dogs: Training for your pint-sized companion	Wood, Deborah	2004	Highly Recommended
Little Dogs Activity Book	Wood, Deborah	2007	Highly Recommended
Small Dogs, Big Hearts	Arden, Darlene	2006	
Clicking with your Dog	Tillman, Peggy	2000	
The Dog who Loved too Much	Dodman, Dr. Nicholas	1996	
Good Owners, Great Dogs	Killcommons, Brian	1999	

Comments: I love Deborah Wood's Little Dogs series. The suggestions are wonderful and the pictures are too cute. The training book has a wonderful approach and the activity book is full of great suggestions to keep the dogs stimulated.

Competitive Obedience & Agility

Competitive Obedience for the Small Dog	Cecil, B & Darnel, G.	1999	Recommended
Successful Obedience Handling	Handler, Barbara	2003	Recommended
Clicking your way to Rally Obedience	Dennison, Pamela	2006	
Remembering to Breathe: Inside dog obedience competition	Baily, Willard	2004	
Introduction to Dog Agility	Bonham, Margaret	2000	
All About Agility	O'Neil, Jacqueline	1999	

Comments: When I was working in competitive obedience I used the Small Dog book all the time. The book by Barbara Handler accompanied me to shows. It is a fabulous break down of exactly what is expected of you (as the handler) in the ring.

Craft Books

Beauty Secrets for Little Dogs	Wood, Deborah	2007	Recommended
Dog Crafts: More than 50 Grrreat Projects	Needham, Bobbe	1997	
Pet Crafts: 28 Great toys, gifts and accessories for pet lovers	Boyd, Heidi	2004	
The Cat & Dog Lovers' Idea Book	Green, Gail	2001	
The Dog Lovers Book of Crafts: 50 Decorations that celebrate Dog Crafts	Quasha, Jennifer	2002	
Pet Projects for your Dog	Danaher, Mary-Anne	1999	

Comments: Most of these are actually books I bought for my mom. But the Beauty Secrets book is mine. I just love Deborah Wood's books.

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Health

Dog Owners Home Veterinary Reference	Griffin & Carlson	2002	Recommended
Pet Clean-up Made Easy	Aslett, Don	1988	

Comments: I really like the Vet Reference book. It has helped answer my questions many times.

Area Guides

The Dog Lover's Companion to Washington, D.C. & Baltimore	Oldenburg, Ann & Don	2002	
Atlanta Dog Lovers Companion	Windle, Marilyn	1996	

Comments: These guides are primarily a rundown of local parks. I enjoy them and would recommend getting the one for your area.

Rescue

Breed Rescue: How to start and run a successful program	Boneham, Sheila W.	1998	
Save that Dog: Everything you need to know about adopting...	Palika, Liz	1997	

Comments: The Breed Rescue book is a wonderful resource for those heavily interested in running a rescue.

Dog Careers

Therapy Dogs Today: Their gifts, our obligation	Butler, Kris	2004	
Dogs with Jobs: Working dogs around the world	Weisbord & Kachakoff	1996	

Comments: I got the book on Therapy Dogs when Cameo began working with pet therapy. It was helpful, but imperfect. I think there need to be some more books on this subject.