

## About Myrna Milani:

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Myrna Milani earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Capital University (Columbus, Ohio) and a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the Ohio State University, College of Veterinary Medicine. Following a year as a full-time academic advisor to pre-veterinary students at the university, Dr. Milani entered private veterinary practice in New Hampshire. Her interest in the relationship between humans and animals as it affects the health and behavior of both led her to write seven books for the general public:

The Weekend Dog (Rawson/Scribners, 1984; Signet paper, 1985)

The Invisible Leash (New American Library, 1985; Signet paper, 1986)

The Body Language and Emotion of Dogs (William Morrow, 1986; Quill, 1993)

The Body Language and Emotion of Cats (William Morrow, 1987; Quill, 1993)

DogSmart: The Ultimate Guide to Finding the Dog You Want, Keeping the Dog You Find (Contemporary Books, 1997 )

CatSmart: The Ultimate Guide to Understanding, Caring for, and Living with Your Cat (Contemporary Books, 1998)

Preparing for the Loss of Your Pet: Saying Good-bye with Love, Dignity and Peace of Mind (Prima, 1998)

The editors of The Reader's Catalogue, which listed the 40,000 best books in print, voted The Invisible Leash and the body language books best in their categories. The Body Language and Emotion of Dogs also has been used as a textbook for collegiate courses in the human-canine bond and animal-assisted therapy and education, and in courses for professional dog trainers. Additionally, Dr. Milani has written a behavior- and bond-based veterinary text, The Art of Veterinary Practice: A Guide to Client Communication (University of Pennsylvania Press, 1995), the script for an audio tape, Understanding Your Cat's Behavior, for the general public for Proof in Advance Education Corporation, as well as scripts for the internationally broadcast "Pet Care Minutes," sponsored by Merck and the American Veterinary Medical Association. In addition to contributing articles to various professional publications, the author wrote a canine behavior column for Cornell's DogWatch newsletter and now writes for the PetCity website.

Throughout her career Dr. Milani has taught numerous courses: Biology, Anatomy and Physiology, Animal Behavior, Bioethics (including online), and wildlife ecology on the college level, and courses in the human-canine and the human-feline bond and behavior for the general public. In addition to doing private behavior/bond client consultations, she serves as a consultant to non-profit and for-profit organizations regarding animal-related issues. In her past capacity as a spokesperson, she discussed canine and feline care and behavioral problems with thousands of owners and professionals at shows and events was, and still is, interviewed regularly regarding

various aspects of the human-animal bond by journalists, those researching animal-related books, television producers, and other representatives of media.

Dr. Milani has spoken to a wide variety of public and professional organizations on pertinent aspects of the human-animal relationship, and she currently enjoys a close working relationship with veterinarians nationwide who contact her regarding behavioral or bond problems and refer clients to her. Additionally, the eclectic nature of her studies have led her to develop a network of trainers, breeders, psychologists, sociologists, ecologists, ethologists, shelter personnel, wildlife experts, law enforcement officials, media specialists and other professionals with whom she routinely shares personal observations and material. She lives in Charlestown, New Hampshire with an assortment of pets and loves to work in her gardens.