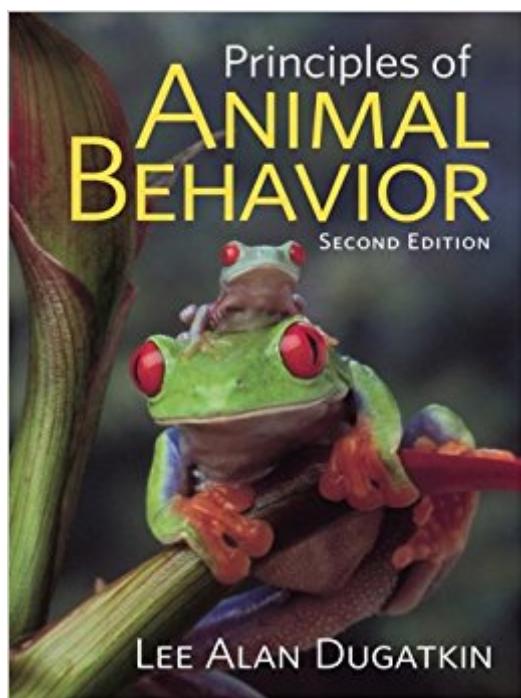


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# Principles Of Animal Behavior (Second Edition)



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This is a great textbook. I am a Psychology grad student. Psychology draws a lot of evidence from nonhuman animal research, so I decided to go straight to the source and familiarize myself with the

field of Ethology. This book has not only met but superceeded my expectations: it's orderly and clearly written. It sets its foundation on natural selection, individual learning and cultural transmition. The first chapters are primers that lay the theoretical, conceptual and experimental basis for advancing into Ehtology's commom themes: mating, cooperation, foraging, antipredator behavior, communication, aggression, and many more. There are many qualities that I like about this book, but one is worth mentioning: the author puts a lot of effort into connecting proximate questions to ultimate questions. And to do so he reviews a lot of experimental evidence from different levels of analysis: endocrinological, neurobiological, molecular genetics, individual learning and cultural transmition. If you're a serious Psych student willing to go deeper on animal behavior, then I highly recommend this book.

I ordered this book in January for my coursework in Spring 2010. The book was a valuable resource that my instructor referenced often. I find it unlikely that this will be the type of text that you buy and crack maybe twice during the semester. I bought it new, it arrived in perfect shape in shrink wrap. I agree with comments stating how most of the concepts and theories are backed by research. It is also very readable as far as textbooks go, the author does not try to overwhelm the reader with technical jargon and unfamiliar concepts. It is a good primer for ethologist minded people, or for those interested as part of a greater understanding of animals. I am pre-vet and even though this course was not recommended or required by graduate school, I am glad I took the class. It was very enlightening.

The information in this book was very interesting and informative. It had a lot of fascinating examples. Really an easy read for a textbook. I would recommend it to anyone with an interest in ethology.

book arrive REALLY dirty! i had to clean it and disinfect it!

Good Book! It was in better than expected condition when it arrived. I liked the details it gave, summaries and connective information. Gill

I had to buy this for one of my classes. The book is great with lots of case studies for examples. I felt like the glossary could have been more in depth than 2 pages worth to help with some of the vocabulary but other than that it's a good purchase

I very much enjoyed this textbook. It was fairly easy to read and conceptually made sense, which is pretty rare for a college text book.

Good textbook, lots of examples and easy to understand.

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