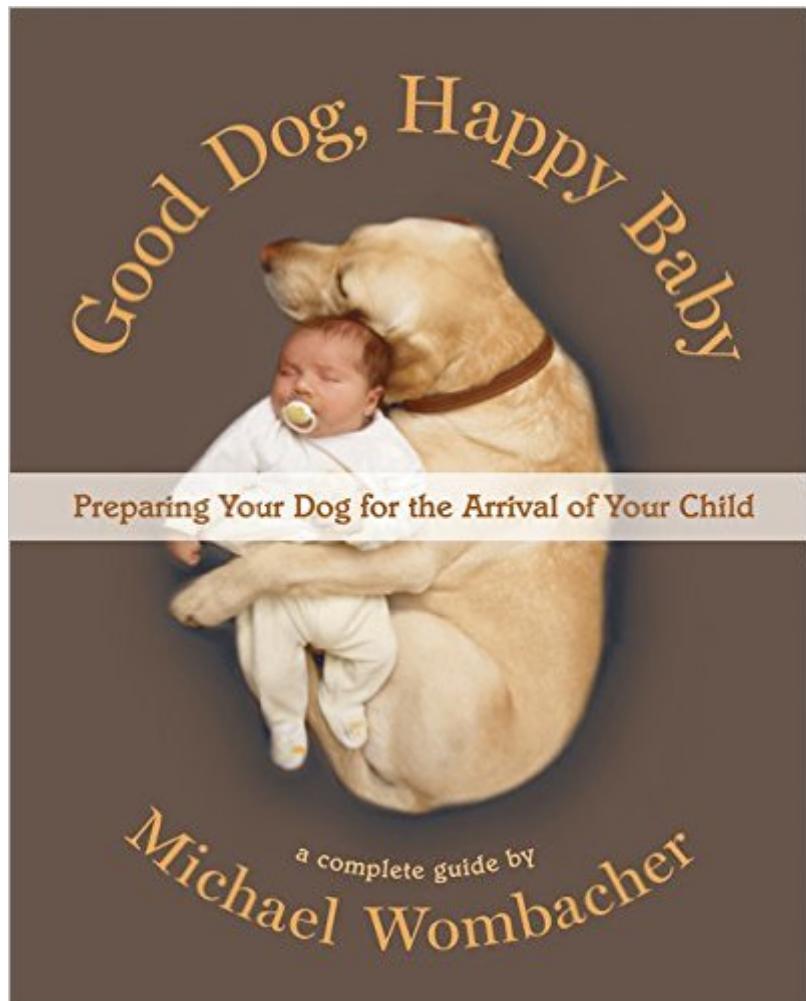


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# Good Dog, Happy Baby: Preparing Your Dog For The Arrival Of Your Child



## Synopsis

For years dog trainer Michael Wombacher has worked with expecting dog owners to prevent problems between dogs and children. He has also unfortunately witnessed too many families forced to surrender their beloved family companions because they failed to prepare the dog for the arrival of a new family member. In *Good Dog, Happy Baby*, Wombacher lays out a twelve-step process that will give families the skills they need to navigate this new era of their lives. These skills include how to evaluate dogs, resolve common behavior problems, and fully prepare dogs for a new baby. This easy-to-use guide, filled with photos and simple instructions, makes a great gift for any expecting family with a dog, whether the dog is perfectly trained or in serious need of behavioral help.

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## Customer Reviews

This book gets 5 stars from me because it is easy to read and the concepts are easy to apply immediately. I found that the training tactics in this book created a balanced approach of behavior correction coupled with positive reinforcement that get quick results! I couldn't be happier with my dogs' progress (I have four of them all over the age of 9 years)! This isn't the first book that I attempted to utilize to try to get results before the birth of our first baby--the other two books I used focused solely on positive reinforcement, and although my dogs loved the treats, they did not show any noticeable improvement in behavior. I was getting frustrated until I received this book! The author explains that quick and unpleasant corrections are used in the dog world to communicate

with one another so why wouldn't we use quick corrections to achieve the same results. Once the message is received by the animal then positive reinforcement can be used to make it a habit. It makes perfect sense and really works! I also need to mention that I had a question regarding a specific technique and reached out to the author via email. I was VERY pleasantly surprised when he responded within 30 minutes! I was truly blown away by his quick response and genuine concern for my ability to apply his training methods. He even offered a telephone conference to answer my questions. This book works and it works quickly! Do NOT buy any other dog/baby preparation book. You will be wasting your time, energy and money!

This book resulted almost immediate improvement in my dogs' behavior! I prepared for bringing home my infant with two other trainers who both focused almost exclusively on treat-based obedience training as a sole method to work with my dogs. Despite this preparation, when I brought home my infant daughter from the hospital, both dogs were wrecks with anxiety. I ordered this book straightaway, based on a previous positive experience I'd had working with Michael, and I was not disappointed! He offers a much broader range of strategies and techniques, and they helped my dogs feel confident that they still had a loving place in the family. Their behavior changed in a matter of days! The book is well-organized, and his methods are set out in an easy-to-follow manner. I highly recommend this book for anyone planning on introducing a new baby to the household. It works!

This book was absolutely wonderful. My wife and I are expecting a baby in October and this book has helped us get our dogs ready. I have tried a number of things with dogs in terms of training with no success. Our dogs responded well to this instruction and are continuing to improve. The book itself is a very easy read. 119 pages took me about 2 hours to read and I consider myself a very slow reader. The instructions are simple and avoid complicating things. My wife was concerned about one of our dogs with the new baby coming, so I reached out to the author on his website. Not only did he email me back within hours of me sending him a message, he set aside time during his vacation to speak with me on the phone for roughly 30+minutes. His instruction on the phone was comforting to our specific situation and put both me wife and I at ease. I encourage anyone expecting a child, and has dogs, to read this book and implement it into their lives.

This is longwinded and I apologize, but I want to be as thorough as possible because this book was really amazing for me. I purchased this book back in January when I first found out about my

pregnancy. Between all of the other pregnancy books I've been reading, I finally finished this one. What a GREAT tool to have if you own a dog and are expecting or already have children. We have two dogs and I was concerned, especially with one of them in particular Who thinks she's head of the household, especially around our other dog, about having a baby around/changed the dynamic of the household. This book helped reveal problems I didn't even realize she has, as well as clearly outlining how to fix the issues. It's been a work in progress, but I've already seen improvement. I have tried trainers, and most just follow the only praise/use a clicker and a treat method which just didn't work for her. The author uses a mix between praise and structure and he seems to be spot on. I saw some reviews that criticize his tactics. Every dog is different and so is every owner. The good thing about this book is that it gives you OPTIONS on the levels of force or reprimand you need, letting YOU choose how you want to approach the training technique. I see this as an invaluable resource and I HIGHLY recommend this book to anyone looking for some help to get your dog adjusted before bringing a baby into your home. And as for the review about being mostly obedience training and not so much about baby prep, there is a lot of the training aspect, but that is supposed to help prepare your dog. Later in the book he tells you how to incorporate the training with the baby, and also ways to familiarize your dog to the baby before baby is home. He also gives pointers on how to teach the kids respect for dogs, how to approach them, etc. The author is also very upfront about whether or not you should consider finding a different home for your dog, which is hard to hear, but in the end, if your baby's safety is in jeopardy.. What are you willing to risk. I told my dad (pepere to be) about it and he is anxious to read it as well (he has lived with my dog for a time and knows how stubborn and high energy she can be). He wants to prepare for when his granddaughter and granddog come for a visit. I think this book is definitely worth the read. It's fairly short and easy to follow, which makes it even better for a busy lifestyle.

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