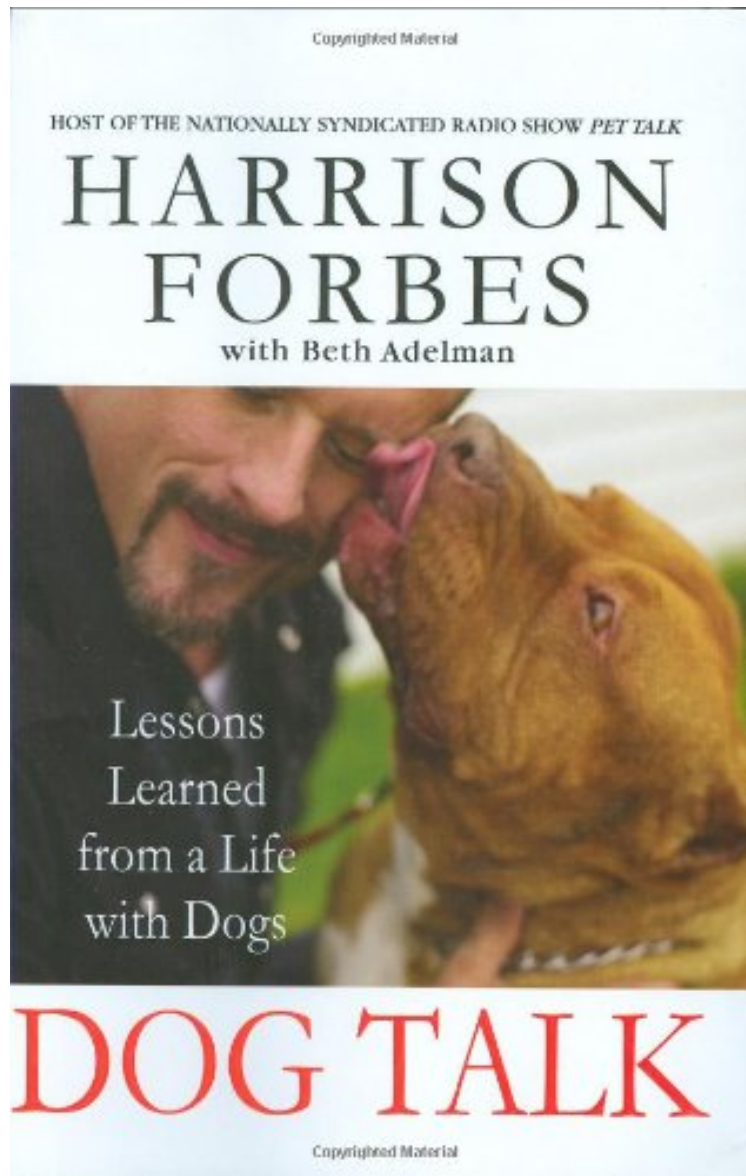


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By Long-Time BookNut
This book was not what I thought it would be. I was hoping it would give me insight into the minds of dogs who displayed signs of having been abused or mistreated in the past, and propose strategies of how to help them overcome their fears or insecurities. I hoped it would give me insight into the connection between past experiences, current behaviors, and suggested ways to bridge the gaps. Instead, I found it to be about a man who trained dogs for aggressive actions, albeit sometimes necessary for police work, and extolling his own virtues of how macho he was in taking on and training and working with extremely strong-willed and potentially and actually dangerous dogs. I learned about how fearless and competent dogs are trained for police work, but frankly, I grew weary of the author tooting his own horn about his own greatness and competence. It should have been marketed differently to appeal to that aspect of the population that wants to read a book of this nature. It did not help me at all in dealing with a so-called normal dog with idiosyncracies. I donated my copy to the library as it was no source of future reference for me.

DOG TALK chronicles Harrison Forbes's life with dogs, from the first bond he formed as a boy with a Belgian Tervuren named Sabina, to the story of Lex, a police dog who attacked his owner's wife, and was redeemed by Harrison's intense love and respect for the breed. Forbes also offers practical aspects of understanding and dealing with whatever type of dog the reader may have. In DOG TALK, the pet owner will find fascinating insights into behavioral problems, as each chapter addresses a different situation or issue. Here are some of Harrison's trademark insights into dog behavior and training:
*Energy management is the basis of behavior management : unwanted or aggressive behavior, is often the result of pent-up, frustrated energy
*Dog behavior should always be taken in context; a dog that is housetrained in its home isn't necessarily so everywhere else
*Every dog's make-up is individual and distinct--: a combination of nature and nurture
*Non-verbal communication, structure and clearly delineated limits, and the human-canine bond are basic building blocks in a good relationship
*Reasonable expectations are key to an enjoyable pet experience
DOG TALK is at times funny, irreverent, insightful, and touching, and it will deepen the reader's understanding of dog behavior and as a result will enable him to approach his own dog in a fresh and motivated way to begin, improve, mend, or strengthen a relationship that can last a lifetime.

From Publishers Weekly
In the newest life-with-dogs memoir, veteran dog trainer and radio show co-host Forbes forgoes the maudlin for some genuine insight into dog behavior and psychology. Beginning with Lex, a German Shepherd that attacked its owner's wife, Forbes chronicles the challenges and victories of rehabilitating and living with aggressive dogs that others would have given up on. Forbes doesn't offer a program for dog training, but readers will benefit from his insights on the importance of a consistent training regimen and his approach to managing aggression. Arguing that dogs' behavior is 75 percent genetic and 25 percent environmental, Forbes doesn't offer any pat answers to handling a challenging dog besides a lot of patience and hard work. Still, those interested in the hows and whys of dog attacks and aggression will find the book useful, and Forbes' tone of love and respect for his charges is itself both instructive and encouraging. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "An anomaly of recent publishing is dog books written by writers who don't know much about dogs and don't seem to like them all that much. Mr. Forbes book is happily different. Harrison Forbes is modest about his own accomplishments but introduces us vividly to the minds and spirits of some fascinating, extremely difficult dogs (How many of us have a dog that has put 11 people in a hospital?). Dog Talk is deeply and importantly about dogs and those humans who understand and love them. I gladly pay Mr. Forbes the highest compliment one dog man can pay another: I would trust him with my dogs."--Donald McCaig, New York Times bestselling author of Nop's Trials, Eminent Dogs, Dangerous Men and A Useful Dog