

# Pet Reads

## Compelling books on pets, care and just fun reading

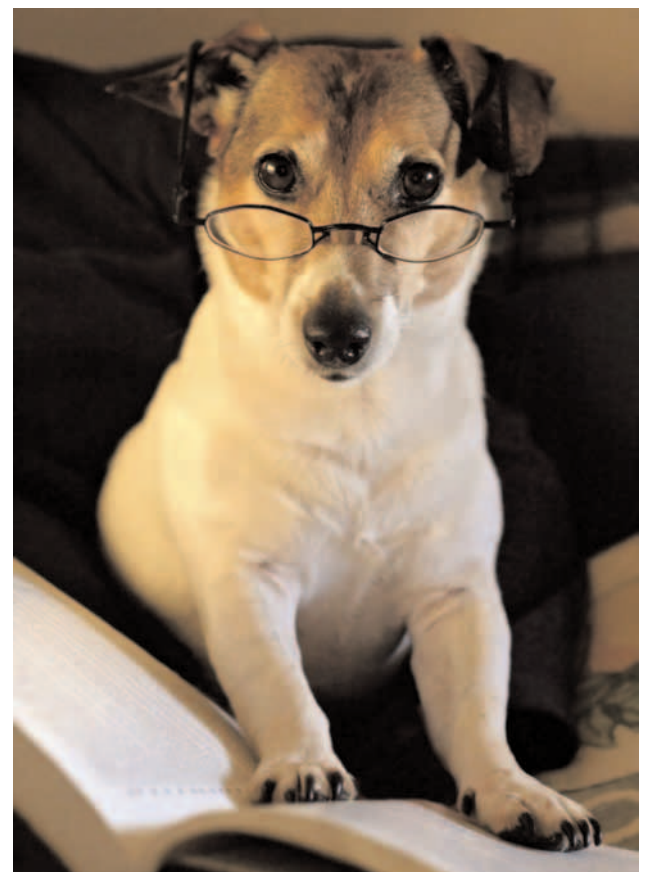
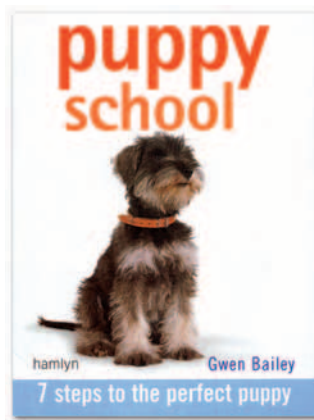
### Puppy School: 7 Steps to the Perfect Puppy

Written by Gwen Bailey

Happiness is a warm puppy especially if he's well trained, socialised and obedient. This book is a step by step guide which covers key areas necessary to train a puppy—from introducing him to a new home; socialising with humans and other animals; the basics of sit, stay and walking on a lead. It's not just for people with little puppies as it goes right through to adolescence behaviour and even includes some easy tricks you can teach your young dog.

It's packed with colourful photos and tips on getting the best out of your puppy. There's a problem solving section and common questions and answers to big and little problems. This is a very well researched and presented guide that uses positive reinforcement techniques commonly used by the best dog trainers. It aims at making training easy and fun for all the family including children. It would be a great book for those considering introducing a puppy into the household.

Available at bookstores - published by Hamlyn; distributed by Bookwise International RRP \$32.95



After reading this you may decide that the humble hermit crab is the right pet for you.

Available through bookstores - published by Hyland House RRP\$19.95

### Because of Winn-Dixie

Written by Kate DiCamillo

Ten year-old, India Opal Buloni, has recently moved to a small Florida town with her travelling preacher father. She's lonely and isolated from her father who she describes as a turtle hiding in his shell. Then one day Opal discovers a stray and unkempt dog that she names Winn-Dixie, after the supermarket she found him in. Through Winn-Dixie's personality and endearing antics, Opal makes some unlikely friends.

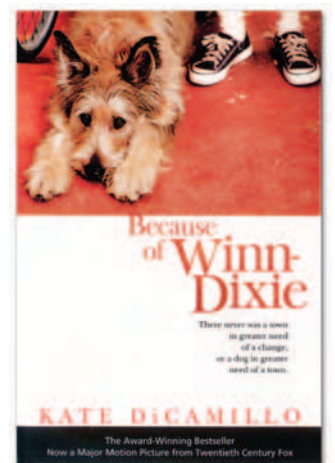
Author, Kate DiCamillo won the 2001 Newbery Honor Book award for this charming children's book. She captures the voice of ten year-old Opal that younger readers will relate to. This best selling children's story was quickly optioned for a major motion picture. The movie, 'Because of Winn-Dixie', is scheduled for release in Australia mid June. Turn to page 22 of this edition of Urban Animal to read about the behind the scenes training of the animal stars in this delightful movie.

