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## The Pound Dog Prophet: Musings on life, love, and Tolstoy from the family pet

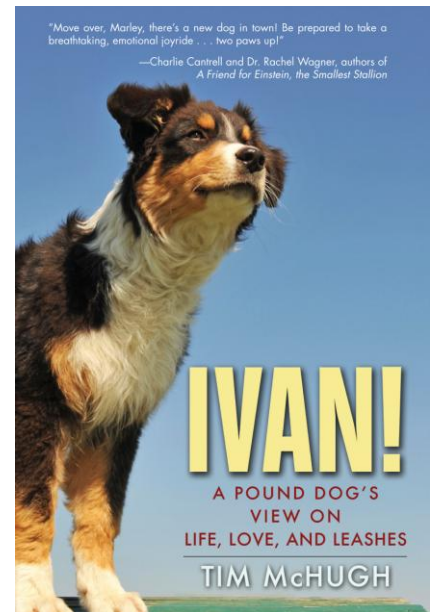
(Nashville, TN) It doesn't take much time for a pet to become a member of the family, albeit a relatively silent member. Their personalities often speak volumes, but without verbal expression, pet owners are often left wondering what their furry relatives might be thinking.

In *IVAN! A POUND DOG'S VIEW ON LIFE, LOVE, AND LEASHES*, author Tim McHugh goes a step beyond wondering, delving into the mindset of his beloved family dog Ivan, a one-eyed, snaggle-toothed mutt who narrowly escaped euthanization.

*IVAN!* is a work of creative nonfiction that not only recounts Ivan's life story as the consummate underdog, from running into cars to being banned from a dog park after an unfortunate incident in which he "marked" a small dog that happened to be in his blind spot, but also provides musings on people, life, and purpose. McHugh simultaneously imbues Ivan's thoughts with endearingly naive discoveries of the surrounding world, along with philosophical reflections gleaned from his family's immersion in literature, particularly with the ideals of Tolstoy.

With wry wit, humor, and insight, *IVAN!* is at once a happy tale of a rescued pound dog, an introspective look at life, and an inspirational account for the misfit in all of us.

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***IVAN! A Pound Dog's View  
on Life, Love, and Leashes***

Tim McHugh



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*Ivan was lucky to be rescued by the McHugh family, but over 2 million dogs are put down each year due to lack of homes. So that other dogs might be as fortunate, Turner Publishing is donating a portion of the proceeds from *IVAN!* to humane and rescue societies.*

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