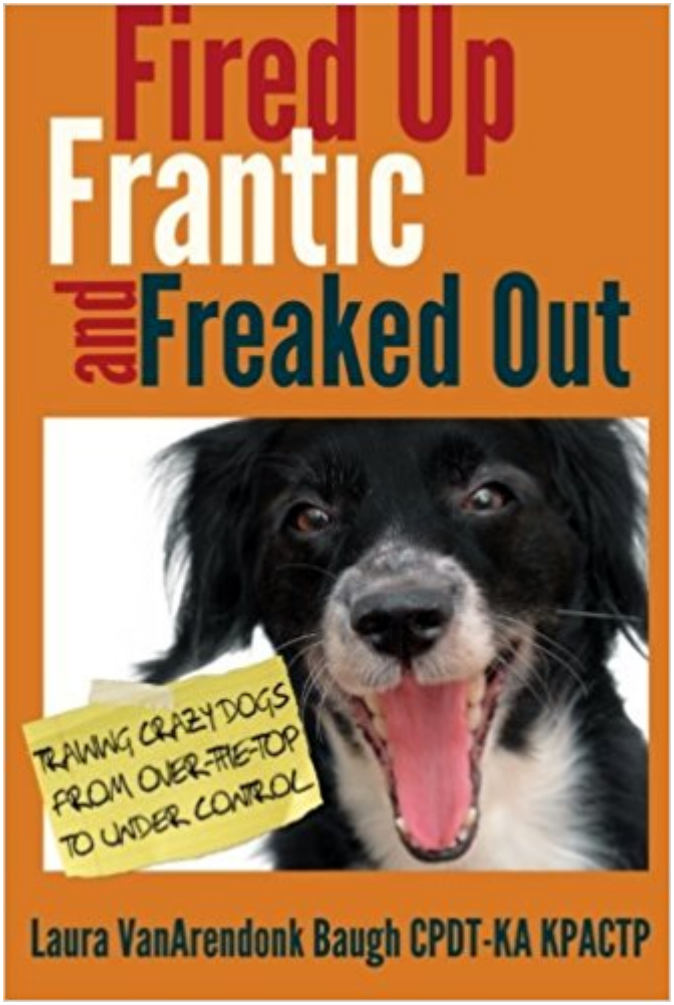
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Fired Up, Frantic, And Freaked Out: Training The Crazy Dog From Over The Top To Under Control



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Synopsis

"IÃ¢â ¬â„¢m loving it! Laura has managed not only to write a clear and incredibly important book, sheÃ¢â ¬â„¢s really funny too! Her way of writing, the images in her language, and the diagrams make this book really stand out; thereÃ¢â ¬â„¢s no way to misunderstand the concepts sheÃ¢â ¬â„¢s presenting." -- Emelie Johnson Vegh, co-author of Agility Right from the Start Some dogs need a little help. Some dogs are afraid, or excited, or reactive. Dogs that Ã¢â ¬Å“donÃ¢â ¬â„¢t listenÃ¢â ¬Â• and Ã¢â ¬Å“go crazyÃ¢â ¬Â• donÃ¢â ¬â„¢t live the lives we Ã¢â ¬â œ- or they Ã¢â ¬â œ- want. Fired Up, Frantic, and Freaked Out can change that. Simple steps and an accessible, conversational tone from award-winning, internationally-known trainer Laura VanArendonk Baugh CPDT-KA KPACTP make calming the agitated dog not only possible, but pleasant. Inside youÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll learn how to Achieve change in short, simple training sessions of a minute or less Maximize the effects of natural brain chemistry Know when to call in medical help Ã¢â ¬Å“Clean upÃ¢â ¬Â• unreliable behaviors in both overexcited sport dogs and pets at home Recognize how fear, aggression, and excitement are variants of the same root problem The conversational tone is both informative and fun Ã¢â ¬â • very accessible, and it feels like the reader has a consulting trainer standing at her shoulder! Bring your dog from emotional to thoughtful, and enjoy a calmer, more enriched life with your best friend.

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Customer Reviews

Laura VanArendonk Baugh CPDT-KA KPACTP has been working with dogs and horses since childhood, and she began training professionally in 1999. Laura was one of the earliest dog trainers to achieve national certification, scoring 98% on her written exam. She enjoys pursuing continuing

education more than anyone should, and she has presented internationally on behavior. Laura is particularly fascinated by the science of altering behavior. Her instructional videos are popularly recommended and used in presentations on clicker training, and one has even made its way into a Harvard behavior class! In January 2008 Laura became a Certified Training Partner with the highly-regarded Karen Pryor Academy for Animal Training & Behavior, and she returned to the Academy as an instructor, teaching certification workshops around the country. You can find Laura at www.CaninesInAction.com and at www.LauraVanArendonkBaugh.com.

Some of the lower ratings disappoint me, claiming the book is too basic. I disagree. I think it's very specific. If your dog is not described by the title (to at least some degree); you may not find this book as valuable. As a dog and horse trainer, I appreciate the fact that you cannot train an amped up animal while it is on adrenalin overload! First you have to get the animal calm. Only then can they focus and learn. If they are (FU/F/FO) fired up, frantic and/or freaked out, they don't even know you are on the planet with them, so nothing you do is likely to succeed. This author is a master of training for calmness, plus the Queen of Splitting, a technique that many handlers really do NOT understand. Splitting is an art form and this author knows how to careful prepare the handler and the dog for success by breaking the training process into baby steps so that failure is unlikely. If you want a general dog training book, this may not be it (though I think the instruction can be helpful with all dogs, and is very to-the-point and clear). If you have a reactive dog and are willing to invest some energy, this book WILL work for you. You will develop skill sets to calm and focus your dog, and he/she will become quite capable of learning to control his/her emotions and behavior.

I think a beginner trainer would benefit greatly from having taken a local clicker class. Timing is everything when it comes to clickers and I think the beginning of the book is rather confusing even though I knew where she was headed.What I especially liked about the book and I wish she had talked more about it, is your dog doesn't have to be a snarling, aggressive dog to be freaked out. Mine, for instance, simply cannot contain himself when he sees people on the street or when they come to the house. He just has to jump all over them and let them know how glad he is to see them. It takes him about five minutes to do this and then he is fine. I'm planning to try her approach to see if I can get him to settle down.

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I bought this book to read for a book club and I'm looking forward to discussing it with others. My "fired up and frantic" dog is terrified of the noise the clicker makes, so I'm already starting at a disadvantage. But the author has given me enough ideas that I can find work around. We are ready to start. The book is filled with good ideas, and the WHY behind those ideas.

I have read the book through twice, along with "Don't shoot the Dog" so I would more likely find success with my dog training.. The books are well written, not too technical, and with CONSISTANCY, may just provide some relief for my crazy dog! I have seen results, and since Cocker Spaniels are 'food driven', this method has worked better already than my former plans. We shall see. These books are worth the money, and worth the read!

I've found myself at a loss in addressing reactive behaviors in my 2 year old GSD/ACD mix. Laura's writing is easy to understand, the training steps are simple to implement, and her experiences have given me a renewed sense of hope that I may be able to help my dog gain confidence in himself and reduce these fear-based behaviors.

Every shelter should have there canine staff read this book. It gives great insight to things that are under the control of the human to boost adoptions and reduce the return rate. A must read to help reduce the number of dogs that are turned into shelters.

An excellent book for dog owners! Easy to read and understand while still full of important information about behavior and ways to shape the behaviors you want your dog to demonstrate by using reinforcement. I am very happy with this purchase and I am now reading the book a second time through.I would highly recommend this book to owners who have a dog who fits the description from the title!!

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