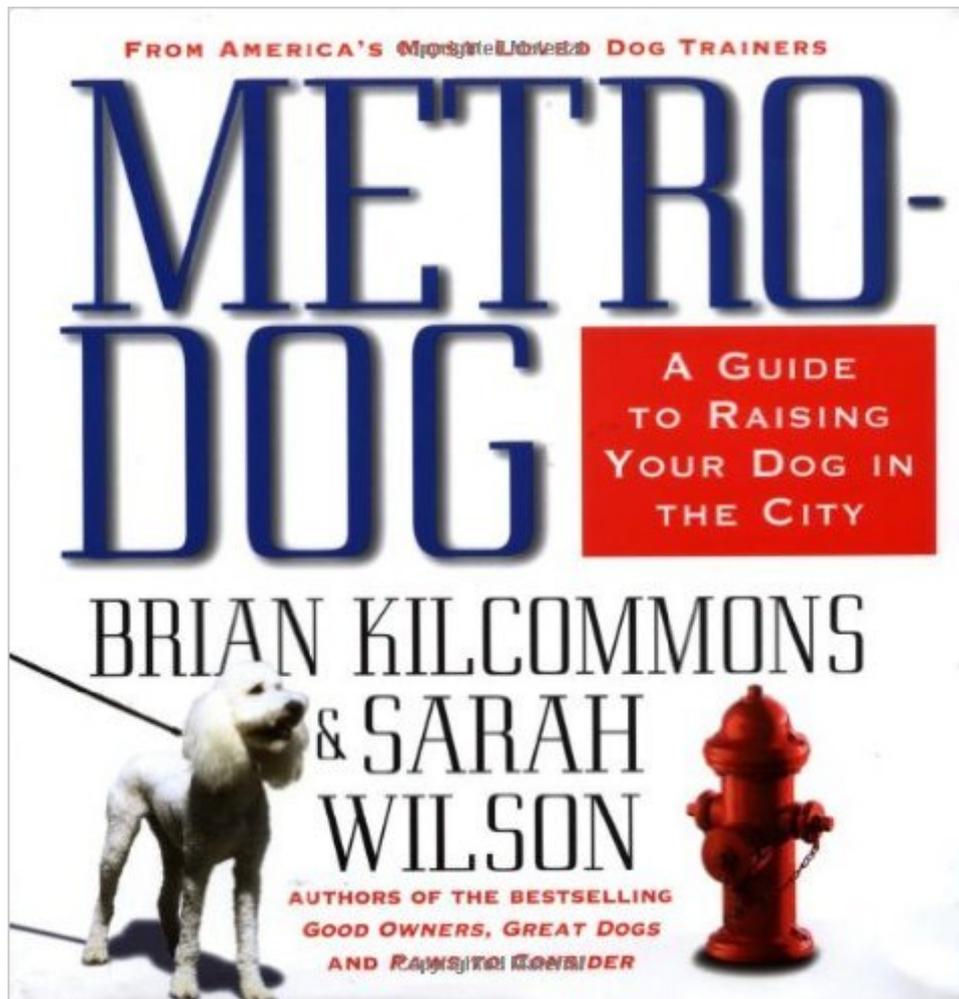


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# Metrodog: The Essential Guide To Raising Your Dog In The City



## Synopsis

They wag their tails, slobber, and romp just as enthusiastically as their suburban and country cousins, but city dogs are a breed apart. They live in high-rises, trot along bustling sidewalks, and play in crowded dog runs, so good manners with humans and canines alike are imperative. In this thorough guide, Brian Kilcommons and Sarah Wilson tell urban dog owners how to do everything from housetraining a puppy when the sidewalk is 40 floors away and she has to go now to preventing Rover from barking in a thin-walled studio apartment. Loaded with an arsenal of proven training tips, *Metrodog* is the book every dog owner in every metropolis must have. Brian Kilcommons and Sarah Wilson coauthored the classic *Good Owners, Great Dogs* (Warner, 1992), which has netted over 200,000 hardcover copies and has a 92% sell-through. The author has just launched [greatpets.com](http://greatpets.com), which e-mails a weekly newsletter to its considerable mailing list.

