



# Quick-Start Guide To Owning a Husband

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## Top 10 Tips from "Husband's an Owner's Manual"

### #1 Avoid Professional Athletes

Every professional athlete was once a remarkably gifted child, who was adored, fawned over and doted on by all. Too much adoration produces an insatiable ego that's impossible to satisfy. (For the same reason, you should also avoid child actors and Justin Bieber.)

### # 2 Marry An Orphan

One way to eliminate all in-laws issues, is to not have any. Then you'll have only your relatives to contend with at holidays, weddings, graduations, dance recitals, funerals and family interventions. For most people, that's enough.

### #3 Separate Toothbrushes and Financial Accounts

Maintain your own bank accounts, investment portfolio and credit cards. By law they belong to both of you, but you can eliminate 50% of all marital discord if you never see each other's statements.

### #4 The Toilet Seat Must Go Down

Insist on this from the start. Otherwise, when you're a little older and can no longer sleep through the night, you'll make your way to the bathroom in the dark and fall in.

### #5 No Unsolicited Advice

Face it, most unsolicited advice is merely a disguised criticism. "You should get your haircut," clearly means, "your hair's too long." Similarly, "Why don't you order the salad?" can be construed as, "You're a fat pig."

### #6 Crack the Code

Men and women often speak different languages and sometimes you need a translation. When a man says, "I need to find myself," he means, "I have a girlfriend." "We're growing in different directions," means, "and she's 10 years younger than you."

### #7 How to Reboot a Grumpy Husband

Simple. Initiate sex. Give it a try. You can thank me later.

### #8 Never Return a Husband's Gift

Gift-giving is a skill for which most men are not factory-equipped. They need a little coaching, practice and positive reinforcement. Best to hang on to whatever he gives you in the beginning, even if it's a Thigh Master.

### #9. The Key to Communication

The secret to my marriage is that in 50 plus years, my husband and I have never had a meaningful conversation. Discussions are limited to, "Did you replace the toilet paper?" "We're out of ice," and "I have a rash on my elbow."

### #10 Nurture and Protect His Ego

Most men think they are braver, stronger and smarter than we are. Let them. Men who leave their wives do so, not because they find someone better, or more attractive. They do so because they find someone who admires them more. (Of course, it's easier to admire a man if you've ever washed his underwear.)

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