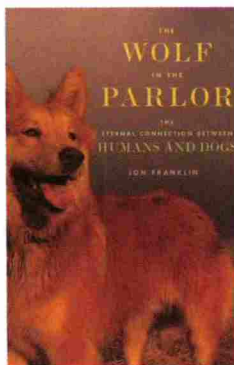
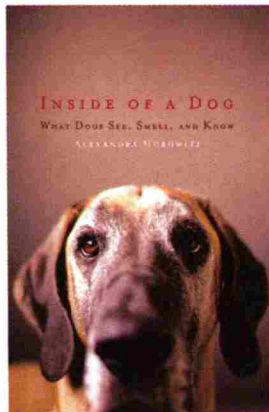


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Cats. Humans. Wolves. Which has the strongest bond with dogs? Three new books zoom in on canine relationships.

Inside of a Dog, by Alexandra Horowitz (Scribner, \$27)

Like so many of us, psychology professor Alexandra Horowitz has spent hours gazing into her dog's eyes, wondering what she's thinking. But as a scientist, she resists anthropomorphizing her pet to explain each and every one of her quirks. Her exhaustively researched debunking of common explanations for canine behavior sheds much light on our relationship with dogs. Most of all, it reminds us of the dog's canny ability to figure *us* out.

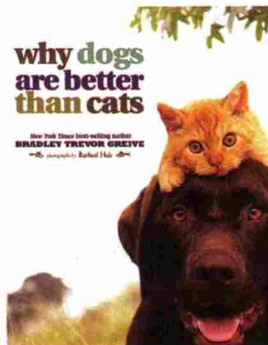


The Wolf in the Parlor, by Jon Franklin (Henry Holt and Co., \$25)

Covering similar ground as *Inside of a Dog*, this book by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jon Franklin aims to find out more about the dog's evolution. Franklin looks to his own pet, a Poodle named Charlie, for insight, but he also delves into his knowledge of evolutionary science and archaeology on his quest for understanding just how dogs and humans became so intertwined. His research began after he received a photo of a 12,000-year-old grave of a man buried with his dog—or possibly wolf cub. It ends with a belief that man and dog are co-dependent and inseparable—the perfect team.

Why Dogs Are Better Than Cats, by Bradley Trevor Greive, with photos by Rachael Hale (Andrews McMeel Publishing, \$19.99)

If the recent AKC and CFA Meet the Breeds event in New York brought the species together—at least for one weekend—this lovely new coffee-table book puts them firmly back in their more familiar adversarial roles. (Sample line: “Dogs are social. Cats are sociopaths. Dogs want love. Cats want fish.”) The witty quips—penned by Bradley Trevor Greive, author of *The Blue Day Book* and many other self-help titles—are paired with lavish images of cats and dogs by popular animal photographer Rachael Hale.



Greive—the owner of three Great Danes—insists he is pro-dog, not anti-cat. We're not quite convinced, but then, we're not the ones who might be perturbed by the way the age-old rivalry is portrayed in this book.

