

HOW STELLA LEARNED TO TALK

*The Groundbreaking Story of the
World's First Talking Dog*

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Resources and Recommended Reading

To learn more about augmentative and alternative communication, language development, or speech therapy, visit:

Hunger for Words: www.hungerforwords.com

Hunger for Words was created by Christina Hunger to share her communication journey with Stella, educate readers about speech therapy and AAC, and inspire others to teach their pets to talk. You can find videos of Stella talking, answers to frequently asked questions, and resources to help you on your journey with your dog.

The American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA): www.asha.org

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association

for audiologists and speech-language pathologists. ASHA provides information about the speech therapy scope of practice, research materials, and evidence-based interventions.

AssistiveWare: www.assistiveware.com

AssistiveWare is an assistive technology company whose website includes a multitude of easy-to-read articles about important AAC topics. Their “Learn AAC” section is an excellent place to start if you are looking to read about presuming competence, modeling, different functions of communication, and how to be a good communication partner.

Language Acquisition through Motor Planning (LAMP): www.aacandautism.com/lamp

LAMP is a therapy approach developed by a speech-language pathologist and an occupational therapist. Based on the principles of motor learning and natural language development, the LAMP approach is highly effective in teaching words and improving functional communication. The LAMP website shares information about the power of learning words through motor planning and important AAC device features.

PrAACTical AAC: www.praacticalaac.org

PrAACTical AAC is a blog created by AAC researcher and professor Carole Zangari. PrAACTical AAC has a wealth of therapy tips and strategies for helping AAC users become effective communicators.

AAC Language Lab: www.aaclanguagelab.com/language-stages

Created by one of the leading AAC device manufacturers, PRC, the AAC Language Lab provides support materials for speech-

language pathologists, teachers, and parents of AAC users. Their “Language Stages” gives excellent descriptions of each phase of language development, and objectives to target during each one.

The Hanen Centre: www.hanen.org

The Hanen Centre, a nonprofit founded by a speech-language pathologist, trains parents on how to help their young children develop language and communication skills. They offer courses, guidebooks, workshops, and several free articles about effective language facilitation strategies.

Recommended Reading

Thirty Million Words: Building a Child's Brain by Dana L. Suskind

Chasing Doctor Dolittle: Learning the Language of Animals by Con Slobodchikoff

Chaser: Unlocking the Genius of the Dog Who Knows a Thousand Words by John Pilley and Hilary Hinzmann

The Inner Life of Animals by Peter Wohlleben

The Education of Koko by Francine Patterson

The Genius of Dogs by Brian Hare and Vanessa Woods

The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness by Sy Montgomery