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O.K. Member Shares Canine Savvy in *The Alphatude Attitude*



The Alphatude Attitude

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Horse owners are usually dog owners, and though their group dynamics differ, herds and packs coexist on ranches worldwide. Ami Moore's book *The Alphatude Attitude* offers tremendous insight into the human-canine relationship. It has always been fashionable to own dogs, but modern dog owners have sabotaged their authority with passive, indulgent behavior toward their four-legged best friends. A particularly helpful part of the book lists common social interactions in which dogs perceive their humans as subservient or submissive. Who knew?

In addition to giving useful training tips for common dog behaviors, this book also serves as a reference guide to everything dog – from health to medication and nutrition. I have bookmarked the page (134) that gives the signs of a sick puppy.

It was hard not to read metaphorically when I came upon the section "Creating the Attitude of Gratitude in Your Dog." Applications to human behavior – and especially child-rearing abound. There are good human lessons embedded in this canine cover!

Ami Moore is no stranger to EAP, having been certified many times over. She is an astute observer of animal and human behavior, as well as a skilled dog trainer! We had the pleasure of meeting one of her dogs, a standard poodle, at the purple seminar in Wisconsin.

A paragraph in her chapter on affection could have been written about horses, too.

For most dog owners affection begins with food and ends with unending hugging, kissing, stroking and petting. I have gone into some homes where the owner never stops fondling the dog for the entire visit. Many dog owners who smother their dog with love and affection in the wrong amounts at the wrong time are acting out of selfishness, a lack of interest in their dog as an animal, and an amazing but irrational ability to project their thoughts and feelings onto the dog.

Does this mean we should stop kissing the horses' noses? I guess the right amount at the right time is the key!