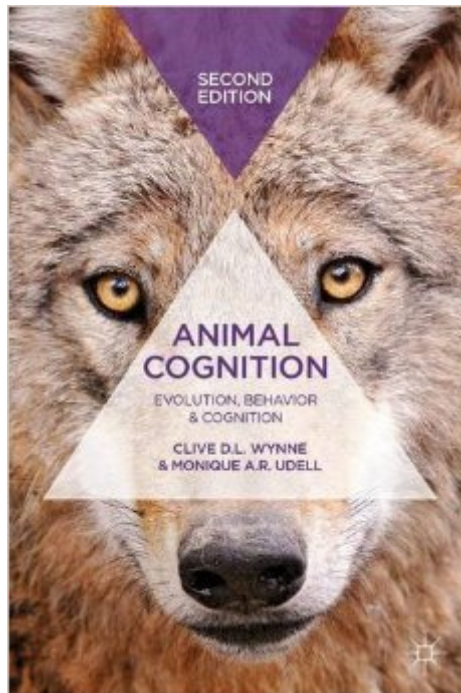


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Animal Cognition: Evolution, Behavior And Cognition



Synopsis

A fascinating account of animal intelligence, this engagingly-written text presents a comprehensive survey of contemporary research on animal cognition, from reasoning and communication to perception and problem-solving. This is ideal reading for all those interested in animal behavior and in how much of human cognition is shared by other species. This new edition is thoroughly expanded and updated, and even more suitable as a course text. Rigorous, yet extremely readable and engagingly written. Approachable level makes it popular with both introductory students and lecturers.

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A good comprehensive textbook on animal cognition. I got this as a textbook for a class, but we only had to read a couple of the sections. After the class ended, I went back and read the rest of the chapters on my own time because it was a really interesting read. This is one of the few textbooks I actually enjoyed reading.

So many claims are made in the popular media about how smart various individual animals are, or arguments about why one species is "smarter" than another, or comparing the intelligence of animals to various levels of grade school children. None of which are substantiated by scientific research. Dr. Wynne and his co-author Dr. Udell do a fantastic job of reviewing the research on animal cognition. A MUST for anyone interested in the behavior and training of animals. Includes

procedures from various studies that you can modify and use with your dog or cat. To quote the authors: " Stories about animals in the media emphasize the improbable, the rare, and the downright untrue. but as this book will show, the truth is often far stranger than fiction".

Interesting, compilation of the science around cognition however doesn't include recent updated information.

Just as described and received it 5 days early

This is a particularly biased scholar on the subjects of animal intelligence and emotion. Scientists are innately biased against animals, either because they want to do terrible experiments on them - or, as with this case, because of an ultra-conservative social ideology. The truth is animals have measurable intelligence (by human standards) and are likely MORE emotional than humans! Moreover, they have been equipped by evolution with specialized intelligence, enabling them to thrive in their natural habitats. In many ways they are intellectually superior and certainly physically superior to humans. It is unfortunate that this author has been afforded so much credibility. He is actively working against the animal rights movement and is on my short list of dangerous authors. Instead of being preoccupied with an alleged overestimation of animal intelligence, zoologists and animal psychologists need to start pointing out the lack of truly fundamental differences between human and nonhuman beings. Our own moral predispositions leave much to be desired, and we are ultimately the one true parasitic life form on planet Earth. These scientists think they are being smart by not applying common sense to what we observe in the animal kingdom, and by looking in a detached way at the "facts." Fortunately, climatologists have figured out they need to be activists; animal scientists just have not figured this out yet. This way they can still enjoy turkey sandwiches. Animal researchers have a big problem however; people have lots of experience with their intelligent and emotive companion animals. Any objective observer has to conclude that dogs and cats are personal beings, and that they must not be unique out of all nonhuman species in this regard. Read with caution!

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