

## Synopsis

Rosie Lowry is a Canine Behaviour Counsellor. In the course of her work and study, she has recognised that most domestic dog owners, and many canine professionals, cannot understand even the most basic communication signals their dogs are offering them. This inability to read and react to canine communication, especially when it is intended to highlight stressful or discomforting situations, often ends up with both dog and owner in a state of anxiety or frustration and unable to cope with something the dog had been seeking human help to prevent.

Offering a clearly-written, accessible and practical guide, based on real-life examples, ***Understanding the Silent Communication of Dogs*** reflects Rosie's decades of experience in caring for and working with different species of animals. Many comparisons are made with our own communication methods and, in this very personal account, Rosie is not afraid to talk about examples of where she got things wrong in the past; the intention being to help others avoid making those same mistakes.

Like so many dog owners, Rosie used various styles of dog training such as clicker training, reward-based and control-based methods. Over time, she has learnt that human / canine partnerships, developed through a communication-based system, work the best.

***Understanding the Silent Communication of Dogs*** does not attempt to be a scientific study based on experimentation. It is a set of insights drawn from long-term observation and delivered as a series of stories and reflections, using photographs of real-life situations to illustrate the Author's comments.