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THE MUST WATCH VIDEO AND GOOD TRAINING BOOKS:

A happy owner is an educated owner. I want the experience of my client to be a wonderful experience, living with these amazing German Shepherd beasts.

So please prep!

1. Must watch video: Definitely for first time shepherd owners, but a must watch even for experienced owners who want to do it right up front:
<http://leerburg.com/index.htm?http://leerburg.com/120.htm~mainFrame> , “Your Puppy, 8 weeks to 8 months”.
2. Two great training books for dogs in general:
 - a. Dog Problems, Carol Lea Benjamin, ISBN 0876055145
 - b. ABC Dog Training, Applebaum, ISBN 0764567225
3. The standard for German Shepherds: The German Shepherd Today, ISBN 2189805154. All about the history, care, American vs. German, breeding, pictures of historic champions, etc.
4. If you plan to do schutzhund, the best Schutzhund training book: Schutzhund: Theory and Training Methods, Barwig and Hilliard, ISBN 2189805731. The rules have recently gone through a revision. You should be able to find these on the United Schutzhund Clubs of America website:
<http://www.germanshepherddog.com/> .

By all means, learn as much as you can about your German Shepherd.