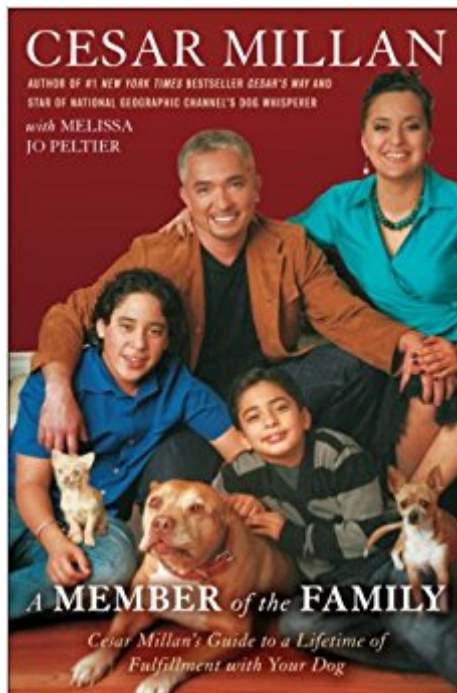




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# A MEMBER Of The FAMILY: Cesar Millan's Guide To A Lifetime Of Fulfillment With Your Dog



## Synopsis

Many of us think of our dogs not as pets but as full-fledged members of our families. If you own a dog or are thinking about getting one, *A Member of the Family* is the ultimate resource for integrating your canine companion into the life of your household. What should you do if you need to leave your dog alone at home while everyone is at work? Are you providing him with the exercise he needs? How can you make sure your children and dog get along well? How do events in the human family—such as birth, marriage, or divorce—affect the family dog? All of these questions and many more are answered by bestselling author Cesar Millan in his new book. Brimming with practical tips and techniques, *A Member of the Family* addresses the most common issues and questions that emerge over the course of a person's lifetime relationship with a dog, explaining what it takes to be a good dog owner. From choosing the right dog for your particular family's needs to setting the rules of the house (yes, you and your family are in charge) to finding a quality veterinarian and monitoring your dog's health, Cesar offers essential advice for a harmonious home. No topic is left untouched. With success stories from Cesar's fans and clients throughout, *A Member of the Family* includes sections on travel and doggie day care, the needs of an aging dog, and dealing with the death of a pet and its long-lasting effects on a family. A chapter on dogs and children is written from the perspective of Cesar's sons, Andre and Calvin, and one on the role of the strong female pack leader is by Cesar's wife, Ilusion. In his frank, simple, and calm manner, Cesar acts as your personal guide as you build a fulfilling, satisfying relationship with your dog.

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"[Millan is] serene and mesmerizing. . . . He deserves a cape and mask." — New York Times  
"[Millan] arrives amid canine chaos and leaves behind peace." — Malcolm Gladwell, The New Yorker  
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Founder of the Dog Psychology Center in Los Angeles, CESAR MILLAN is the star of Dog Whisperer with Cesar Millan on the National Geographic Channel. In addition to his educational seminars and work with unstable dogs, he and his wife have founded the Cesar and Ilusion Millan Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing financial support and rehabilitation expertise to shelters. A native of Culican, Mexico, Cesar lives in Los Angeles with his wife and their two sons, Andre and Calvin. MELISSA JO PELTIER, an executive producer and writer of Dog Whisperer with Cesar Millan, has been honored for her film and television writing and directing with an Emmy, a Peabody, and more than fifty other awards. She lives in Nyack, New York, with her husband, writer-director John Gray, and stepdaughter, Caitlin.

The book goes through basic elements of being a pack leader for your dog(s), in different families and stages of life. It's full of elaborating examples, and good basic data (and there are references for further reading at the end). However, I bought the book as I brought my new dog to knowledge myself with the how to questions of raising a dog. Though I feel I did get the basic principles, I feel I didn't got enough. The different chapters on different stages in life and different types of family are too short if you are in the need to learn about that situation, and too long if it's not that relevant to you, and probably anyone will find a lot of the latter kind of chapters. So - bottom line - a good book, but if you're on the look for a basic dog training and behavior book - I guess (without reading them) perhaps that other books, including Cesar's - are the more smart choice.

This is a really, really good book. It open my eyes to so many wonderful things about adding a additional family member that I hadn't considered before. Now I am prepared and I have a full understanding about dog ownership. Since I don't want to give any details away about the book. I do recommend this book for any one that would like to add a additional family member to the team. Purchase this book first before you purchase your family member and prepare yourself. Enjoy!

I ordered this book along with Cesar's Way: The Natural, Everyday Guide to Understanding and Correcting Common Dog Problems  
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and Correcting Common Dog Problems, i would recommend you get all 3 books, but read Cesar's way first, it has a lot of great information. This book, in my opinion, is a more in depth version as some things touched on in his other books, and i would consider the other books much more applicable at the beginning, with this book being more of an advanced course once you have mastered the basics. over all a great book, I would highly recommend buying this in addition to Cesar Milans other books.

Highly recommend for anyone who has a family dog or is thinking of getting one. Gives great advise on how to have a happy, balanced dog, how to select a family dog and how to be a good pack leader. One of the most humane books about dogs. I would say he loves dogs. The amount of exercise he asks you to give the dog is probably good for me but still a bit much for a laid back person like myself. However it is all in the interests of the animal. Very .easy reading.

Having been a pet owner for over 40 years, I still believe there is always more to learn. I purchased this book because I am a fan of Cesar Millan and I was bringing two new Shepherd pups into the fold with people who had never had puppies. While I jumped right to the puppy section, and received much useful information, I was pleased to find that overall the entire book was very concise and eye opening. I find the real life examples of dogs he has worked with to be very useful and have the pleasure of then seeing these dogs on his shows at a later time. I really feel that this book has helped to prepare "the whole house" for the raising of happy and well behaved dogs. I am calmer with the dogs and believe positive reinforcement has been great for all of us. It is important to understand your reasons for getting a dog, which helps you then know how to choose a dog - or - helps you to know when it is not the right time. Dog ownership is a blessing and a big committment and I'm an advocate of this book because it lays out the big picture, the good and the bad. You would be wise to read this book before making a pet committment.

Great book

I have learned so much from this book! I just adopted a rescue dog and all of Cesar's suggestions are working! I just wish he would be more specific about some things...if he says he uses a treat, what does he use??? Other than that, the man is a genius, and my husband and I can't believe how totally different it is having a dog that knows we are above her in the pack! I adored my previous dog, bless her heart (she died a year ago) but I see now that SHE thought SHE was the pack

leader, and it is our fault! In turn it caused her to have a lot of issues such as pulling like crazy on walks, etc.

Cesar's approach to dog ownership is so fundamental. Some of his tactics for introducing yourself to a dog can be challenging for a novice (like myself) but should at least be tried to establish the proper hierarchy in your family. While the human is at the top of the top of this hierarchy the dog's position in the family is very respected too. If more dog owners would give their pet's the proper exercise (which is #1 in Cesar's approach) many dog problems would be avoided. His focus is to keep dogs happy and well adjusted within a family. This should be a must read for any potential dog owner or current dog owner so that fewer dogs end up euthanized or in shelters due to incompatibility in their family. I also really respect Cesar's information about adopting from a shelter or rescue group which is something more people should consider.

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