

## A Look at the Modern Dog

**New book explores the unique relationship between humans and canines.**

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From the first cooperation between wolves and Homo sapiens in ancient times to the modern day friendship between dogs and indulgent owners, humans and canines have always had a unique relationship. The new book "The Modern Dog: A Joyful Exploration of How We Live With Dogs Today," by Stanley Coren, explores this relationship, the history of dogs, and what they mean to mankind.

As a professor psychology and expert on dog-human interaction, Coren delves into the co-evolution of both species and their perceptions of each other. The book is divided into five themes: How Dogs Fit Into the World of People, What Dogs Do, Talking With Dogs, Dogs and Modern Society, and Benefits of Dog Ownership.

The sections address the historical, cultural, and emotional relationships between dogs and humans. Coren also covers a variety of topics that are entertaining – do you look like your dog? – and informative – what dogs can teach kids.

Any dog lover will enjoy learning about their four-legged best friend, and any owner will appreciate Coren's insight into the canine mind.

"The Modern Dog: A Joyful Exploration of How We Live with Dogs Today," by Stanley Coren, is on sale now.