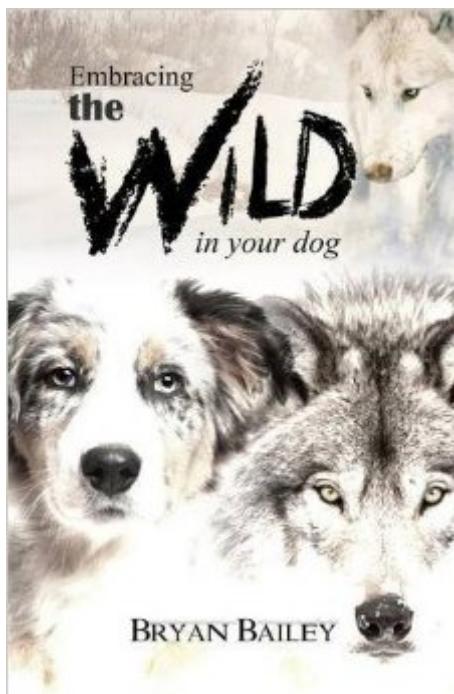


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Embracing The Wild In Your Dog: An Understanding Of The Authors Of Your Dog's Behavior - Nature And The Wolf



Synopsis

Some time ago, dogs became as interwoven in the American culture as baseball, apple pie and the Fourth of July. In fact, in most households, the dogs have even trumped evolution itself and jumped straight to being four legged humans where they are adorned with human names, designer outfits and fed diets that would confound even the best nutritionist. In most cases, we've granted them our human intelligence and our sacred human emotions as well. They are no longer dogs to us, they're family! Yet, for all that man has done to carve the wolf from the wild to create a surrogate human, today's dog is still a wolf at heart and the accompanying instincts borne from such ancestry defines how the dog approaches its world. The ontogeny of anthropomorphism, where we attach our human traits to our pets, is the most damaging and paralytic problem associated with dog ownership today. Believing in a fairy tale world where dogs possess the same moral consciousness and sense of altruism as attributed to humans has led to a drastic increase in leash laws, dogs being outlawed in a rising number of city and national parks, some breeds being banned in several states, an alarming escalation of aggression to humans, a rising cost in homeowner and business insurance, and a record number of clinically maladaptive dogs. This book is not a training book. It does not cover obedience topics such as heel, sit, down, stay, and come. Instead, it's about righting the ship of American dog ownership by changing our perception of our dogs. It is about the author growing up in the Alaskan wild under the tutelage and guardianship of a Special Forces survival instructor who introduced him to the ways of wolves and the similarities they shared with dogs. It is about the wisdom and splendor of nature and the many life lessons she provides. Mostly, it's about developing a deep understanding of the authors of your dog's behavior; nature and the wolf. In doing so, you will truly learn who and what your dog really is and the whys and hows of its behavior. You will learn the tools that nature gave them to survive and coexist in both the mountains and in our homes. You will learn how activating and deactivating natural impulses and mechanisms in your dog will lead to the harmonious existence and the control you always dreamed of. Most of all, you will come to embrace the wild in your dog and the grace and the peace that is breathed into its acceptance.

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Customer Reviews

This author has obviously been working in the field of canine training for a long time and has developed opinions based on first hand experience. He held back no punches. As I read this insightful book it was clear that the author learned from years of experience that embracing the wolf in your dog begins with embracing the role of a wolf pack leader. Lead or be led. His message for dog owners everywhere is to quit trying to remake your dog into a pseudo-baby and little person. Put some time into understanding what a wolf and dog have in common, and quit trying to level the playing field between you and your dog. Humans are humans and dogs are dogs. The author's observations about raising children and living with dogs are right on. Coddle your child and coddle your dog and you will end up with a spoiled troubled uncontrollable teenager and dog. I used to think that well behaved obedient dogs were born that way. They are not. Well behaved dogs have human owners willing to spend the time learning how to train and teach their dog obedience. You can't start with training the dog, training begins and ends with the human owner. Obedient dog = human willing to put in the energy and take on the responsibilities that come with being an effective pack leader. The stories the author shared about owners struggling with decisions having to do with their overly aggressive dogs were heart breaking. Were the author's comments about no-kill shelters and over zealous rescuers politically correct? No, they were not. Were his comments based on the reality of having worked through tough decisions with distraught aggressive dog owners? Yes they were.

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