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Praise for The Midnight Dog Walkers

“Annie Phenix is an engaging writer whose compassion for dogs and the people who choose to help them shines through in this book. She makes a compelling case for the elimination of the use of force, fear, and pain in training for not only these vulnerable fearful and reactive dogs, but for all dogs. She provides an honest perspective on what it’s like to be a card-carrying member of the Midnight Dog Walkers’ Club and what others should know when they seek training help for their dogs. Lucky ones may even end up with Annie.”

—Debbie Jacobs, CPDT-KA, CAP2

“I’m thrilled to be reading an early copy of Annie Phenix's book on reactive dogs, where almost immediately I found this amazing (and so very true) quote: ‘...in order to change another species' behavior, we must first change our own.’”

—Sarah Kalnajs

"The Midnight Dog Walkers is not just another book about dogs. The title grabbed my attention ... being a dog trainer, I instantly realized what she meant. This book reaches out to those dog owners who have to live with dogs who express themselves through aggressive behavior, but it does so in a unique and so very touching way, with compassionate, practical, and sound advice on how to deal with such behavior. Annie [also] goes beyond this in reaching to all dog owners ... in helping them understand what others are going through and how all of us can help each other and, ultimately, our beloved dogs.”

—Claudia Estanislau, DTBC, CASI

"A very enjoyable read. Ms. Phenix is an excellent storyteller as well as someone who has been there herself and can empathize with her readers. With solid, easy-to-follow training advice, backed by expert veterinary behaviorists and fellow trainers who specialize in working with reactive dogs, Ms. Phenix will give you hope and practical training tools—and even some smiles along the way."

—Leslie McDevitt MLA CPDT-KA, CDBC

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