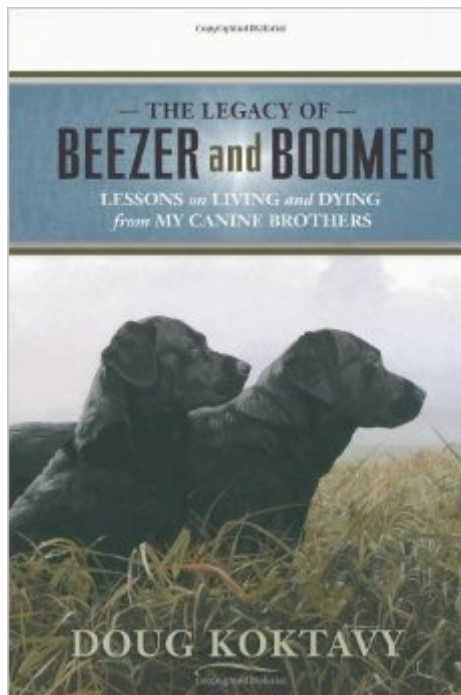


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The Legacy Of Beezer And Boomer: Lessons On Living And Dying From My Canine Brothers



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Anyone who's lost a dog can relate to Doug Koktavy's experience, as detailed in this book. It's sad yet heartwarming - never maudlin and absolutely not a tear-jerker. When my own first dog died, I wrote an ebook about the experience of coping with a sick dog. As Koktavy points out, there's little info available. Owners feel desperate and lost. In a way, this book explains why. There are so many ways to deal with the crisis. At first Doug is devastated. Then he begins to research his options. I

hope it's not unkind to point out that readers may be impressed with Doug's resources of both time and money. He can investigate possibilities that would be a pipe dream for many dog owners. It's also true that dog owners vary in their philosophies, just like people. Many would do just what Doug did: investigate every possibility and do whatever it takes to keep the dog alive as long as it's not suffering. Other equally responsible owners handle the issue differently. I can relate to Doug's experience with sub-cutaneous fluid. although my experience was with cats. I too was terrified till a substitute vet insisted that I try: "It's cruel not to give her fluids." I actually hired a vet tech to come to my home and help the first time and freaked out when I stuck myself with a needle. Like Doug, I turned to online support forums, although mine were for cat owners. I was glad I learned to help with a dying cat; my newly adopted 9-year-old cat promptly got liver disease and we had a long siege of home care till she blossomed into an amazing pet. I was especially intrigued with Doug's decision to consult with dog whisperers who claimed they could communicate with the dogs.

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