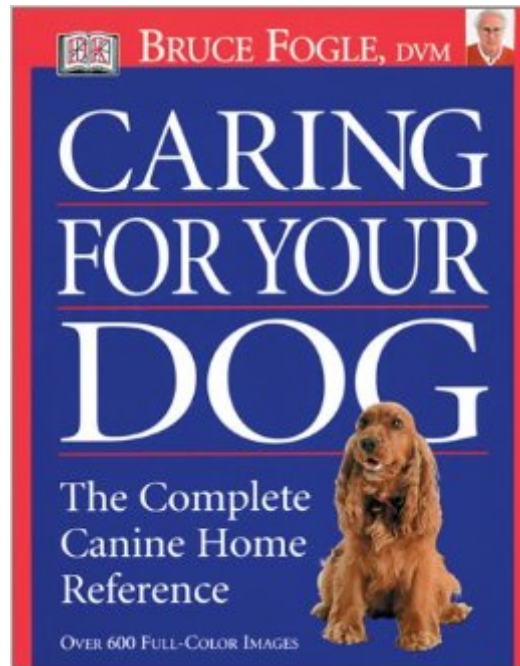


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Caring For Your Dog: The Complete Canine Home Reference



Synopsis

Expert and accessible advice from the world's best-selling vet! From the world's best-selling practicing veterinarian, Dr. Bruce Fogle, *Caring For Your Dog* is the definitive, photo-illustrated, user-friendly reference on canine health. Combining accessibility with authority, this one-stop reference provides professional, in-depth medical advice on the diagnosis of common canine diseases and disorders in dogs of all stages of life, with specially commissioned illustrations of the canine anatomy and an informative Q & A section.

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As man's best friend, dogs have had more than their share of books written about them. But in a world of throwaway pet guides comes "Caring for Your Dog," an exceptionally complete and beautifully put together book that should be mandatory reading for anyone who loves dogs, or even those merely considering purchasing one. A classic Dorling Kindersley book, this is a well-bound, finely constructed book with thick pages, clear text, truly helpful sidebars, excellent photography, and intuitive layout of the info. DVM Bruce Fogle writes authoritatively on all aspects of dog care, particularly diseases, with technical accuracy that will not overwhelm laymen. There are even carefully constructed flowcharts for helping in diagnosing illness and attempting first aid. The sheer breadth of info included in the 448 pages of this book is staggering, but despite this, the book is still readable and interesting for its own sake (apart from merely being a reference.) The section on choosing a dog is helpful for those looking to start out, comparing numerous breeds for their trainability, noise, size and suitability for children. There are training tips, breeding advice, nutrition information, and much more. The largest section in the book, by far, covers diseases and treatment.

While it is definitely clinical in its approach, this section is essential for maintaining your dog's health and is quite helpful in pointing out how humans and dogs differ in the diseases they get and how owners need to think along these lines when their pet is not itself. Again, for first-time buyers, there is extensive sidebar coverage of the susceptibility of certain breeds to disease and genetic problems in purebreds.

I have owned dogs all of my life and have read many different books (from health guides to specific breeds and puppy training), but this is the one book that stands out from all the rest and which I honestly could not be without. The main reason why any dog owner will find this an indispensable read and source of information, is the simple fact that it has pretty much everything in it that you could need. It is called 'complete' for a reason, because it covers puppy training, dog behavior, diseases and disorders and other health information, feeding, different breeds and so forth. If one of my dogs is ill then I know where to look up their symptoms and see whether they may or may not need possible veterinary treatment. Also it includes first aid for your pet, which is so important as just like humans you never know when you may need to administer lifesaving treatment or ultimately help to save your pet's life. Simple things like being able to recognize poisonous plants can inevitably prevent your dog from becoming very ill, or likewise knowing what to do if your dog has a fit and collapses. Whatever breed of dog you may own (or want to own and are thinking of getting), regardless also of their age this book caters to everything. Dr. Bruce Fogle gives authoritative advice on routine care for every stage of your dog's life, from puppy hood through the active adult years to comfortable old age. He explains clearly what to do if your dog is unwell, how to diagnose what is wrong and suggests when it is necessary to seek professional help. He also offers expert guidance on nutrition and the prevention of common health conditions and complaints, which you will find very important.

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