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DIVINE CANINE

The Monks' Way to a Happy, Obedient Dog

By The Monks of New Skete

Obedient, devoted, and happy—that's what we all want our dogs to be. But if you feel like you've tried everything to train your dog short of calling upon divine intervention, turn yourself over to the teachings of Brother Christopher and the Monks of New Skete. In their engaging new book, **DIVINE CANINE (Hyperion; September 18, 2007; Paperback: \$16.95)**, the monks demonstrate how a caring attitude combined with honest communication can successfully influence your dog's behavior.

For 25 years, this monastery in upstate New York has studied and practiced the art of raising and training dogs. The monks' teachings stem from their practice of looking for the divine in all creatures. While many people treat dogs as furry, four-legged humans, the monks emphasize that dogs should be respected on their own terms. Doing so builds the foundation for a relationship of respect, love, and understanding, a fundamental tool for effecting change in an unruly pet.

DIVINE CANINE uses the stories of real-life dogs to illustrate how the monks teach the basics: sit, heel, stay, down, come. The beautiful full-color photographs and step-by step guides eliminate guesswork by allowing readers to learn training secrets alongside owners of pets like Hugo, an affectionate bulldog with overly-friendly urges. A series of “what if” sidebars and Q&As organized around such broader topics as feeding, exercise, and medical care fill in any blanks. Reading **DIVINE CANINE** will allow you to:

- * Master obedience basics
- * Understand your dog’s actions
- * Learn the proper use of rewards and praise
- * Tackle problem behavior
- * Enhance the bond between you and your dog

Considering bringing home a new puppy? Already have a few dogs in your home? The monks’ simple, effective advice on everything from choosing a leash to ensuring that your dog gets enough exercise make **DIVINE CANINE** a must-have for anyone who has ever loved dogs.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS: The Monks of New Skete are an Eastern Orthodox monastic community in Cambridge, New York. Founded in 1966, they support themselves by breeding and training dogs at the monastery, and by making and selling specialty foods. Their previous books include the best-selling guides, *How to Be Your Dog’s Best Friend* and *The Art of Raising a Puppy*.

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