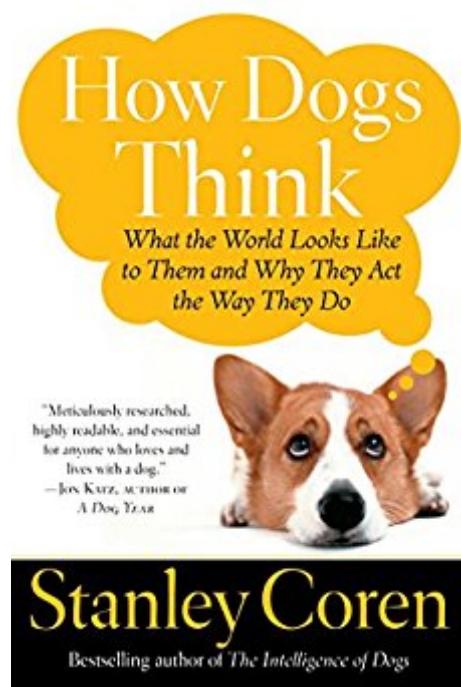


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How Dogs Think: Understanding The Canine Mind



Synopsis

It's been said that dogs personify all the virtues of humans without the vices. Henry James wrote that his dog was "most reasonable and well-mannered" and Plato that "a dog has the soul of a philosopher." Over the years, dogs have taught us many things: loyalty, courage, and to turn around three times before lying down. Yet even in the face of millennia of evidence of thoughtful dogs, there has been little systematic scientific study until recently of what is actually going on in the dog's mind, and some people even question whether dogs have the capacity for that which we call mind. In this long-anticipated new book, written in the vein of his enormously popular *The Intelligence of Dogs* and *How to Speak Dog*, Dr. Stanley Coren looks at both the heights of intellect and the depth of our misunderstanding of what goes on in a dog's mind. A bestselling author, psychologist, and world-renowned expert on dog behavior and training, Dr. Coren is always at the forefront of discoveries about dogs. With his ever-entertaining, erudite style, he provides a fascinating picture of the way dogs interpret their world and their owners, how they solve problems, learn, and take in new information. Dr. Coren lets you see through a dog's eyes, hear through his ears, and even sense the world through a dog's nose, giving you the insight that you need to understand the silly, quirky, and apparently irrational behaviors that dogs demonstrate, as well as those stunning flashes of brilliance and creativity that they occasionally display. Along the way, *How Dogs Think* will answer the questions about which you have always wondered, including: Can dogs count? Do they have an appreciation of art or music? Can a dog learn how to do something by just watching another dog or even a person do it? Do dogs dream? What is the nature of dog personality? Which behaviors are prewired into your dog and which can you actually change? And, can dogs sense future earthquakes or detect cancer? With information not widely known to lay people, this lively guide also provides practical advice and wisdom that allows owners to discover the best ways to teach dogs new things, why punishment doesn't work, how a dog can actually learn to love or to fear, and how to turn that new puppy into a "perfect," emotionally sound, inquisitive, happy, and obedient dog. Combining solid science with numerous funny, informative anecdotes and firsthand observations -- all characterized by Dr. Coren's own searching intelligence and his (and sometimes his dogs') irrepressible sense of humor -- *How Dogs Think* shatters many common myths and misconceptions about our four-legged friends and reveals a wealth of surprises about their mental abilities and intellectual potential.

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Customer Reviews

This is the second book by Stanley Coren that I have bought and read. The first book was "How to Speak Dog" which was a wonderful book on canine vocalizations, body language, etc. "How Dogs Think" is an excellent next step. The book almost has too much information about canine sensory perception and thought processes. It is an amazing look into the world of the canine which, unlike the human world which is interpreted largely through our eyes, is understood via exceptional scent and sound interpreting abilities. As such their brains work differently and respond to outside stimuli differently than humans. Fascinating book for those who are seriously interested in the subject matter. A serious book that provides real explanations to "How Dogs Think".

I am continually amazed at the writing of Stanley Coren. No matter how many of his books I read, he never really repeats himself. He may address similar problems but you always seem to be presented with another way of looking at it at so expanding your own thinking. This is an amazing look at & insight into 'How Dogs Think', literally. No one seems to give quite the same angles to ponder As this man. Read him & you will be amazed at how your perceptions, understanding of

dogs is challenged & enhanced by this man.

This is the best explanation of dog psychology that I have found. It was very interesting to learn why dogs do what they do. I did not realize how much a small change in my behavior could make such a change in my dog's reaction. My wife and I have had a lot of fun exploring the different ways to get our dog to react and learn to new non-verbal commands.

Good book. I thought it was going to be a story, but it is more of a medical book. Still a good read and interesting book.

Best book I've ever read on how dogs relate to their environment. I work in veterinary medicine and was familiar with some and impressed by the other scientific studies referenced in the book. One of my dogs is blind and this book helped me to understand what that means to her. The book has given me many new insights into my dogs' world and I highly recommend it to anyone that lives or works with dogs. I've bought several copies and have given them to our graduating small animal residents.

great read and resource

One of the best and classic books on dogs. Every dog owner should read. I read first 15 years ago and have given it many times as a gift.

very well written book.goes into too much detail for me,so i did skip around, but what i read i truly enjoyed.i recommend it.it gave me joy to know my dog is not as stupid as i thought, and has been 'playing' me for years. if you have a carin terrier,u know what i mean.

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