

Jean Donaldson is a native of Montreal, Canada. She graduated from Vanier College in 1982 with a DEC in Music and Psychology and then went on to study at McGill University where she graduated in 1987 with degrees in both Music and Comparative Psychology (differences among species in cognitive and learning ability). She began in 1975 to compete in dog sports such as Obedience, Tracking and Flyball, winning numerous titles such as OTCh, TDX and HIT. While a student at McGill, she worked as an Adoption Counselor for the Montreal SPCA and later served on its Board of Directors. In 1989 she founded the Montreal Flyball Association, whose A team, the Montreal Dogmatics competed at the Toronto Skydome tournament in 1990, taking a fifth place among a field of over one hundred teams from across Canada and the United States. In 1990 Jean founded Renaissance Dog Training, the first positive reinforcement dog training school and counseling service in the province of Quebec.

In 1996 James & Kenneth Publishers published Jean's first book, *The Culture Clash*, which has won numerous awards, including The Dog Writer's Association of America's coveted Maxwell Award for the best training and behavior book of the year. Since its publication, *The Culture Clash* has been the number one recommendation for dog trainers of The Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) each year it has had a recommended reading list. The second edition was released in 2005.

In 1999 she founded Academy for Dog Trainers at The San Francisco SPCA, which has gained a reputation as the Harvard for dog trainers and behavior counselors. The Academy offers a six-week full-time accelerated program for aspiring dog trainers, as well as occasional seminars and advanced continuing education sessions for trainers and behavior counselors. The Academy has over three hundred graduates practicing dog training and behavior counseling world-wide. Jean's other books are *MINE! A Guide to Resource Guarding in Dogs*, also a Maxwell Award Winner, *FIGHT! A Guide to Dog Dog Aggression* and her newest release *Oh Behave! Dogs From Pavlov to Premack to Pinker*. In 2006 her behavior column for Dogs in Canada Magazine won her a third Maxwell Award for best column in a periodical.

Jean has lectured to dog trainers in the United States, Canada, the UK, Australia and Japan and her books have been translated into six languages. A keen student of evolutionary biology, she lives in the San Francisco Bay area with her dog, Buffy. Buffy, a chow chow adopted from SF/SPCA in 2002 is, according to Jean, "a rude shock after twenty years of border collies."

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