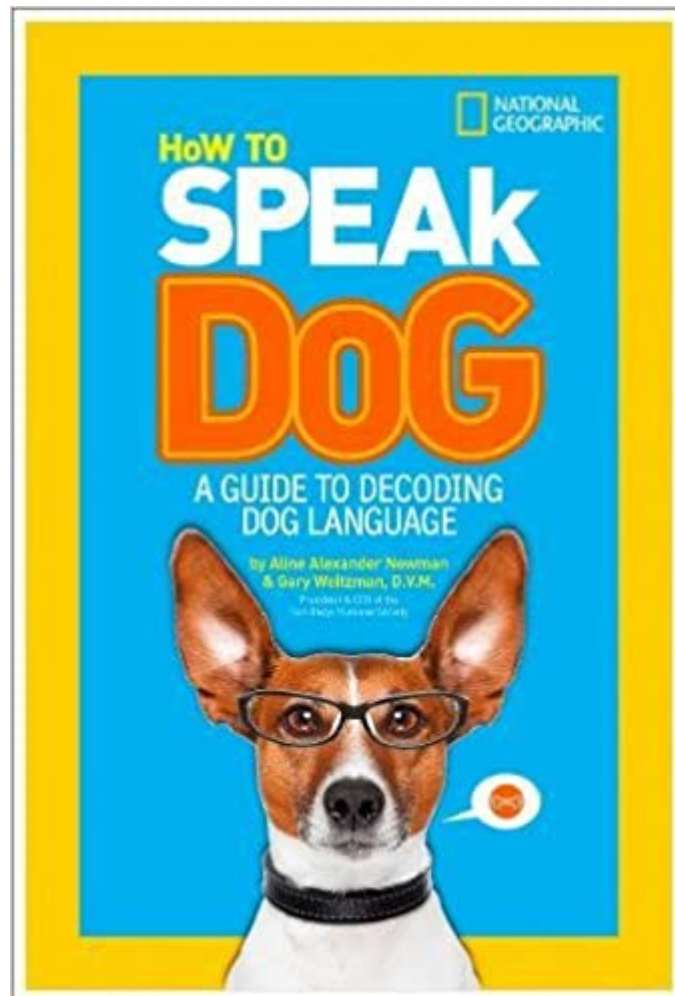




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How To Speak Dog: A Guide To Decoding Dog Language



Synopsis

Do you speak dog? How to Speak Dog is a fun, informative, and photographically driven book that helps kids understand what their dog is trying to tell them through body language and behavior. Super-engaging dog photography, along with National Geographic Kids' signature bold and bouncy design, helps illustrate the key canine concepts. Quick-hit tip boxes, fun facts about mankind's best friends, and informative sidebars from the experts enliven the text. Readers young and old will respond to the irresistible call of the canine in this delightful book that will warm hearts and wag tails everywhere--a must-have in every home where pups are looking for love and understanding.

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Customer Reviews

Rye rant ray rone. What's that you're saying? Oh, you want a bone! If you had trouble deciphering that dogspeak, you're in luck: this is a guide to decoding canine sounds and body language, from butt sniffing to pricked ears. For instance, "dry shaking" could mean your dog is trying to calm itself down. Belly up? That's a submissive pose, and as you might have guessed, it means "pet me, pet me." Grass eating is apparently normal, kind of like chomping on a salad. There's one behavior per spread, and with 150-plus pages, that's a lot of insight into your dog's psyche. But

It's not the in-depth, accessible paragraphs that will catch your attention first; no, it's the all-out adorableness of sad eyes, floppy ears, and upturned tummies appearing in more than 100 photos. Rounding things out are quizzes, safety tips, resources, and a dog breed guide, plus an intro from veterinarian Dr. Gary, one of the coauthors. It's a good thing kids can turn to this book for help; after all, you've got to be able to understand your best friend. Grades 4-7. --Ann Kelley

Winner of the 2014 Animal Behavior Society's Outstanding Children's Book Award "This book is geared toward kids but is fun for dog lovers of all ages." • Have Sippy Will Travel blog

A nicely composed and well-documented book that shows great pictures of many different breeds exhibiting various behaviors. This is an easy to read format with interesting factoids that keeps the book concise and yet entertaining. If your dog wags his/her tail in different ways, what exactly does that mean? If you lean over your dog, how does your dog react to that? Read it and learn something new. The more that you and your dog understand each other, the better bond in your relationship. This is the first book that I've found that reinforces several behaviors that I've observed over 40 years of owning and training dogs. All of the dogs that I've owned (or owned me) had their own distinct personalities. Once you learn to hear and speak 'dog' it makes it easier to understand both their needs and feelings. And for you new dog owners, always, and I mean always, remember that your dog will feed off of your emotions. Try to always remain calm. He or she will even be able to feel any tension from you holding their leash. I would heartily recommend that every new dog owner has a copy of this book on hand to help him/her bond quickly with their new puppy. It will be even more valuable for someone rescuing an adolescent/adult dog from a shelter. These dogs typically have their own unique behaviors and have to be taught to speak clearly so that their new owner can communicate effectively with them. Good luck to both of you!

My oldest son used this book in his 5th grade reading project. It's adult-informative and kid-friendly, combining solid facts and stories with cute thought bubbles and pictures of dogs doing funny things. A good resource into various dog behaviors and what they (might) mean. My son really enjoyed reading this book, as did I. This is one I wouldn't mind reading again and would probably go back and skim a lot if I owned it. I liked how everything was written. Easy to understand and fun with some very shortened stories that were interesting. I'm glad I've read this and would recommend it to

anyone who has a dog or is going to get one. It doesn't take long to read and there is a lot of info. The pictures were really good and the captions cute. I liked how the book was laid out too. The end has some cool tidbits about dogs in general and some of the breeds. Definitely worth the read and my son said it didn't feel like a study sesh whatsoever!

This was a perfect gift for my dog loving husband. He thinks it is right on the money, as does our Golden, Buddy. Paul Isn't a vicarious reader, but this book kept his interest. In fact, he recommended that we buy it for another dog-loving friend, who also loved it. The book is divided into chapters that spell out the different ways dogs communicate, and how they react to each other and the world around them. Really enlightening!

I bought 2 of these--one for me (as a future dog owner, don't have one yet), & one for nephew with 2 small children who have a small darling mixed breed (toy poodle & Jack Russell terrier). He works in an animal kennel that boards and gives shelter, and he's very knowledgeable & loves dogs. This book is excellent in its understandability; vivid photos & illustrations; and information presented. I learned a lot from reading it. My nephew loved it too, read it to his kids too & showed it to others at the kennel. Impressed with the authors knowledge & credentials too.

Gave this to my ten year old niece who is still honing her reading skills. She LOVED this book and didn't put it down. I scored mucho points with my brother and sister-in-law. Thanks!

I bought this for my 8-year-old to help him understand and recognize the behaviors of our rescue dog as she gets acquainted with our family. It has helped him understand her responses and how to give her space when she is stressed out or feels threatened and to know when to engage with her in play.

A very cute book. Even though it's intended for kids, adults will enjoy it also.

We got this for an 8-yr-old who has been begging for a dog. She liked the book a lot and learned a lot from it. It was helpful for her in getting ready to help care for our puppy. It is one of the books she keeps on her nightstand and she has probably read it ten times now.

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