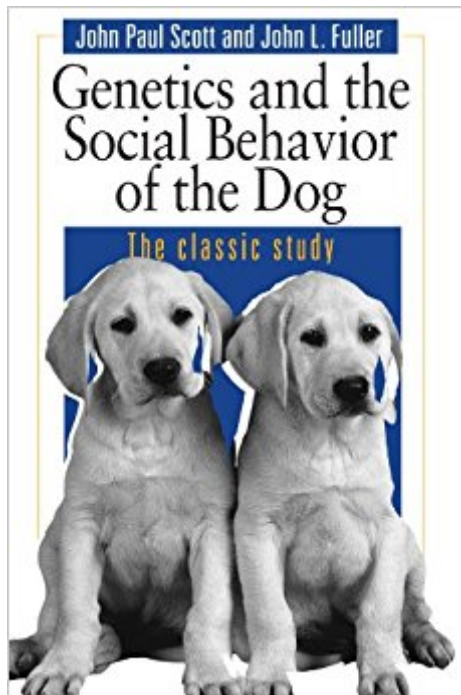




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By-in-far the most intriguing book I have read on dog behavior and genetics. This is not a fast read,

but it is well worth your time, so don't rush through it. Take the time to actually study the charts that accompany the material--and be prepared to look up the definitions of words! This is a challenging book to read, but it has invaluable knowledge that will benefit anyone who works with dogs. I picked this book up on a recommendation from another book I purchased for my classes--the comment was: "This is a must read for any serious dog student." I couldn't agree more!

This book summarizes the work Scott, Fuller, and their team of scientists conducted over 20 years on 5 breeds of dogs. Before their work, American psychology had been very dominated by learning theory and tilted very much toward nurture in the nature-nurture (instinct vs. learning) debate. The work of the European ethologists such as Lorenz & Tinbergen on "critical periods" in early development had little impact until the studies (summarized here) of the Scott & Fuller group began appearing. Their careful scientific work demonstrated the importance and existence of time limited phases in the early life of dogs within which certain experiences need to occur or the dogs may be forever deficient. Their work (with that of Eckhard Hess's on ducks and geese) demonstrated that these critical or sensitive periods in early development could be scientifically studied in ways compatible with a scientific psychology. The book is important to those interested in the history of behavioral sciences since the discoveries are applicable to many species (including humans) and not just the dog. This book will always be especially valuable to dog breeders and trainers; its last chapters summarize in very clear terms the particular phases in early development and experiences the dog needs to be adequately socialized. The reader can refer back to earlier chapters to get more information on how the experiments were conducted and the distribution of results. It answers questions on proper age that puppies can be separated from their mothers, what experiences are important to provide at what age, etc.

This book was very detailed from a research stand point. It is somewhat dated as there have been many advancements in genetics since the 60's. I did take away knowledge about genetics and what does and does not dictate behavior of an animal. A good book in general. I would just like to see an updated version.

I chanced upon this book in my university library, and couldn't put it down! I learnt more about dogs in the first chapter than I had learnt in the whole year proceeding (and I consider myself to be fairly savvy in this area). The experimental procedure in this book, though sometimes slightly troubling for me, as a dog lover, is truly valuable. I don't believe there is any other text that addresses 'nature vs

nurture' in dogs better. It really provides food for thought. If you're a dog trainer or a dog breeder, I really highly recommend this book.

I haven't finished reading it as of yet. What I have read is well written and explains in great detail the behavior of dogs. The book puts what you may already have observed in your dog into terms you can understand. My only disappointment is that the pages of the book have been coming off of the binding, coming unglued. This is in a new paper back book.

Excellent detailed studies with information you won't find anywhere else. They put thirteen years into their studies and wrote detailed descriptions of the results and what the implications were. It was easy to follow and very useful if you want to have a better understanding of dog behavior and developmental periods.

It is perhaps more academic than what I would have liked, however it still manages to put together sufficient useful information for the book to be still be useful for the average dog hobbyist.

This a really good book to have...very detailed and thorough...not a book for "enjoyment" reading but more as a reference material. Very analitical. Glad to have found it.

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