

Foreword

I was honored to be asked to write a short foreword to *There's a Dog in the House* by Nancy Chwiecko and Amy Fernandez. I had been familiar with Amy's meticulously researched and beautifully written books and essays, and I was not to be disappointed by her collaboration with interior designer and proud dog owner, Nancy Chwiecko. The authors have written a comprehensive and user-friendly guide to creating the very best domestic environment for our dogs. Every practical design option is considered, with in-depth research on a myriad of materials and their potential suitability for dogs, whether in small city apartments or big houses in the country.

These chapters, which range from such topics as dog behavioral issues, building maintenance and home repair and construction, reflect a deep understanding of animal behavior, balancing what dogs need and want with what is practical for today's homes. An extensive and detailed resource list is provided for each chapter.

This book is an impressive and comprehensive study of how we live with our dogs, their physical and emotional needs, and how we can create the best environment for a safe, healthy and happy life with them. *There's a Dog in the House* is an invaluable resource and a pleasure to read. It is a "must have" for those fortunate enough to enjoy the companionship of a dog.

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