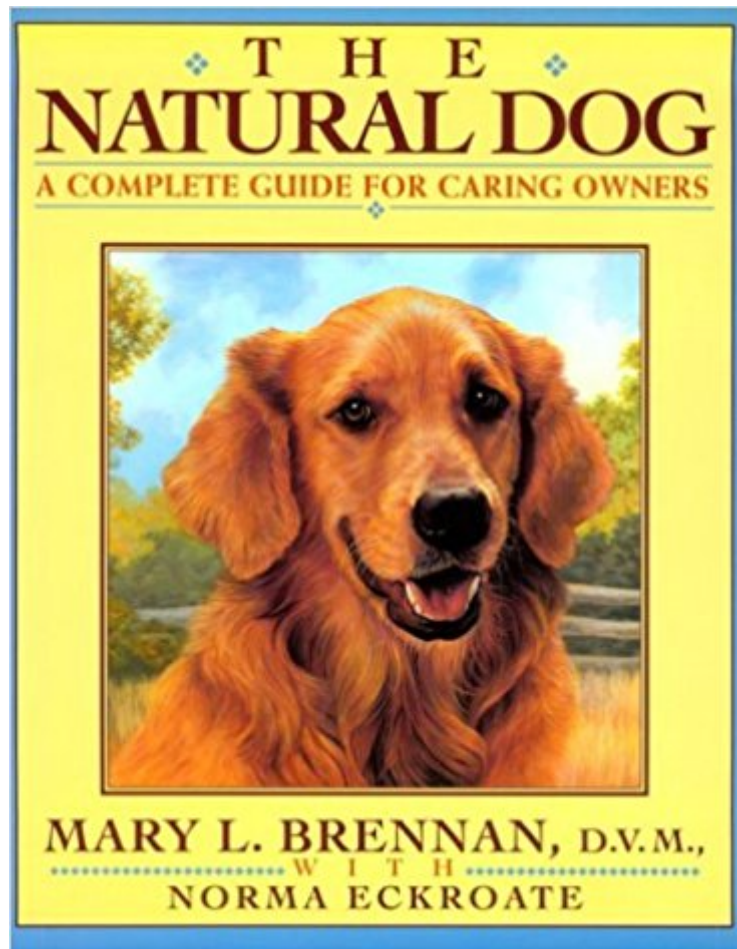




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The Natural Dog: A Complete Guide For Caring Dog Lovers



Synopsis

Full of real-life case studies and anecdotes, this book emphasizes a holistic approach to caring for your dog while providing the up-to-date and vital information every dog-owner needs, from adopting and training dogs to diet and grooming. Includes an A-Z guide covering over 40 common canine health problems. Line drawings.

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Brennan, a veterinarian who supports holistic as well as conventional treatments, and Eckroate (the coauthor, with Anita Frazier, of *The New Natural Cat*) offer an unusually informative and candid compendium on dog care. Succinct discussions of how to choose and train a dog lead to details about grooming--including advice on how to find the correct brush, shampoo and method of flea control, and nutrition (homemade meals are best, the writers conclude, but commercial food can easily be supplemented; plastic food bowls can harm a canine diner). The standout sections, however, are those dealing with medicine. Brennan and Eckroate weigh the benefits of acupuncture, chiropractic, homeopathy, lasers and other alternative methods, both as primary treatments and as supplements to standard veterinary care, and substantiate their claims for holistic approaches with case studies. They also provide guidelines for selecting qualified practitioners. Another welcome feature: Brennan, who practices in Georgia, pays particular attention to the conditions occasioned by Southern climates. Illustrations not seen by PW. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

This is another in a spate of herbal/holistic treatises that have recently been dreamed up by authors

and publishers (e.g., Diane Stein's *Natural Healing for Dogs and Cats* , LJ 3/15/93; Angela Patmore's *Your Natural Dog* , LJ 10/15/93). Although the chapters on selecting and grooming your dog and the descriptions of canine diseases are excellent, some of the recommended treatments could actually be harmful. Using nux vomica (strychnine) for two weeks as treatment for poisoning is certainly risky, and feeding dogs raw meat ignores the possibility of bacterial infection. Scare tactics about preservatives, chemicals, etc., in processed foods are unwarranted, especially regarding antibiotics in eggs--laying hens are not fed antibiotics. Contradictory statements appear frequently; we are told in one chapter that bathing should be kept to a minimum but later that old dogs should swim daily. Some procedures for making diagnoses and selecting treatments can only be described as "far out." Because the lay reader cannot distinguish the good from the bad advice in this book, it is not recommended.- A. Louis Shor, DVM, Veterinary Consultant, Mt. Laurel, N.J.Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I really like a lot of the tips and suggestions Dr. Mary Brennan offers for helping treat your pets' medical ailments with holistic or herbal remedies. As the owner of a beloved dog with kidney issues, I'm especially grateful for the section on making your own healthy dog food. My veterinarians practice traditional medicine, and I wanted another perspective on helping my pets without surgery or antibiotics unless absolutely necessary. A word of caution, though -- I am not into acupuncture, Eastern chiropractor practices, and new-age healing, but Dr. Brennan supports and utilizes these practices. I was able to "digest the fish and discard the bones," so to speak, and find much of the book to be quite helpful. Readers may also benefit from checking out nutritionist Dr. Beth Ley Knotts' "Recipes for Life" Bible-based nutrition ministry for additional suggestions for holistic health for pets that are not new age. Altogether, this book is an interesting addition for pet owners to consider adding to their library of resources.

It is a good book which provides natural remedies for simple health problems. For example a diarrhea due to gastritis not diarrhea due to a virus because for it you need a DVM (hospitalization) and previous vaccinations if you want to avoid them and possible dog death. It provides information about natural products for a healthy hair among other. It has excellent information about commercial foods WITH preservatives, how to detect and avoid them and the damage they may cause to a pet. It gives you instructions step by step to find a better food for a healthy and long life dog with fewer health problems. I purchased several copies to give them as a gift to people who love their pets and are willing to work to provide their pets with the best they can.

This is the best book I have found to help with feeding dogs regular food. I love the way it tells you how much to feed, the calorie count. Inside the book are lots of recipes and helpful tips on helping your dog live a long healthy life. My dog loves all the food I have cooked so far for him.

This is highly informative book on natural remedies for your dog. I personally know this vet and she's one of the best.

This is a great book; easy to understand with methods that are safer and healthier for your dog. Having experienced a lot of these alternative treatments with my dogs, they have lived longer, healthier lives. I've heard that there will be an updated, online version of this book. Can't wait to see what is new and available for my "family".

I am a book fiend and animal lover. I have a dog and I try to read as much about anything that interests me. This is a great book and you can't beat the used book price! I got mine for under \$3!!!! It has information on holistic care which was surprising but awesome! It is a well rounded book definitely a good buy!

This book is great. I keep buying copies of it for the supplement recipe.

I started reading the Natural Dog about two years ago. I have a fourteen year old coon hound and he was experiencing problems associated with aging. I found that the book's chapter on the aging dog is so valuable. I implemented a new diet for my dog, based on the book and my dog now has so much more energy. We take nice long walks every day and he is quite playful. I had brought my dog to a traditional vet a year before and the doctor only recommended surgery for his problems with walking. The book offers caring alternative solutions to dog care that many people just do not know about. Based on the author's suggestions I have given my dog glucosamine, treated his eyes with the herb euphrasia, and have seen all the positive results the author describes. I love this book and recommend it often to friends. The author writes in an easy manner and her love for dogs is obvious as you turn the pages.

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