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The 'Dog Whisperer's' style speaks volumes

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"The Puppy Whisperer," by Paul Owens and Terence Cranendonk (Adams Media, \$14.95). Owens was the first to use the "Dog Whisperer" moniker in both books and DVDs. A yoga practitioner and staunch believer in nonviolent training for dogs, he is about as diametrically opposed to Millan as you can get. His new book covers all the basic ground about selecting the right puppy, humanely housebreaking, and training and problem-solving with positive reinforcement.

Contemplating his aging Portuguese water dog, Owens writes: "When Molly came into my life, I had been training dogs for many years using the standard methods of the time, including jerking, shocking and pinning a dog to the ground. In 1990, something inside me switched gears. ... I realized that physical punishment and aversive training were not necessary."