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Top Dog Trainers Offer Tips From Down Under

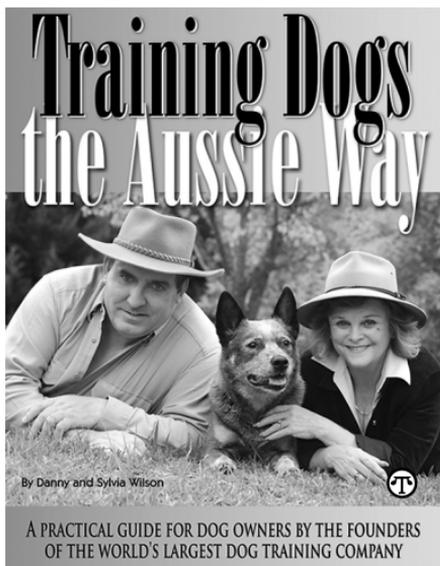
(NAPSA)—Australia's Sylvia and Danny Wilson, world-renowned grand master dog trainers, are responsible for developing the techniques used to train more dogs than any other in the world. Their new book, "Training Dogs the Aussie Way," shares their practical approach to the most common issues that dog owners face and offers insight into pack law and the canine psyche.

Saddened by the ever-growing number of healthy dogs euthanized for behavioral problems, the Wilsons set out to help humans better understand the canine psyche—and save dogs' lives. Together, they founded Bark Busters Home Dog Training in 1989, now the world's largest dog training company with hundreds of locations throughout the U.S.A. and 10 countries around the world. They have more than 50 years of combined experience in addressing dog behavioral issues and training dogs deemed untrainable by others.

With typical Australian flair, the Wilsons walk readers through understanding how dogs communicate, selecting a breed, raising and training a well-behaved dog, addressing problem behaviors, and expert strategies for advanced training and tricks.

"We recommend Bark Busters at our hospital because it embraces a holistic approach," says Shawn Messonnier, DVM, host of the weekly radio show "Dr. Shawn, the Natural Vet" on Martha Stewart Living Radio. "No gimmicks or harsh punishment—just a natural approach to establishing leadership and control of dogs that we know works."

Indeed, Sylvia Wilson says



Grand master trainers Danny and Sylvia Wilson are dog whisperers from Down Under.

effective communication helps a dog feel safe and secure—and stay healthy. "Our dog-friendly techniques use the same communications methods—body language and voice control—that dogs follow as part of their instinctual pack mentality. Learning how to communicate effectively with your dog in a language he understands is a critical step in establishing leadership and control. And after all, it's a lot of fun to learn to 'speak dog.'"

Loaded with case studies and helpful illustrations, "Training Dogs the Aussie Way" is a must-read for all dog lovers and makes a great gift for new dog owners. The book is available at booksellers across the country, at Amazon.com or from a Bark Busters trainer—call 877-500-BARK (2275) or visit www.barkbusters.com to find a local trainer.