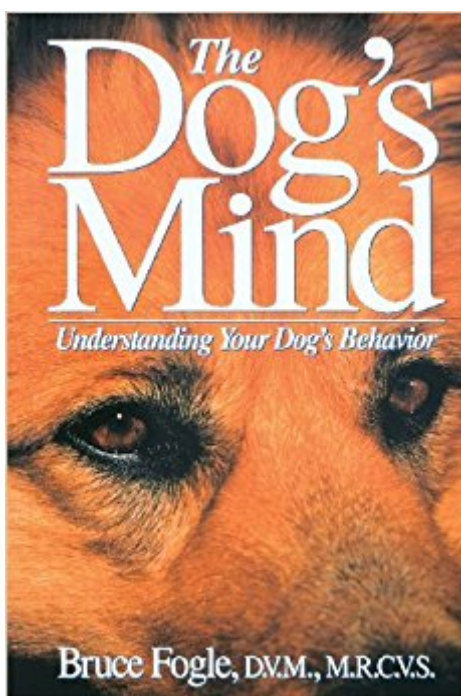


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Bruce Fogle, D.V.M., M.R.C.V.S, is a practicing veterinarian and lectures internationally at veterinary colleges on animal behavior. He has written several books on the behavioral problems of pets, including *The Cat's Mind*.

This book gave me loads of insight. Quite technical, with many details and diagrams of how the different parts of the (dog's) brain works. I still use it as a reference book. However, the average dog owner might find it a bit too in-depth in this respect. Even though this book is quite old and has since been over-taken by more recent research (*In Defence of Dogs* by John WS Bradshaw for example, which is an excellent book, I thoroughly recommend for anyone interested in dogs), this was still a very enjoyable read. In fact, I would have given it 5 stars if it weren't for the fact that it's so old now. It's like a prototype version of *In Defence of Dogs*, although it goes into less detail. Bruce Fogle's writing is charming and easy to read, with the occasional joke slipped in amongst the data. It has some sweet little pencil drawings of dogs to illustrate each chapter too. Most of the information in this book is still very relevant today, although some people might disagree with some of the training methods within (for example, the dog barking at the door, which was resolved by the dog receiving a whack in the face with a Yellow Pages when all other training methods failed. Might I also add that the dog wasn't struck by its owner, it ran face-first into the book when it charged at the door. This book doesn't condone animal abuse!!). The latter half of the book also details the behaviour of dogs throughout their lives, right up to death. Reading about how the old dog slows down, how the brain doesn't function as fast and how the eyes start to fail, really made me think about how my own dogs are ageing and will soon eventually die too. I really enjoyed this book and would recommend to enthusiasts of dog/animal psychology, because despite its age, it's worth a good read.

Despite some of the critical reviews, a lot of the information presented here is new to me. Much better than the cookie cutter re-regurgitation of old information served up as new new information by so many "experts". As with all e-books I find as "must owns", I'll be ordering a hardcopy of this book for my library.

I never write reviews but I need to for this one. I didn't know what this book was about and I was ordering other dog books (I'm a newly Certified Dog Trainer). Once I got this book, I saw the table of context and was hooked. I love anatomy and physiology of humans and animals. Fogle breaks

down what goes on in the dog's brain and why. I'm only midway through but I've been tempted to call out of work just so I can keep reading! I'm in the 2nd section where Fogle breaks down by week what a newborn puppy learns. Just order it and you won't be disappointed!

I've read 6 books on dogs and this is by far my favorite! Informative, descriptive and very well written. A great read.

Dr. Fogle's treatise on the Dogs Mind is quite complete if not overly detailed. Part I, The Anatomy and Physiology of the Dogs Mind, is suitable for the professional behaviorist or veterinarian care giver, or breeder, but unnecessarily involved for the casual dog owner who wants to know why my dog does what she does. While interesting, I could have done without it, as a new-to-the-game dog owner. Part II however, gets to the meat of the matter with simplicity and completeness, dealing with learning and behaviour issues which is my area of interest. I would have liked to have seen an alphabetized index for ready reference. The Appendix, dealing with training is very helpful and concise. All in all I found the book useful, informative and written with humor and insight, but ultimately, not indispensable in my Library of dog books

It was a very interesting book and the author explained a great deal of the behavior that I observed when I had my two dogs, and now that they're gone, I regret not having read the book during the time that they were here. He also instructs the reader how a dog's mind works and the ways in which you can use to remedy various behavioral quirks. It was an excellent book and I would recommend it to anyone who wonders why dogs do the things they do.

We recently adopted a large breed dog with dog aggression issues and although I've owned several large breeds and they've all been well behaved, I needed information on how to proceed to work with this particular dog. All throughout the book I was constantly amazed and surprised at new information I learned about dog behaviors, how genetics affect that behavior, and how best to communicate with a dog. He discusses how dogs learn, how to teach a dog, and how best to correct a dog. A great learning tool on how to better understand and communicate with your dog, even if it doesn't have behavior issues. The book is well written, well organized, and easy to comprehend. I highly recommend this book to anyone who owns a dog.

I was expecting a book that would explain factors that influence dog behavior. This book began with

a lengthy explanation of how a dog's brain works biologically. I stopped reading after the first 50 or so pages. This book, at least as far as I got, is not what I wanted. The Monks of New Skete books are much better at explaining dog behavior, why they behave or react as they do, and how to encourage a dog to behave as you would like.

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