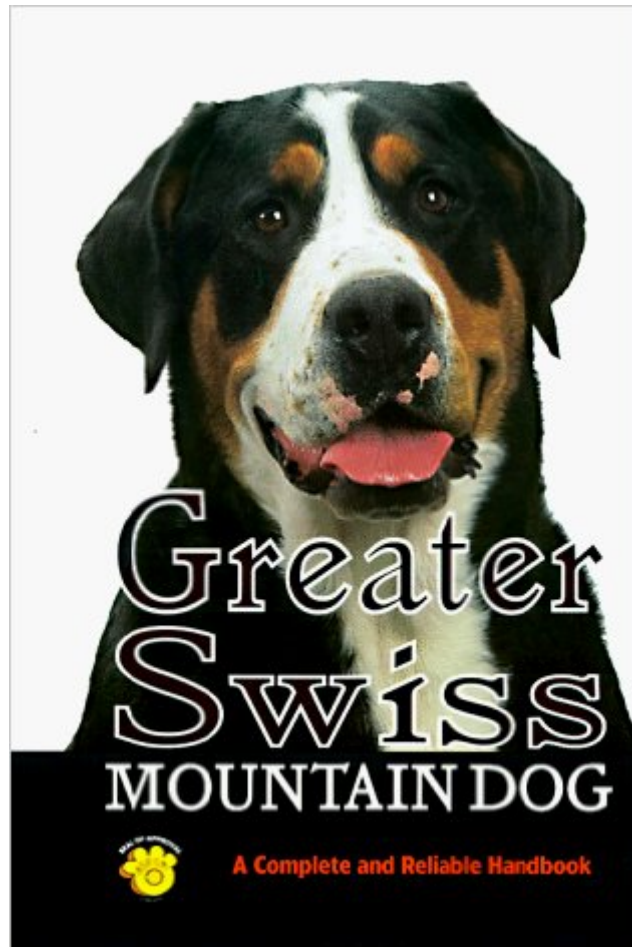


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# Greater Swiss Mountain Dog: A Complete And Reliable Handbook (Rare Breed)



## Synopsis

From the back cover: A welcome and reliable resource on breed history, characteristics and pet attributes, breed standard, grooming, puppy care, housetraining, nutrition and feeding, basic obedience training, and proper health care. Over 75 beautiful color photographs illustrate this one-of-a-kind handbook that proves to be both complete and reliable.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This book had some beautiful photography but like most of the TFH series of books was somewhat generic in its content. The information could have applied to most any giant breed dog and seemed to be more entertaining than informative. Considering that the author is an actual breeder of Swiss Mountain Dogs, I had hoped for a more balanced overview of the breed.

Great book with lots of personal input by Mr. Barton. I was not sure what to expect when I got my pup other than what I saw on the internet and what the breeder told me. It was all pretty on target, but in this book, Mr. Barton introduces more subtle and interesting accounts of the characteristics of the breed and now I can see all this developing in my own Swissy. ...

As a prospective dog owner, looking for the perfect breed is difficult, but Mr. Barton's explanation of the GSMD and his high-quality photography easily convinced me that the GSMD was the right

choice. If you have never heard of the GSMD, this is also a great way to learn of how the breed was saved from near extinction. What a loss that would have been! Easily readable and enjoyable, this book made my decision easy. Job well done.

I just purchased my third copy of this book. Once I loan my copy out to friends or family, it disappears! I'm not telling anyone else I have a new copy! So obviously it is a VERY interesting and informative book. I agree with one of the previous reviewers however. When will you be writing another book?!? Thanks for the information you provide without boring us with unnecessary details.

Color pictures are nice but the content of this book is pretty generic. The majority of the text could have been taken from a general dog book with a handful of Swissy-specific info sprinkled in. This book is not as good as "An Introduction to the GSMD."

We purchased this book in anticipation of our Swissy's arrival in the next few months (Spring '99). The book includes all the information I spent the last few months researching! Training, selection, care, health, and even pulling are all covered with plenty of detail. I would recommend this book to anyone looking to learn more about these dogs. Even better, the Sire of our puppy was one of the dogs shown in the book! If you need more information, the Discovery Channel's Animal Planet has a show called "Breed: All About It" that featured Swissy's in an episode (check TV listings).

Finally, a book on the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog written by an actual breeder. As a novice "Swissy" owner I can identify with so many of Mr. Barton's comments. Having read both breed specific books I find that this book gives more bang for the buck in terms of information and quality. I especially enjoyed the wonderful photos of so many different Swissys.

It is a nice introduction to the Swissy with beautiful photos. The book, however, reads like a brochure. It is inappropriately priced in the textbook range, which it is not (not worth more than \$30). The book is superficial and could greatly benefit from some more detailed information. That being said, it does cover some general topics nicely.

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