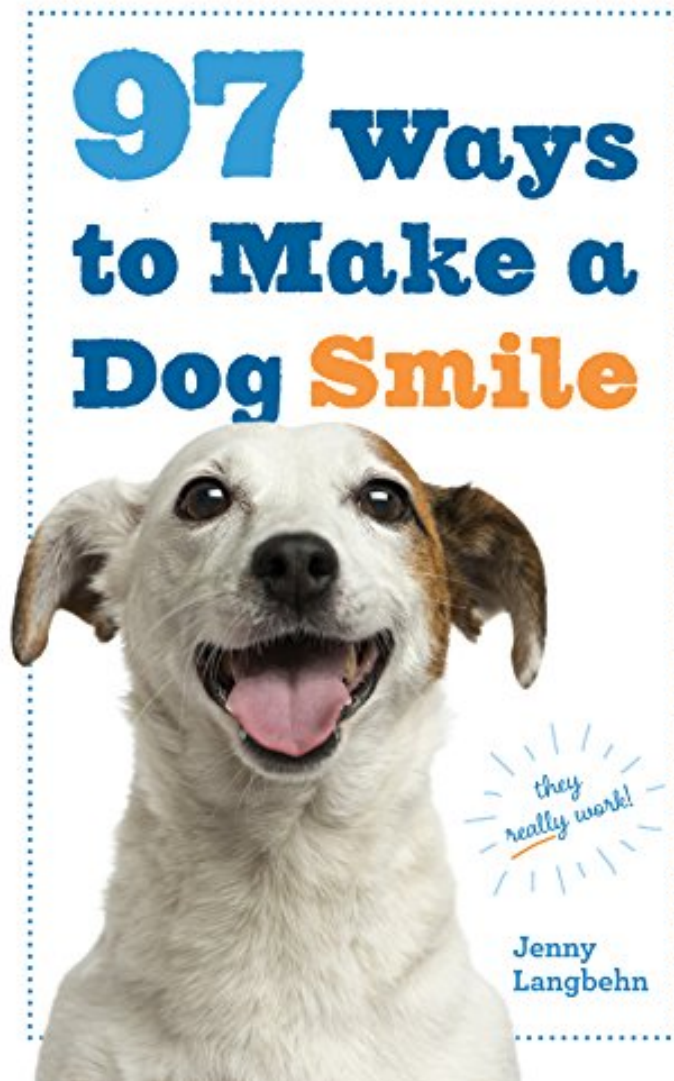


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By Michele Abernathy Many of the 97 ways to make a dog smile are variations on massage -- i don't know about smiling but these are nice ways to help your dog zone out -- good for both of you. My caution about this book, however, is the potentially dangerous suggestions that involve getting your face close to the dog's face -- for example, sniffing him when he sniffs you. Dogs are individuals -- some are used to our dopey behavior and some take strong exception to it. For some dogs, invading their sense of personal space is very dangerous -- many dogs have a strong sense of personal space and don't want anyone hanging over them, kissing them, sniffing them, etc. Many people and children have been bitten very badly in the face and head by not knowing this -- the person is hurt and sometimes the dogs are put down because of a foolish thing a person has done or what an adult has let a child do. Dogs go through a ritual before they get to the point of sniffing each other. For more information on this topic, i STRONGLY recommend the book, "On Talking Terms with Dogs: Calming Signals," by Turid Rugaas. This, and books by Ian Dunbar and Patricia McConnell, are basic education for those of us who love to be around dogs -- the information in these books will improve your relationship with your dogs -- and strange dogs you encounter -- and help to keep everyone safe and happy to be around each other.

News for dogs and dog lovers to smile about: The irresistible bestseller is now even more irresistible with a 4-by-6-inch "chunky" format. As quirky, colorful, and giftable as ever, *97 Ways to Make a Dog Smile* is now fresher and more appealing. Developed by Jenny Langbehn, a veterinary nurse who has a gift for making dogs happy, here are 97 foolproof methods and tricks for putting any dog into a state of pure pleasure. Enhancing each entry is an adorable, full-color photograph of the guaranteed result—a smiling dog. Give these a try: Lower-Ear Noogies. The Thumper. Lazy Man's Tetherball. The Hansel and Gretel—"For an afternoon of fun, scamper about the house leaving a trail of plain popped popcorn in your wake." Or "Subliminal Game," which works by sneaking a favorite word like "cookie" into otherwise boring jabber.* The tricks require no fancy props or special talents—just a willingness to surrender yourself to sheer silliness. They combine the creative gift of touch—unexpected ways to rub, massage, scratch, tickle, and knead—with imaginative play scenarios that are just loopy enough to ensure your dog will be amused, whether he's laughing with you or at you. These tricks really work.*Don't forget to have said cookie on hand.

About the Author Jenny Langbehn is a veterinary nurse and the resident dog whisperer at Lenox Hill Vets in Manhattan, as well as a prenatal yoga teacher, birth doula, and childbirth educator. She lives with her own smiling dog nearby.