Available through bookstores - published by Walker Books RRP \$14.95

Walker Books and Urban Animal magazine are giving away five gift packs of 'Because of Winn-Dixie' and the Official Movie Scrapbook to five lucky readers. All you have to do is send us the reason why you would like to win this prize pack, in 25 words or less.

Send your entry to: Because of Winn-Dixie Competition, Urban Animal Magazine

20 Hordern St, Newtown NSW 2042. Entries must be in by July 1.



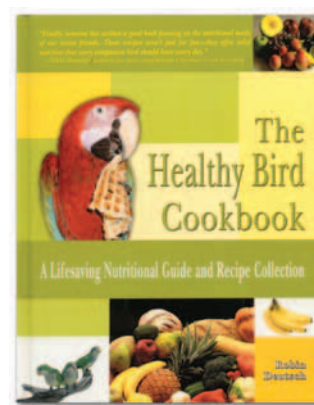
### The Healthy Bird Cookbook

Written by Robin Deutsch

'A lifesaving nutritional guide and recipe collection' is what this book says on the front cover. The first half of the book goes into the importance of giving your companion bird the best possible balance of nutrition. The second is a collection of recipes that are easy to prepare. Recipe chapters are broken down to cover breads and muffins; breakfast foods eggs and omelettes; pastas and pizzas; beans and seed mixes and vegetable dishes.

Not all birds are created equal so the author has a guide to special needs in nutritional, vitamin and mineral for various breeds. Toxic foods and other hazards are covered like the dangers to birds from the fumes of non-stick cookware. As this book is American, you may find that some ingredients—a can of pumpkin or Grapenuts—may seem hard to find on your supermarket shelves. However there are 100 recipes to choose from and many can be shared with humans—so it's not just for the birds!

Available from Amazon.com US\$10.95

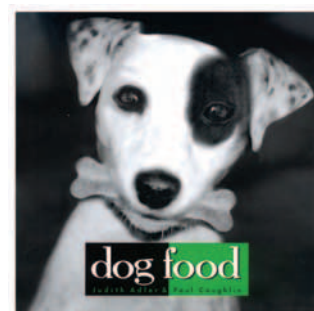


### Dog Food

Written by Judith Adler; Photography by Paul Coughlin

Another one of those little books celebrating dogs, companionship and the joy of food. It reminds us of the fun times we share with our furry friends, meals shared, snacks snaffled and tid-bits procured on the sly. Throughout the book are some entertaining quotes from various sources that will inspire or just make you laugh.

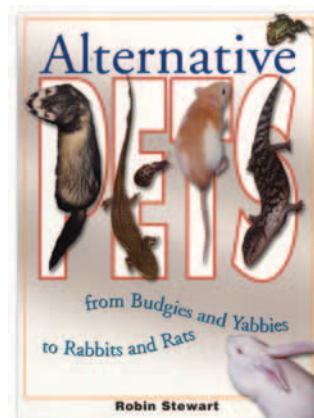
Available through bookstores - published by Rodale Press; distributed by Bookwise International RRP \$22.95



### Alternative Pets From Budgies and Yabbies to Rabbits and Rats

Written by Robin Stewart

Not enough room in the bedsit for a dog or allergic to cats? Or perhaps your taste in pets is more exotic. If you're looking for 'alternative pets' then this helpful Australian guide could steer you in the right direction or confirm whether care and upkeep wouldn't fit your lifestyle. The book is divided into sections of species and information on the lifespan of the animal, housing and cleaning of habitat, grooming, nutrition and general health. Packed with interesting facts, colourful photos and carefully researched, this would be an excellent book for anyone wanting the basics on the care and upkeep of unusual critters. This book is kid-friendly and an invaluable guide for parents being pestered to get anything from a guinea pig to an axolotl.

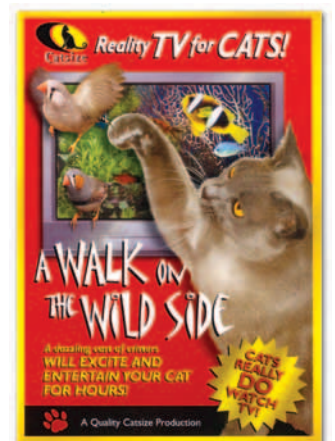


### PET VIEWS: A Walk On The Wild Side DVD Reality TV for Cats

Fluttering budgies and finches, colourful fish, scampering mice and chirping crickets all on your TV screen to entertain cats. This Australian produced DVD was conceived as a way to stimulate your kitty with vision and relax you with an ambient soundtrack.

