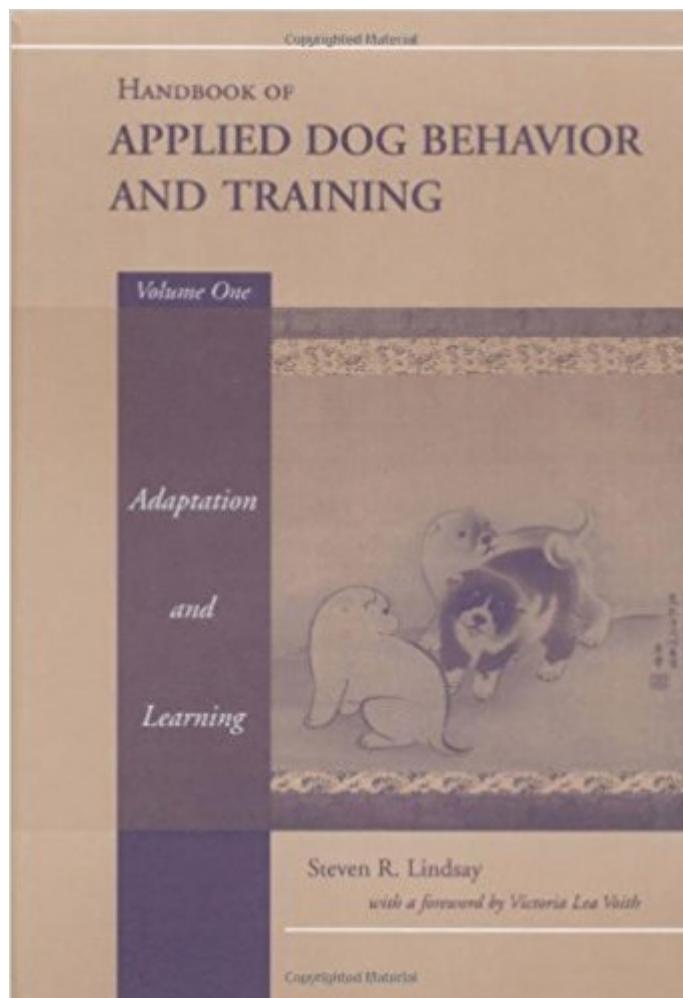


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# Handbook Of Applied Dog Behavior And Training, Vol. 1: Adaptation And Learning



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