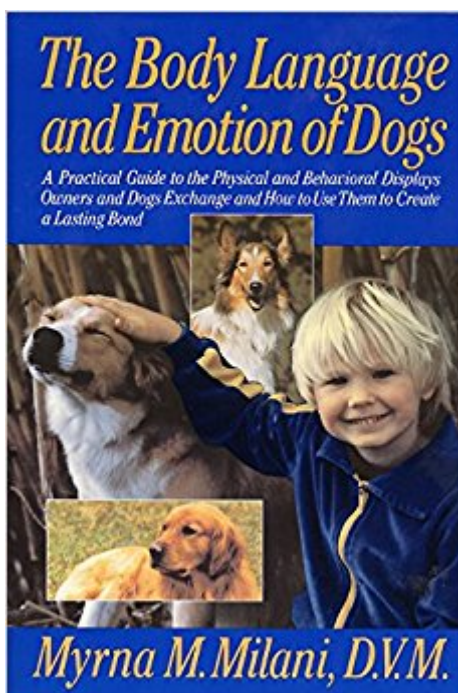


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The Body Language And Emotion Of Dogs: A Practical Guide To The Physical And Behavioral Displays Owners And Dogs Exchange And How To Use Them To Create A Lasting Bond



Synopsis

Why do dogs and their owners, both social animals, often have problems? As a practicing veterinarian, Dr. Milani found that many owners fail to understand the meaning of dogs' behavioral displays. By mistaking territoriality for spite, dominant behavior for love, and making other false interpretations, owners often respond inappropriately. Many owners also fail to grasp how their own emotions and body language affect their relationships with their pets. Here, based on fascinating case histories from her own practice, Dr. Milani offers a guide that goes beyond solving dog behavioral problems. *The Body Language and Emotion of Dogs* also explores the powerful emotions aroused in those of us who seek satisfactory bonds with our pets. Understanding both the social nature of dogs and also that our own emotional responses enhance the physical, mental, and emotional health of both owner and pet. Dr. Milani uses fact, practical experience, and above all, sensitivity and tolerance to help owners build better relationships with their dogs.

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Customer Reviews

In explaining the complexities of canine psychology and human interaction, Milani provides excellent information on special problems, such as depression, fear, aggression, boredom, and isolation. Charming, realistic views of people through a dog's eyes reveal the effects of behavioral and emotional states on relationships. Unlike training books, this focuses on interpreting canine body language, assigning motives, and developing an effective response. Since little has been published on this topic, this will be of interest to students of animal health and behavior. Written with repetitious examples in a continuous style that tends to require reading of the entire book, this is

unsuitable as a reference resource, and may not appeal to the average dog owner. Recommended for larger collections. Carolyn Alexander, USACDEC Technical Information Ctr., Fort Ord, Cal. Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Myrna M. Milani graduated from the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine and has taught and spoken widely on various aspects of the human-animal bond. She has also written *The Body Language and Emotion of Cats* (also available from Quill/William Morrow).

This book arrived in excellent condition and is a really wonderful resource that offers practical information on reading a dogs body language.

Great book. Quick shipping. Great price...

As a dog trainer-in training, I've been systematically reading just about every title I can find about dogs. I do find this book taking a bit longer to read than many others, however I feel it contains helpful information on the various behaviors of dogs that humans often misread. Anthropomorphizing our pets' behaviors, while often cute and funny, can lead to some serious relationship issues and Ms. Milani is attempting to combat that in this book. Rather than emphasizing "terminating the relationship" as many of the previous reviewers have focused on, the author is attempting to prevent such occurrences. She does mention on occasion that in some situations rehoming the dog in a more suitable environment is best for all those concerned. I don't feel her intent is to condone euthanasia as a "cure-all" nor do I feel she encourages anyone to simply give up on the dog/human relationship without taking every reasonable measure to ensure success. I feel she does a good job explaining common issues that arise in dog/human teams and the reasons behind these problems. Dog training is often more about the person than the dog and she does well illustrating how our behaviors shape those of our companion animals. I would recommend this book to anyone wishing to understand the motivations of dogs, the behaviors they present, and the reasons we humans do what we do. Ms. Milani presents solutions to common problems in an easy to understand and implement manner.

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Just as described.

I regret to say that I agree with a previous reviewer who said that this book "turned my stomach." I bought the book because I wanted to learn about dog body language and our interpretations (or misinterpretations) of that language in an effort to improve my understanding of canine behavior. Instead of the careful analysis I expected from a veterinarian, Dr. Milani uses anecdotal examples of cruelty to dogs as her examples. She describes, over and over again, dogs who are beaten, tied outside and euthanized because their owners "misunderstand" them. Not only are the case studies anecdotal and, as such, not a useful statistical description of dog/human relations, but they are very upsetting to read. And, as a previous reviewer has stated, Dr. Milani fails to condemn the practices she describes in such great detail. In fact, she admits to euthanizing otherwise healthy dogs simply because their owners failed to change their attitudes toward their pets, take them for training or make attempts to re-home the dogs. I cannot imagine how a veterinarian could engage in such a practice. In conclusion, my work with a breed rescue organization prevents me from recommending a book in which euthanizing dogs is called "termination of the relationship." It is a fact that sometimes dogs and owners are mismatched, but every effort must be made to re-home the dog before euthanasia is ever considered. In fact, there are several animal sanctuaries in the United States which provide permanent homes for "untrainable" or aggressive dogs. Shame on you, Dr. Milani, for representing your book as a useful tool for improving our relationships with dogs.

This is not written in the most entertaining or comfortable of styles, but nonetheless, it contains much valuable info on body language of dog and of dog owner. We learn from our dogs and trainers and vets much about how to relate better to our dogs. Milani certainly has experience and credibility demonstrated by this work that she knows how to read dog's signs and react appropriately with behavior that gives them the feedback, message received. If you're looking for more comfortable read, see "Latchkey Dogs." Both will give similar info. This one, slightly more of a heady version without all the story format.

If you love animals, steel yourself before reading this book. In most of the "case studies" Milani gives the dogs' owners are routinely beating their animals for their mistakes or infractions -- infractions which she then analyzes in terms of "normal" dog behavior. Example after example of dogs being beaten for peeing on the floor, not coming when called, etc. turned my stomach. The worst part is Milani doesn't condemn the beatings. In fact it's a pretty useless book. It told me very

little about dog behavior, more about nutty people behavior, and the constant cruelty made me really hate the whole thing. Don't buy it!

The author writes about dogs' behaviour and emotions in a simplistic manner. Most dog owners would be able to relate to and understand their dogs without reading this book. The book also lacks emphasis on the interpretations of dogs' behaviour and emotions. Generally, the book lacks substance despite a good tittle.

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