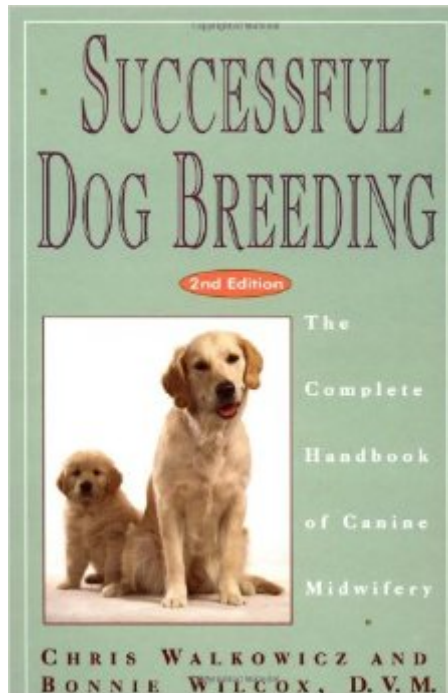


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Successful Dog Breeding: The Complete Handbook Of Canine Midwifery (Howell Reference Books)



Synopsis

Here, at last, is a revised and expanded edition of this award-winning breeders' reference.

Successful Dog Breeding is a book for the first-time breeder and longtime fancier alike, no matter what the breed. Down-to-earth practical information is given to cover virtually every contingency associated with breeding and whelping. Presented in a humorous format, even the most serious information is made easier to understand. Chris Walkowicz and Bonnie Wilcox, D.V.M., are both veteran dog fanciers who bring a wealth of personal and professional experience to every chapter. Covering topics from planning the breeding (should I or shouldn't I?) to problems encountered in breeding, delivery and neonatal care, the authors offer viable solutions to innumerable problems, whether old or new. Two highly extensive appendices on breed idiosyncrasies, compiled from correspondence with longtime fanciers as well as from research from veterinary journals, complete the abundance of information offered here. All of this is complemented by original drawings by the well-known canine artist Mary Jung. A Howell Dog Book of Distinction

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We would have been lost without this book. We read it four times before our female Bichon Frise was ready to deliver. It gives excellent step-by-step procedures that guided us through the whelping process and made us aware of difficulties that we could encounter. After studying the information, we were ready and able to take on the responsibility. I highly recommend this book to anyone who is considering breeding their dog. To the authors, "Bravo!"

I have never before opened a book on breeding dogs that offered such a smorgasbord of knowledge! Authors Walkowicz and Wilcox not only know everything conceivable about the safe breeding of dogs, they understand the nuances and objectives of producing the elite, superior specimen--the canine Olympian that is a conformation show dog. Included between these covers is information on: *Evaluating your breeding stock* Choosing a stud dog* Pre- and post-mating care* Whelping boxes* What you REALLY need on hand while birthing the litter* Readily readable and understandable explanation of genetics* Hereditary defects* What can go wrong, and how to prevent it and so much more that I can't recall. This book is a lifesaver. I should know--at the age of 14, I bred and whelped my first litter of Labradors with the help of this book, and one of those puppies is a Champion in Thailand today. On a scale of 1-10... 11!!!

I found this book to be the most helpful of all my books on dog breeding. It's easy reading and following. I recommend to anyone thinking of breeding their dogs.

DogRead book of the month Oct 2001 This book was chosen to be on the prestigious 'DogRead' ... as a book selection of the month. We only do 12 books a year. The author comes on line for the whole month to answer questions on the book. To be selected for this group means the book is one of the very best in its field. This one received rave reviews. We found it easy to follow and great for the newbie or the long time owner. It was very well received by our 3000 member email group. The author was very knowledgeable and easy to understand. Treshell owner DogRead

This was our first litter of Lab puppies. This book was an informative read for a novice. In some areas, it seemed to go into too much detail (ex. genetics and DNA - too scientific and complex for me). I found the getting prepared for birth and the actual whelping event info to be very complete, and understandable. I would have liked more info on AFTER the birthing - more on the care and upkeep. My puppies quickly outgrew their whelping box and we had to provide larger accommodations. Being December, it was too cold to kennel them outside. So we had to improvise and come up with a set-up in the basement garage. I would have liked ideas on how to contain them, how to better organize their space, how to manage the poop and cleanup process better (exhausting). I also would have liked more info on placing puppies in good homes, the AKC process, owner contracts etc. But overall a good read, while lacking in some areas and too detailed in others.

This book gives step by step and detailed instructions on how to handle the many things that can go wrong in whelping a litter. I found it a comforting resource to have around so I know I am as well prepared as I can be for what may come. A must have for any breeder, hobby or professional.

Outstanding book. Very easy to comprehend; the humor tells me these folks have "been there, done that" when it comes to breeding dogs. The "drawings" (Cartoons) alone are worth the price of the book! Highly recommend.

There are some great points and some lacking points made in the book. I appreciated the section where it lists the breeds of dogs and then corresponds the numbers that relate to the diseases and problems of that particular breed. It helps in determining whether the breed's problems are ones that you feel comfortable handling or trying to correct. The book needs more photos, drawings, or sketches as it assumes a higher degree of knowledge on the readers part. I would recommend the book but not as a sole source but only as an additional source as it is not complete and doesn't answer or address many other questions or problems.

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