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Are you just plain fed up with the aggressive dog behavior your pooch is displaying? Join the crowd. [Canine aggression](#) is the most serious dog behavior problem that you'll face as a dog owner.

However, this behavior is preventable if you understand why your dog develops aggressive traits. Read on to learn more about this common problem.

Your Dog's Aggressive Nature Is Instinctive

Aggression is a valuable behavior in the wild. A dog needs to be aggressive in order to hunt for its food. It also needs to be able to defend its kill from other animals. An aggressive dog also defends its territory and its mate.

In the centuries since dogs were domesticated, people have selectively bred most aggressive tendencies out of dogs, but a few do remain. And since dogs do have sharp teeth capable of doing people serious harm, it's necessary to recognize aggressive behavior in dogs and deal with it effectively.

The fact that there are several different kinds of aggression in dogs is something that many dog owners are unaware of. The two most common are aggression towards strangers and aggression towards family members. Because these two types of aggression in canines have different causes, it's necessary to deal with them differently as well.

Aggression Towards Strangers

This type of dog behavior is very easy to recognize. Your dog may react in one of two ways:

The slightest noise will startle your dog because he's jumpy and nervous. You'll notice agitated behavior, including acting fidgety, pacing around, and barking or whining.

Or, on the other extreme, he'll be very quiet, sitting in one place without moving, while staring hard at whatever it is he's suspicious of -- whether it's a visitor or your unsuspecting mail carrier.

The main reason a dog is aggressive around strangers is because he's not used to them. It's necessary for your dog to learn that strangers aren't always something bad.

Aggression Towards Family Members

Your dog may show [canine aggression](#) towards members of your family for two reasons.

First, he's defending something that he thinks he owns from a person he considers to be a threat. "Resource guarding" is what this behavior is called.

In the wild, only the dominant individual acts aggressively to guard resources. So obviously, your dog thinks he's the pack leader, not you, when he displays this kind of aggressive dog behavior.

The second reason is that he's unhappy about how you, or somebody in the family, is treating him.

Discover How To Handle Aggression In Dogs

You don't have to be at the mercy of your dog, and you shouldn't be. If your dog uses aggressive dog behavior to control you and get his way, this is a very unhealthy situation, as well as being potentially dangerous. There are many emergency room visits every year because of dog bites. You don't want this happening to you or a member of your family, or anyone else your dog interacts with.

You need to learn how to deal with aggressive behavior in dogs. You need a dog obedience course which includes a complete owner's guide to rearing and training your dog to prevent canine aggression. Be sure to read testimonials from other dog owners who have purchased the course to see how satisfied they are with the

material.

Do yourself and your dog a favor and learn more about controlling [aggressive dog behavior](#). Just click on any link in this article to find out more.

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