Amusing and informative, *The World According to Dogs* is a graphic how-to guide to keeping dogs happy and healthy.

The book is written from a dog's perspective, a conceit that provides many opportunities for humor, as with a dog versus cat comparison in which dogs are the clear winner, and an analysis of the right and wrong ways to take a dog for a walk. In a lighthearted tone, via full-color cartoons and accompanying text, it’s revealed why dogs like to sniff crotches and roll in disgusting substances; shared how to interpret dog facial expressions and body language; and revealed how best to accommodate a loyal, aging canine companion. Most pages could stand as independent comic strips, but together they serve a larger purpose: grouped by subject, they piece together a complete understanding of man’s best friend.

There’s plenty of bathroom humor, but the book is anchored by a central theme: the unconditional love that dogs provide. The artwork is often hilarious, as with an illustration of a dog “bum scooting” on a Persian rug. The book contains interesting facts and essential information for dog owners, too, like how to choose the right kind of dog for your lifestyle; there’s an illustrated list of dangerous foods as well. But whether the topic is an important health matter or an inconsequential observation, the book is always entertaining.

*The World According to Dogs* is a fun graphic guide to the canine mind.

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