Freedom Harness Exchange Program

What Is a "No-Pull Harness"?

No-pull dog harnesses have straps that cross above a dog's shoulders and can be fastened at the center of a dog's chest and behind the front legs. The harness also has a clip in the front for the leash. Once you clip the leash to the front ring and begin walking, the dog must stay by your side in order to keep moving forward. If the dog does pull, the leash goes off to the side, not straight back, which directs the dog back towards you. This gives greater control and guides the dog back to your side by applying a little pressure.

Why Not to Use Choke or Prong Collars

Choke chains and prong collars are aversive training tools designed to inflict pain when an unwanted behavior is exhibited. Suppressing behaviors versus modifying behaviors can be dangerous as we know it can be with us. If we are forced to suppress behaviors in fear of punishment, over time, this can lead to dangerous outbursts of aggressive behaviors since we are not allowed to express behaviors, we do not understand are unwanted. In addition, choke chains can cause strangulation, and damage to the trachea. Prong collars can, regardless of how they are marketed, cause punctures to the skin. These punctures have been seen in many instances and can then also lead to severe infections when left untreated for even short periods of time.

Key Take-Aways

Ultimately, aversive, and punishment-based training tools do not modify behaviors, they suppress them, while the dog does not understand what it is doing wrong. When we work to correct unwanted behaviors, this leads to safer and more effective training that results in greatly reduced risk of aggressive behaviors. Choke chains and prong collars pose a serios risk to a dog's safety and health and have been known to result in costly injuries. Lastly, as a member of your family, you owe it to your dog to give them the tools to succeed, and exhibit the behaviors you want to see, without the need to inflict pain and/or injury!

Let us get your dog fitted for a no-pull freedom harness. The only cost to you, is to give us your old choke chain or prong collar in exchange!





