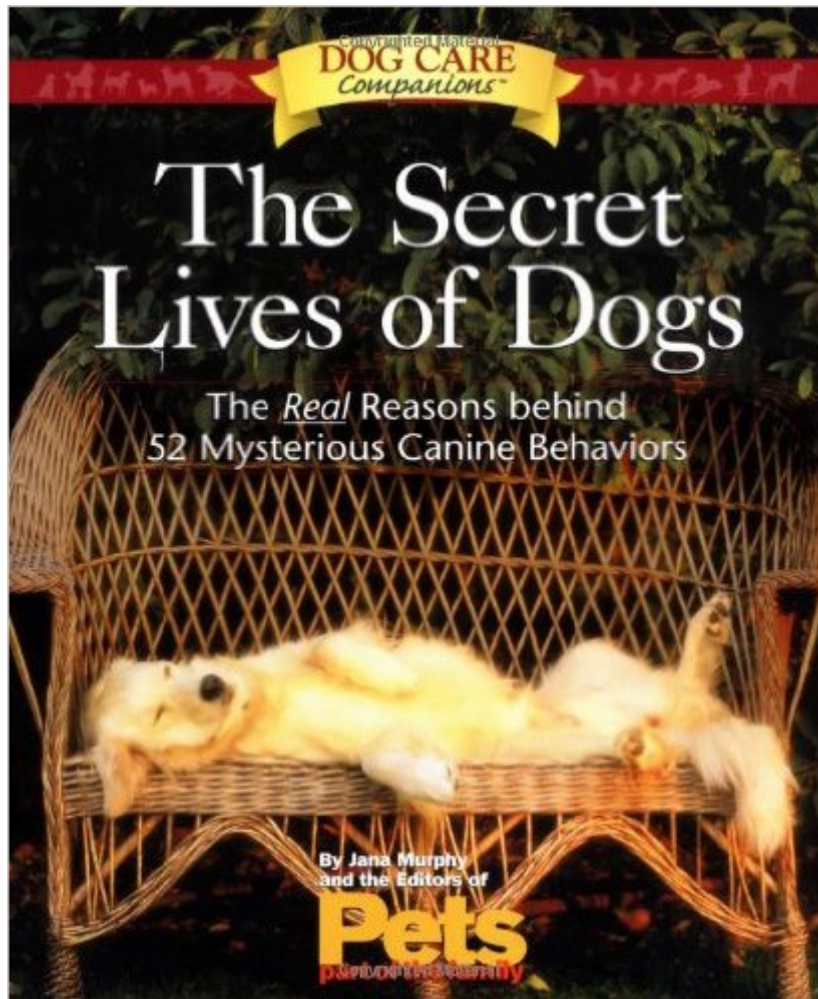


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# The Secret Lives Of Dogs: The Real Reasons Behind 52 Mysterious Canine Behaviors



## Synopsis

The real reasons that dogs do the things they do! You'll discover what's behind your dog's everyday actions, with intriguing, practical advice on topics such as: digging...chewing sticks...eating grass...and getting wet. The Secret Lives of Dogs reveals what dogs think, how they feel, and how they see the world and what you can do to make them happier than ever. The Secret Lives of Dogs is part of the Dog Care Companions, a series of books for pet lovers on behavior, health care, training, communication, and more.

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## Customer Reviews

I have read many books on dogs, but this book really explains some of the mysteries of their behavior with suggestions for how to improve each situation. I highly recommend it and I am buying copies for all my friends that need help with their little troublemakers.

Since I have been a dog owner for over 15 years and since I am an avid reader regarding the behavior of dogs I found this book to be cute but simplistic. The pages are glossy and full of darling pictures to accompany each section. The writing seems to be directed at someone quite a bit younger than I. This actually feels more like a fancy dog magazine BUT if you are new to the subject you will find some inspiration inside and will learn useful information about dog behavior. This would be an excellent book to share with children as a learning aid for their new pet.

This book is so fun! I totally enjoyed reading about the antics of our funny little buddies and some

reasoning for their entertaining and sometimes enraging behaviors. Great ideas for positive ways to deal with behaviors that need to be changed and thought provoking ideas about behaviors we may consider okay but just wonder why in the world they do that. This is a very humanistic, uplifting, and optimistic author. I just can't tell you how very much I enjoyed it. My angel even took a sneak peek at what I was reading, and gave both paws up for this one! You'll love it!

There are some interesting facts in this book about the science of dogs and their behavior. They should've just left it at that. Unfortunately the authors include "tips" for altering your dog's behavior that are misguided and often dangerous. For example, they suggest putting garlic in your dog's food to prevent stool eating, yet any vet will tell you that dogs should never eat garlic. They also suggest PLUCKING hair from inside your dogs ears to help them hear better. That would be so painful and unnecessary for the dog. Some "tips" are just dumb: keeping a mouthful of hotdog bits when walking your dog so that you can spit them out at your dog to keep his attention. Who would do that??! I hope that anyone who reads this book has the common sense to disregard some of these suggestions.

Just my favorite dog book... this woman followed her dogs around and learned what most dog owners have no clue about (their dogs.) I've had 8 dogs and still learned quite a bit(e) more. A relaxing and enjoyable read - I've given this book as a gift multiple times.

I've always wondered why my little woofers did lots of her curious, yet typical, behaviors. This book was an entertaining, well-presented, colorful page-turner with to-the-point explanations of the canine behaviors most observed and enjoyed by people who live with pooches. Not only do I better understand the origin, purpose and necessity of these cute canine capers, but I actually learned how to interact with my dog to complement her instinctive rituals of being a pack animal and a social creature in need of play, attention and status. I have amazed and amused my friends with humorous and informed revelations of these "secrets" of our animals' antics.

Interesting and insightful, *The Secret Lives of Dogs*, is a fun reference for many of the peculiarities that make us love dogs, as well as make us scratch our heads about their behavior. The book is full of good tips by authorities and interesting photographs of canines at their best and worst. It is enjoyable to read about these 52 dog mysteries or to just flip through the many pages of pictures. I would recommend this book to anyone who is curious about some of the seemingly strange

behaviors of our canine friends and to anyone who just likes dogs.

"Must read" is an overused term, but in this case, if you own a dog, or know someone that's having trouble with a dog, this book is eye opening. It explores the history and evolution of the species, scientific reasons for them being our friends, and why they do the wonderful, dumb, crazy, and infuriating things they do. Really, if you take care of a dog, you owe it to yourself and the animal to read this book.

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