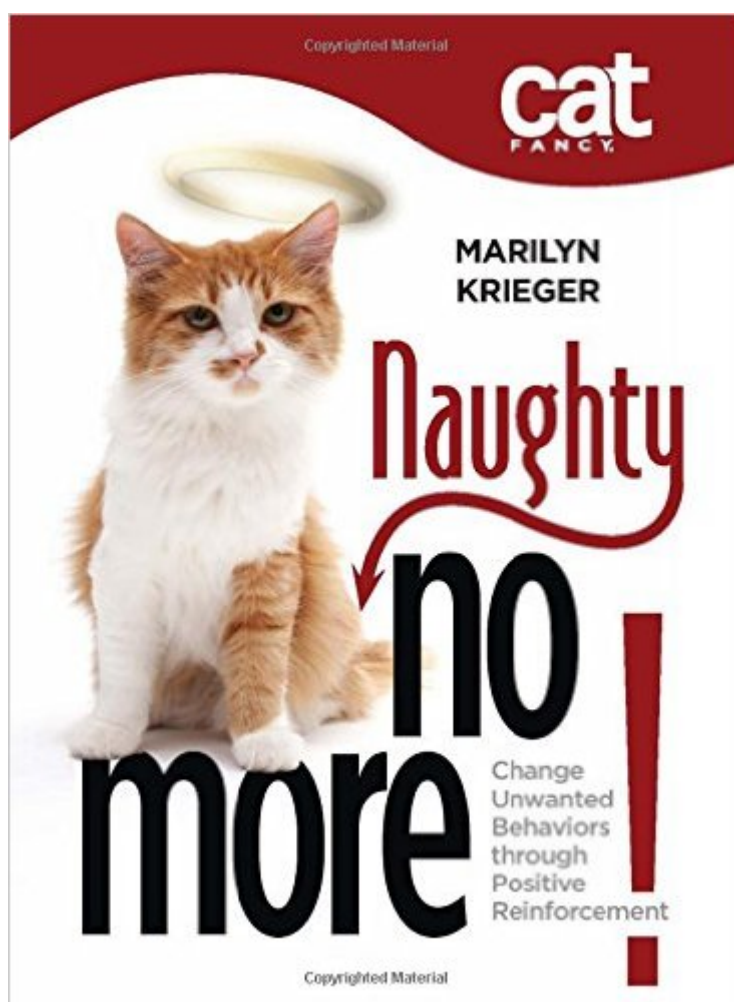


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Naughty No More



Synopsis

Thought you couldn't train your cat and resolve troublesome cat behavior challenges? Yes, you can! Clicker training, combined with other friendly, positive behavior modification techniques can effectively solve cat behavior problems and train your cat in a way that will be quick and easy for you and fun for your cat. Clicker training can also improve your cat's activity rate, attitude and, more importantly, strengthen the bonds between you and your cat. In this easy-to-read beginner's guide, Marilyn Krieger, a leading clicker-training expert, tells you how to teach your cat to: sit and stay and not dart out of doors; not scratch the furniture; have stress-free introductions to new cats; stay off the table and counters; get along better with you, your guests and other cats; have a stress free association with both the cat carrier and the trip to the veterinarian; do tricks and much more!

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Customer Reviews

What an incredible book! I learned about it when I was finally forced to consult with a Cat Behavior Consultant, after ruling out medical issues with my cat's Vet. My cat Sophie is a 6 year old Bengal cat. She was never very active (unusual in a Bengal), and I always felt like she just wanted to be "left alone" - truly a bummer, since her twin brother is completely opposite - he is playful, healthy, and very communicative. So... I decided to add a third cat, thinking then my boy would have a playmate... and that's when things went downhill fast. Sophie quickly began having outside of the box "accidents." She was diagnosed with FLUTD which is a maddening condition that causes recurring bladder infections that are not easy to treat - I understand that often, it is caused by stress. So the inappropriate elimination, most times, was not due to a bladder infection (treatable with

