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Description:

From Publishers Weekly Thomas's multifaceted discussion of canine life was a 28-week PW bestseller.

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From Library Journal Novelist/ethologist Thomas may be well known to readers for her novels *Reindeer Moon* (LJ 1/87) and *The Animal Wife* (LJ 7/90). This work, however, takes a much different tack in that it provides a readable account of how, over a span of years, her family dogs were transformed into a family unit not unlike a wolf pack. Thomas is a firm believer that animals think and express emotion and is not ashamed to be "anthropomorphic" in her particular analysis of dog behavior. Her intention is to find out, by observing her own animals, what it is that dogs "want." The dogs were free to make their own decisions; Thomas fed them, sheltered them, and provided medical

care but otherwise didn't train them or direct their activities. The observations she makes are entertaining and amusing to anyone who has owned a dog. Her conclusion is that dogs want each other, and people are merely substitutes for other canines. Although Thomas draws on her knowledge of philosophy and the theory of animal consciousness, this book never bogs down in theory and remains very readable. A title worth considering for libraries where there is client interest.

- *Edell Marie Schaefer, Brookfield P.L., Wis.*

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