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There are probably times when you wish you knew what your dog was thinking. From tail wagging to growling, from play bowing to lip licking, this fascinating book explains why your dog behaves the way he does. What Is My Dog Thinking? covers six major aspects of dog behavior: the importance of hierarchy, food and fitness, staying safe, reproduction, social behavior, and people and dogs.

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Alessia Cima says

What is my dog thinking? Is about Understanding what your dog is thinking and all the tricks and things your dog does, for example I learned that when other dogs sniff each others butts its away to say hello or see what they have been up to. I found the book Really interesting because I really learned what my dog is thinking... I had no idea about any of the stuff I read and now when I walk my dog I understand why dogs are doing the things they do. I would recommend this book to everyone who has dogs, or even people who don't I would have to say this book is really great!

Reb Brann says

I wish everyone who approached a dog had to spend 30 minutes with this book learning about dogs and how NOT to greet the animal. Filled with pictures and the behaviorist describes what the dog is thinking. Low rating from me is because while the book would tell you what was wrong, it didn't follow up with the correct approach recommendation.

Jordana says

Non fiction means a book that is true facts like an autobiography or a cooking book. My book is true facts about how dogs act and think. Its a reference non fiction book. My book is all about how dogs behave and their actions to something they like or don't like. Here are a few fun facts that are in the book: Some dogs do not like you putting your hands near them when they're eating a treat or chewing on something. They'll show their teeth or some will bite. Has your dog ever done that swimming motion to their bed? Well they're trying to get comfortable and that's their way of making their bed. Your body sweats when you're hot. But when your dog is hot they pant. They stick out their tongue and bounce there trying to get cool. However far your dog sticks out their tongue that's how hot they are. If their tongue is all the way out that means they're really hot if their tongue is in their mouth but they're still panting that means they're not that hot. In my book there are sections, headings, titles, page numbers, and side bars. In my book there are pictures that are colored and in the picture it shows what they're talking about in the passage. It depends on what they're talking about in the passage for how many pictures. There are sometimes 1 or 2 pictures sometimes more. In my book there is an index and table of contents there is also acknowledgements. Its a reference book because it gives information about dogs. Its not meant to be a story because it gives information about dogs and their behaviors. You do not have to read it cover to cover, the book is meant to be skipped around in because it is a reference book.

The intended audience is dog lovers because this book is all about dogs and their actions. They put cool pictures and facts that grab you and makes you want to read that section. They use really easy words so that anybody who reads this book likes it. Its easy to follow because its laid out so you don't have to read cover to cover you can skip around. I think its laid out in the way that this type of book is supposed to be. The authors writing technique is interesting because you can jump around and just read the sections that seem interesting to you. The author actually is an animal behaviorist so she basically knows everything about dogs behaviors.

The author does not seem biased because she doesn't seem against what she is saying or about dogs. Readers can expect to learn about dogs and their actions and behaviors. Personally I think she did great and I can't think of anything she could do better. But one thing I liked was she gave little side bars on every page to let you know cool facts about that topic. There are many kinds of nonfiction. I don't really like nonfiction unless its something about dogs or cooking. Anyone who likes dogs and is interested to learn more or about them should definitely read this book. It teaches you all you need to know and it even gives you fun facts along the way. I would give it the highest rating I could because I just love this book and even though I have a dog and I know most things about her there is still more that I can learn. This book taught me more about her actions and why she does weird things.

Jen says

Just a slim photo-essay book, "What is my dog thinking?" still manages to get across some very cool information in an easy-to-understand format. It's also an interesting side-note that, in Britain, Blue Cross is an animal protection group. Could you imagine flashing your insurance card over there?

Thanks for the gift, Ryan!

Cynthia says

Rather simplistic but great for kids and adults to figure out what the dog is thinking. We discovered that our dogs are big attention seekers and need psychiatriac help but you probably had already guessed that.

Raul Garcia says

The book titled: "What is my dog thinking?" was written by Gwen Bailey. It is an expository nonfiction book because it explains facts about dogs behavior and body language. I chose this book because I have dogs, and I'm interested in understanding how to communicate better with them.

This is a book that helps you understand what your dog needs, feels, or dislikes by teaching you how to read its body language. Some people treat or expect the dog to act like a human. No matter what you do dogs are a different species than us... We can only have a good relationship with our dog if we treat it with love and respect of its instincts.

I learned that humans often misunderstand their dogs movements. People punish or praise them when they are not supposed to, reinforcing this way bad behaviors or discouraging them from doing the right things. As a result they stop liking our dogs and some owners even get rid of them.

I loved the book because it made me realize how important body language is for a dog, and it made me pay more attention to my dogs. Thanks to the book I now have a healthier relationship with my dogs. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who has dogs as pets, it is very important to understand our dogs so owners and pets don't suffer because of each other.

Dani says

This is a serious, simplistic and easy to understand book on the behaviors and body language cues of dogs (which are oft ignored or misunderstood, unfortunately). I now find it easier to communicate (to use the term loosely) and or respond to my dog's physical expressions.

