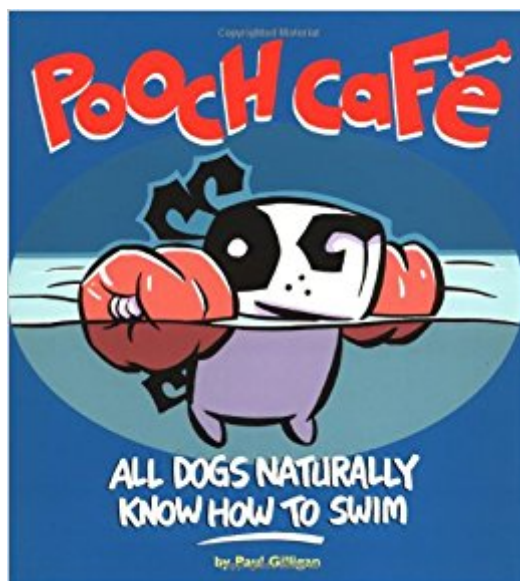


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# Pooch Cafe: All Dogs Naturally Know How To Swim



## Synopsis

Pooch Cafe is creator Paul Gilligan's first syndicated strip, and this book collects the strips from its successful first year of syndication. When Poncho's beloved master Chazz marries cat lover Carmen and forces them to move in with her and her feline brood, Poncho's world is shaken to the core. Carmen's attempts to bribe Poncho with cheese cannot overcome his inexplicable but undeniable disdain for all things cat, and now that his home has become a haven for them, his only recourse is to seek refuge in the cafe, where he, Boomer, and his other canine pals pore over their top-secret plans to construct a giant catapult with which to hurl all the Earth's cats into the sun. As much as he dislikes kitties, he's equally passionate about his love for Chazz. Poncho will do just about anything to keep his position as man's best friend secure, including enduring the physical torments of Chazz's passion for biking, camping, and mountain climbing, which he can only get through with the help of classic Russian literature and a nice cup of tea. Pooch Cafe captures the intensity of the human-dog bond in a way that will resonate with pet lovers everywhere.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Paul Gilligan studied illustration and animation at Sheridan College in Toronto and comedy writing at the National Film Institute. He has won awards for both illustration and design as a freelance illustrator for a diverse array of publications such as Entertainment Weekly, the Wall

Street Journal, Men's Fitness, Disney Magazine, NFL Properties, and Bon Appetit, among others. Pooch Cafe is his first syndicated comic strip. He lives in Toronto.

A talking dog! He may not be the first, but Poncho is definitely unique. Even reminds me in part of one or another dog I've had in my life. Stubborn, self absorbed and a general cut-up, Poncho is so entertaining and kept me chuckling and laughing throughout the book. Indeed, I once had a dog that didn't come when called, farted around my mother and her friends, and was generally nasty to the cats in and around our neighborhood. Poncho reminds me of dear departed Bruno, a short, barrel-chested half Shepherd with a half droopy ear. Thanks, Mr Gilligan. Thanks a lot!!

Paull Gillian is a genius. This is an absolutely amazing book and you will love it. Good for all ages. Highly recommended.

Why only two books so far? As of this date, I'm still eagerly awaiting a third & fourth collection of Gilligan's daily strip: Pooch Cafe. I'm pretty sure he's been cranking them out for two years since "No Collar, No Service" but where's the book? Pooch Cafe is fresh, witty and well-drawn with just the right amount of detail. It's a strip you can fall in love with, much like Calvin & Hobbes. The way the various dogs think and act like dogs while still being cynical, English-speaking characters is hilarious. Bring us more books!

An off beat sense of humor coupled to an appreciation of the the love we have for life (and dogs). My vote for the best comic in America.

Paul Gilligan is brilliant with a very insightful view of a dog's life as we project on them! I love every series!

I was glued to the book, reading it from beginning to end in one hilarious sitting. Poncho and friends diabolical plans to rid his house of the evil cat invaders were hysterical! Paul Gilligan needs to write another Pooch Cafe book!! We need more...MORE!

Poncho may be one of the funniest comic strips characters ever. I had never seen this strip, but I picked up a copy of the book by chance. Well, let us just say that I want to see this strip everyday! Why isn't this in every newspaper?

Pooch Cafe remains one of the most genuine comics available today in our papers and one of the funniest. The most heartening thing about the strip is that Poncho knows what he's doing when he's drinking out of the toilet, or doing all the other things that a dog does and yet he can't help it. Because it's in his nature. He is a dog and unlike make strips in which Cartoon dogs become mini-humans, Pooch Cafe retains the basic spirit and nature of the characters it portrays, letting each part stay true to itself. It is lovingly illustrated and ultimately it has soul - a rarity in syndicated strips today. A superb buy! Watch out for this man!

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