Antibiotics) but actually due to her stress in adding a 3rd cat, and her overall lack of stimulation and contentment. I learned from Marilyn's book how to get her ENGAGED with me, which has ultimately led to near eradication of "accidents." It has become a fun activity that we do together daily. What is interesting is to see how excited my other cats are about this too - my "new" cat is a year old and he has progressed lightyears beyond the others (he's not set in his ways, I guess) :-) But I can say without reservation, this book is an essential tool for building a stronger bond with your cats, and for correcting behaviors like door darting and counter surfing (two BIG problems I had, with the new cat!). I saw Marilyn on Cats 101 demonstrating the technique, and I didn't really "get it" at first - I thought it was neat but I really didn't understand how it all worked. "Naughty No More!" walks you through all of the steps, so that you can teach even the most reluctant subject how to better communicate with us silly humans. Thanks Marilyn for such a well laid out process! We still have a lot of work to do, but the unwanted behaviors have improved dramatically. We look forward to each new thing that our brilliant Bengals learn to do!

My cat is named Norman Bates because, well....he's psycho. Very strong willed, stubborn, vindictive, you name it! He's also 7 years old, so I thought that it was impossible to train him, or any cat for that matter. After going through 2 sofas in 3 years due to his scratching, (down to the wood frame!) I was desperate. A friend recommended this book and I can't tell you what a lifesaver it has been. My cat took to the training within 2 days, and has completely changed. He LOVES his training sessions, and learned how to sit after only a week. Although I wish there was a little more specific detail in the book, I still gave it 5 stars, and you'll be able to quickly figure out whatever details are missing.

Well written and organized. The author provides a lot of information about basic behavior management theory which is fascinating and helpful. Of all the basic books on clicker training cats this one was my favorite. It provides far more than guidance on dealing with behavioral issues. It's also a great intro to clicker training specific to cats. One tip provided that was particularly helpful was how to find an alternative for a traditional clicker if your cat is afraid of the clicker noise. My cat was scared and ran from traditional clicker sounds. This book suggested using the click of a ballpoint pen, it worked beautifully. In addition to basic instructions in clicker training there are also case studies and a chapter on training tricks. This book has a bit of everything for cat clicker training. It's obvious the author is very knowledgeable about the science and practical skills required to clicker train cats. It's so nice to have something like this that is specific to cats. The majority of the

clicker training books are dog oriented.

Good book, but it didn't work for my cat. He's been possessed by Satan. I should have spent the money on an exorcism or a trip to the Vatican. My cat is extremely intelligent and his latest escapade was actually opening my back door letting out all of my other cats. My cat reminds me of the kid in that movie " Problem Child" with John Ritter. I love him to death, but he is soooo bad !

I rescued a kitten before it had had a chance to learn 'manners' from his mother. Thus, I had a kitten who was positively terrorizing my adult cat -- "Play with me, play with me now or I'll jump and bite you". The adult cat needs his 20+ hours of sleep a day and this kitten was annoying him to the point he was developing bad habits himself -- ie. like the dreaded marking! I read 15 "Cat Help" books in a hurry and among all the advice I gleaned from them was the notion that I needed to give my kitten something else to think about. He's not a bad cat. Just needs a better outlet for his energy. So in addition to play therapy (think wand toys and fetch), I bought a clicker wand and started working my kitten at 12 weeks of age. He's almost a year now and I cannot imagine a better cat. He comes when called. Sits. Twirls. Jumps up (or down) on command. Plus, because I thought it was cute, I taught him to "High Five" me. I even taught him to sit up and swallow whatever I offer him with command "Pill" in anticipation of his later years. 'Stay' is a hard one for us to get, but we are still working on it. Remember he's a kitten with the attention span of a gnat. The best part is the adult cat was interested in what was going on and simply by watching the kitten get rewarded for certain actions, started doing them himself. Yes, you can train a cat. Get this book. It's the best one I read.

One of my cats has some behavior challenges and a cat behaviorist suggested clicker training as a way to change his behavior. I've looked at clicker training books before but other than teaching tricks I was not sold on the concept. However, this book pairs bad behaviors with positive reinforcement using clicker training and it works. We are still in the basics but my cat enjoys the training and I find instructions are easy to understand and the Case Study lets me see how a real situation using clicker training works. Naughty No More

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