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Do Dogs Dream?: Nearly Everything Your Dog Wants You To Know



Synopsis

In a conversational Q&A format, a leading dog expert answers the most commonly asked questions about how dogs think and act. Do dogs dream? Can they recognize themselves in the mirror or understand what they're seeing on television? Are they more intelligent than cats? People have a great curiosity and many misunderstandings about how dogs think, act, and perceive the world. They also wonder about the social and emotional lives of dogs. Stanley Coren brings decades of scientific research on dogs to bear in his unprecedented foray into the inner lives of our canine companions, dispelling many common myths in the process. In a conversational Q&A format with illustrations, Coren answers approximately 75 questions often asked of him during his nearly fifty-year career as a dog researcher, combining the authority of an expert with the engaging delivery of a guest at a cocktail party. 68 illustrations

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Customer Reviews

Stanley Coren has written a number of wonderful books about how dogs think and act. This little book asks and answers a number of questions that most dog owners, and others, have asked themselves. For example, do dogs understand what they see on television? Answer: Most dogs don't -- the "flicker rate" is too high and distracts them. But as the picture gets better, more dogs will start watching. HD TV should prove very popular. There are many other questions, e.g. How good is a dog's sense of taste? (Not that great) Does genetics determine a dog's personality? (In part) Why do dogs roll in manure and garbage? (We're not sure, but perhaps to camouflage their own smell so that they can hunt better). Each answer runs to three or four pages, explains what is going on, and

draws on scientific studies that support what the author just said. This latter is a big improvement over most books on dogs that are based on just the author's own experiences. The most helpful section for me was a series of sketches of various approaches to training dogs -- clicker training, behavior capture, lure training, physical prompting, and shaping. For each, Coren succinctly explains what it is, how it works, and what are the positives and negatives. A very informative read, and a very easy read.

There seem to be more and more books about dogs these days, but this one stands out. You can tell that Professor Coren loves his three dogs and wants to help us learn more about these special animals. The use of concise questions and answers helps the reader. You can start anywhere and quickly learn what you need. And many answers are based on the latest scientific findings. In the few weeks that I've had the book, our Greenland Husky "Avu" started licking herself and me more and more. So I went to a question on dog licking. Got my answer before Avu finished licking my arm. Then I saw her sleeping and twitching right near my sofa. So I looked in the book for information on "Do Dogs Dream? More help there. I would also recommend this book to anyone who might be thinking about adopting a dog. And those who had a dog pass away and are wondering about getting another one. This book can help in so many ways! Earl

I'm not even a dog person, but I can't put this book down. Did you know that scientists have conducted personality tests on dogs to study breed temperament? Or that if your dog is terrified of the smell of toast, you probably shouldn't pet her? I can't wait until the cat version of this book comes out!

If you love dogs and are fascinated by your dog's behavior, this book will answer your many questions and provide answers based on actual research and the author's decades of experience in working with dogs.

If you are looking to understanding how your dog ticks (or sees or tastes or smells or hears) this is the book. Based upon known mammalian autonomy and physiology, the author replaces what we previously assumed (i.e. dogs can see better than we can) with what science now knows. Be prepared to have your old canine conjectures seriously updated. A must read for anyone who trains or loves dogs!

Dogs see the world differently than humans do. This book has a ton of information, based on science, as to what and why they do. Not to give away the ending--as it is only one of many behaviors explained---but dogs do---nope you will have to buy the book and find out for yourself if they dream.

Analyzes the science and history of dogs to answer many of my questions about my dogs. Each question is self-contained, making it an excellent reference book to keep around. The questions were good choices, but I thought of 1 or 2 other questions I'd have liked to see. Was a great introduction to dogs for my non-pet-owning husband and in-laws. As a lifelong dog owner and a dog trainer, even I learned a great deal. Highly recommend getting a copy of this book to keep rather than borrowing it.

Do Dogs Dream?: Nearly everything your dog wants you to know is a delightful read and gives you nearly everything you NEED to know about your dog. I have given it as a gift to everyone in the family with a dog and received thanks with rave reviews. Every question you have wondered about is answered in crisp layman's terms.

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