This is highly recommended for dog lovers or simply as a handy book for those otherwise less enthusiastic about dogs. Either way, I'm sure the knowledge would come in handy as the appropriate way to react if you come across an anxious rottweiler in an alley.

Jesica says

This book is useful for dog owners to understand our dogs better complete with helpful pictures to compare. However, I think the content in this book are basic knowledge and don't offer new informations much for me.

John says

This book provides helpful insight into dog behavior, along with suggestions to people as to how to approach dogs and how to properly handle them. It is written in anecdotal fashion allowing the reader to stop and start at any point in the book. There is also an index in the back to allow you to find various subjects.

Matimate says

This book is KISS (Keep It Simple Stupid) for the reading the basic expression, which can help you to understand your canine. The everyday situations are accompanied with photos of dogs doing this or that with short explanation of why.

Robin says

This is a good book for basic understanding on why dogs behave the way they do. I found it pretty informative on some things that my dog does and hope to pay more attention to his signals in the future. I'll probably forget though.

Χριστ?να says

Ενας ενδιαφ?ρων οδηγ?ς για ν?ους σκυλογονε?ς και σκυλολ?τρεις γενικ?τερα. Δεν ?χει τ?σο

συμβουλ?ς εκπα?δευσης αλλ? λειτουργε? περισσ?τερο σαν ?νας μπο?σουλας για να μπει κ?ποιος στο συναρπαστικ? κ?σμο των σκυλι?ν και να μ?θει μυστικ? της σκ?ψης και της συμπεριφορ?ς τους.

Iva says

This is a must read for every dog owner because it gives us useful insight into dog body language and behavior which is often misinterpreted, in short this is a very helpful handbook because it makes it easier for our dogs to live with us and makes us better understand them, what they are doing and reasons behind their actions. I highly recommend it!

O ?emu razmišlja moj pas? - Iskreno mislim da se svatko tko ima psa to zapita najmanje jednom dnevno, a oni koji imaju više pasa i ?eš?e... Ovu zanimljivu knjigu objavio je PROFIL, (više o knjizi), a ja sam ju kupila na Aukciji za pomo? udruzi Deseti život iz Splita (Aukcije za pomo? udrugama i pojedincima koji pomažu napuštenim životinjama su moj najdraži na?in nabavke knjiga pa ?u kada god budem pisala o knjizi nabavljenoj na taj na?in staviti i link gdje sam ju nabavila s nadom da ?ete kliknuti i pridružiti se). Ovu knjigu napisala je Gwen Bailey, stru?njakinja za ponašanje životinja.

Knjiga je podijeljena u ve?a poglavlja koja opisuju život pasa kao društvene životinje, život u hijerarhiji, prehrambene navike i spremnost pasa, slijede?i naraštaj (odnos pasa prema štencima), kako psi shva?aju sigurnost te odnos pasa i ljudi. Unutar svakog poglavlja slikom su prikazani psi u položajima koji su nam uglavnom dobro poznati te su iscrpno objašnjeni nakon ?itanja objašnjenja shva?am da iako su nam položaji dobro poznati ponekad ih tuma?imo posve pogrešno, što nas može dovesti u opasnu situaciju ako pogrešno protuma?imo ponašanje psa s kojim se ne poznajemo. Potom na kraju svake stranice postoji odlomak jeste li znali koji nudi puno zanimljivih ?injenica o psima npr: Jeste li znali: Dio nosa za otkrivanje mirisa je 37 puta ve?i u pasa nego u ljudi, a dio mozga koji prera?uje podražaje koji dolaze iz nosa u pasa je mnogo ve?i i složenije gra?e od istog podru?ja ljudskog mozga.

Ovu knjigu smatram iznimno zanimljivom i korisnom kao izvor boljeg upoznavanja pse?e vrste op?enito i kao izvor informacija te mislim da bi bila zanimljiva kako ljudima koje je ve? osvojio pas tako i onima koji jo? razmišljaju o takvoj vezi ili onima koji se boje i samo želete bolje razumjeti pse u svojoj okolini. Za razliku od ve?ine kinološke literature u knjižarama ova knjiga je prihvatljivija cijenom što je dodatan razlog da ju imate na svojim policama. Za kraj jedna zanimljivost: ova knjiga je tiskana i uvezana u Kini te ima poseban miris i nakon godinu dana što ju imam, korice i papir su tako?er posebni na dodir. Nadam se da ?e vam ova knjiga pomo?i da saznate o ?emu razmišlja ne samo vaš pas nego svi te da ?e vam postati drag priru?nik.

Heidi says

This would've gotten 5 stars if I now knew why my dogs ate coyote poop, but had a ton of random things I had never realized before.

Tara says

Every dog owner should read this! It's quick and easy to understand with short chunks of information and catchy headlines. And I learned a lot about why my dog seems crazy sometimes!