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But particularly helpful for those of us who take on the highly rewarding challenge of sharing our busy city lives with a canine companion. It may just make you want to grab your dog and move to the big city! Useful for ALL dog owners and a NECESSITY for urban dog owners. Great photographs. Accessible to the average dog owner but with interesting, unique information for seasoned dog-lovers. I am a HUGE MetroDog fan. There's advice in there that I've NEVER seen anywhere else, and I have 2+ shelves worth of dog books in my house. Nowhere else discusses how to secure your dog safely while you grab a cup of coffee, or how to hail a cab with your dog, for example. One of the most \*practical\* books - and not just for city dwellers. Suburbanites without fenced yards or even just full-time workers will find much useful info.

I thought I would like this book, and I did. I've read all of the authors' other books about dogs, and this one was right up to par. There was no resting on laurels! Metrodog is invaluable for dog-owning city dwellers, but it's equally useful for dog owners in any location. The book begins with how to find the right dog, and ends with how to say good-bye to a faithful old friend. In between it covers housebreaking, food, manners, training, socialization, exercise, and health care, with hundreds of useful details discussed with the authors' customary savvy and humor. For readers who are interested in learning how to successfully and happily share their lives with a dog, this is the book to read.

Brian Kilcommons and Sarah Wilson, of course! OK, well, they didn't invent the idea of dogs living happily in urban areas, but they can show you how to raise your pup into a confident, social, well-exercised and happy pet in a teeming Metropolis. They do it by drawing on a combined thirty years of experience training dogs and their people. Much like their previous all-around dog-training book "Good Owners, Great Dogs," "Metrodog" offers tons of how-to know-how from dog trainers who (surprise!) can actually write! The book is a helpful compendium of training tips, photographs and anecdotal information. From solid content on how to select a dog for the city to things to teach it and simple instructions for doing them, this book is unlike most any you will have probably read about dog training. The authors focus on city life for dogs, and their positive, fun approach to training make it a must for city-dwelling canine-lovers. How on earth do you housetrain a dog when you live on the 35th floor? How hard is it to exercise a dog on busy sidewalks? What if I need to hail a cab (or take the subway) and I have a dog with me? These questions and more are concretely answered with several dashes of Sarah and Brian's trademark humor thrown in. They also cover selecting a trainer, destructive behaviors, the older dog, dealing with dog parks, dealing with different dog temperaments, and proofing your city canine to all manner of things you and he will encounter on the street. Even folks who live in suburbia will find much of interest here, for the behaviors covered are good for ALL dogs to know, even if you never plan on living on the 35th floor of anywhere. Just like on their website called GreatPets, Brian and Sarah share the best of their knowledge with us because they love dogs and what dogs bring to our lives. I highly recommend "Metrodog."

Thanks to this wonderful informative book, my dog and I have made a safe and happy transition from country woods to city streets without a problem. I loved the advice on elevator manners, taking

taxi with your dog, behavior in stores and park, and the "distance down." Not only is this book filled with helpful advice for raising a dog in the city, it is chock full of wonderful training advice for every dog everywhere. I highly recommend it. Thank you Sarah and Brian, for this wonderful book, and thank you for your wonderful message board at greatpets.com

...this book is an excellent source for any dog owner. With their usual entertaining writing style, Brian Kilcommons and Sarah Wilson guide one through choosing a dog, housebreaking and training it. Their experience in dog training is extensive and it shows throughout the advice and tips in the book. We live in the suburbs, but have found this book tremendously helpful as we work our German Shepherd puppy towards being a therapy dog! ...

I had been anticipating this book for some time - it's authors Brian Kilcommons and Sarah Wilson have a number of wonderful pet resource books to choose from. I read MetroDog cover to cover very quickly and then went back and savoured it more slowly. This is a wonderful book for dog owners - all dog owners - but especially suited to urban dwellers. The book design is well thought out - the photographs are great and the shaded and boxed areas are very helpful - full of good hints and advice. EVERYTHING is covered - from choosing a pup for city living to training to behaviour issues. They have thought of just about everything that a dog owner needs to know. I think this book is a valuable resource and I find myself referring to it often to look up little bits of information as I need them. As a veterinarian and a puppy trainer, I highly recommend this book. I can't wait for the next installment.

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