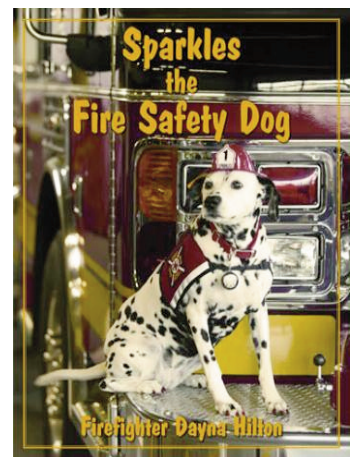




DogSport Magazine's Bookshelf



Sparkles the Fire Safety Dog – Book By: Firefighter Dayna Hilton - Review by DogSport Staff - Sparkles is a Fire Safety Dog from Clarksville, Arkansas that travels with firefighter Dayna Hilton teaching fire safety messages to children all across the United States. Together the two have reached millions of children and their caregivers. The National Fire Protection Association, in 2007 stated there were more than 1.5 million fires reported in the United States, with 3,430 civilian deaths and 17,675 civilian injuries and Sparkles and Firefighter Dayna hope to change these statistics one presentation at a time. Sparkle's tail wags in excitement about learning and teaching fire safety together and riding in the big red fire truck! Dayna begins this book by highlighting important words or phrases that should be explained to children much like she begins her presentation when visiting local elementary schools. This book teaches the most important fire safety information that children should be learning at a young age to be prepared in the case of a fire emergency. The photos help to illustrate what is being taught and Sparkles participates as well, crawling and getting low. Children are also taught how Firefighters will keep them safe and why they wear "special clothes" in a fire. This is a wonderful learning tool for Children! Sparkles the Fire Safety Dog literally is a brilliant quick and easy read for children. Not only will they learn the importance of Fire Safety, but also by using the beautiful Dalmatian dog in colorful pictures throughout the book, it almost guarantees this becoming a child's favorite book to read and re-read all the while re-learning the importance of fire safety. Reading gives children skills in handling complex thoughts, ideas and teachings. DogSport Magazine recommends... every classroom investing in bringing this book into elementary schools to help in teaching fire safety. Interested in reading Sparkles the Fire Dog? Visit: www.sparklesthefiresafetydog.com to order your book today: \$4.99 +s/h.



Susan Garrett's 2 x 2 Weave Training: 12 poles in 12 days

2-disc DVD set, Say Yes Dog Training, Inc.

Review by Kathryn Harvey

Susan Garrett has built a reputation for innovative and effective training, and her new DVD set doesn't disappoint. 2 x 2 Weave Training: 12 poles in 12 days documents a method of training that was brilliant when it was conceived and has only become better with time and evolution. In a refreshing change from many other agility DVDs, Garrett works through weave training from start to finish with a dog who is not only totally green to the process but also new to her. In this way, what viewers learn is the mechanics of teaching 2 x 2s, uninterrupted by the inevitable "yeah, buts" that crop up when watching a longstanding team. This approach allows for lots of opportunities to demonstrate how best to work through minor bumps along the way – the sort of bumps that trainers and dogs new to the program might encounter. The comprehensive program demonstrated on video is complemented by an extensive workbook in the form of a printable pdf file. This alone is worth



the price of the set. From building value to using mistakes strategically, every phase is clearly described and demonstrated. Methodical and precise in its level of detail and yet fun and inspiring in its execution, the two-disc set starts from scratch and offers fine-tuning for dogs at any level of performance. The second DVD of the pair works through more advanced training, showcasing the skills of, among others, Garrett's young dog Feature. It's in this part of the presentation that one either becomes irrevocably sold on the merits of the method or starts to wonder if perhaps Garrett got the special-effects team from "Benjamin Button" to work on her agility video. Feature's performance is just that impressive. It's a rare instructional DVD that can be described as thrilling to watch, but this one is. Rest assured that the jaw-dropping entries and speed are the result of a training program that works. Highly recommended – your training library won't be complete until this set is included. **Order from www.clickerdogs.com.**