The DVD has a menu so you can switch to kitty's favourite critter plus it has a continuous loop for extended view times. Our first feline reviewer, Suzie Boots, wasn't interested in the vision yet got excited at the chirping of the birds and searched the room for them. Another was fascinated with the crickets but then found a space to curl up on the couch to sleep. We think the stars of this 'creature feature' are the little mice that scurry around the set, although a Urban Animal staff member found the fish quite relaxing.

Produced by Catsize Entertainment for stockists visit [www.catsizeentertainment.com](http://www.catsizeentertainment.com) RRP\$24.95



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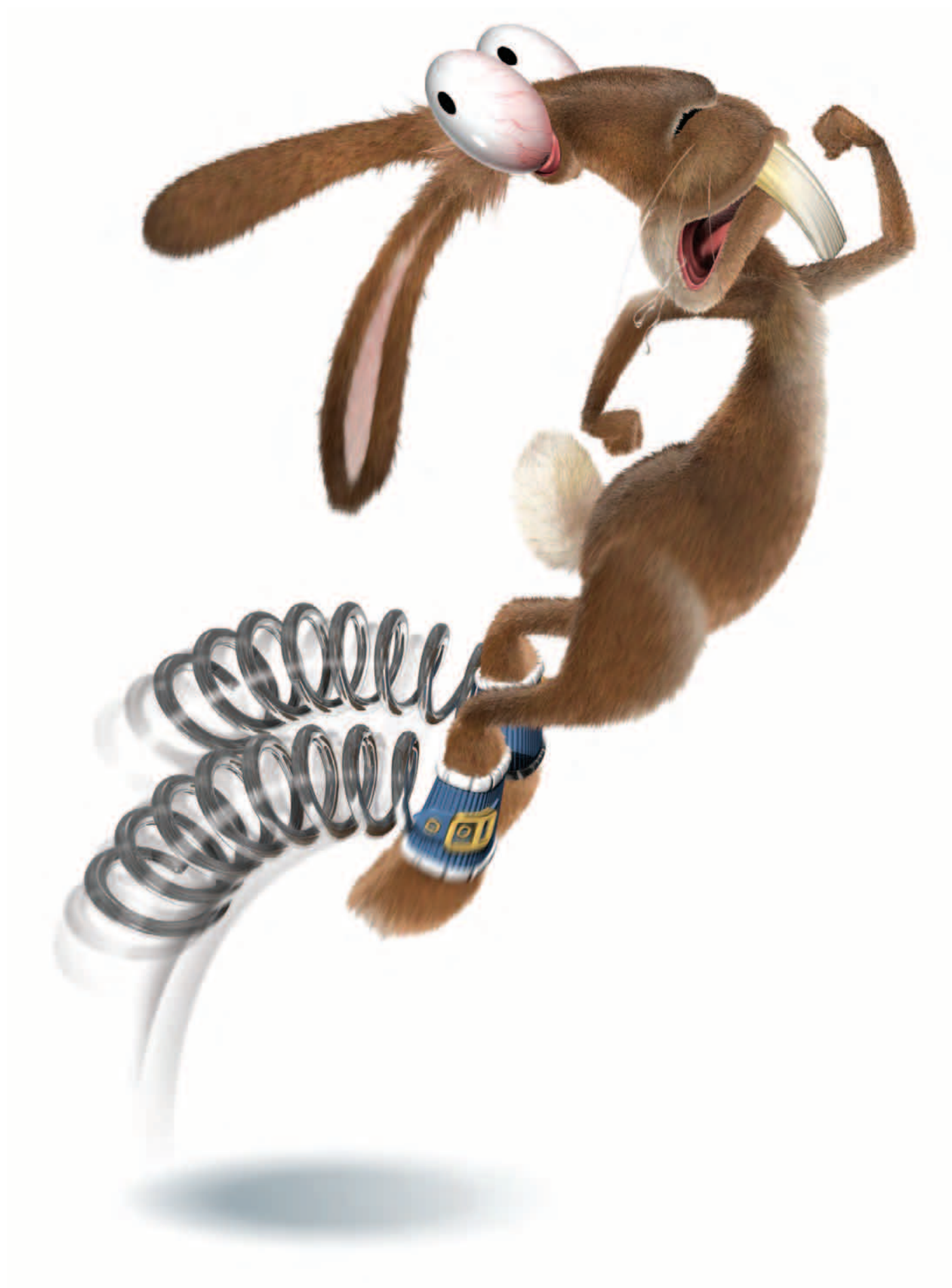
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