

Remote Training 101

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Dogs are not dumb. When you are training them they soon realize that you cannot correct their behavior unless you are standing close by. [Remote collars](#) make it possible to humanely correct, discipline, and even reward your dog, even at a distance. Remote collars are one of the most effective training tools for professional trainers and individual pet owners alike. Some remote units have a range of nearly one mile!



Situations where a remote collar can be useful

Remote collars can be used in many situations. Examples are:

- Refusing to come when called (once they know the command)
- Chasing cars
- Chasing other animals
- Digging
- Nuisance barking
- Field Training

They work effectively and quickly, and allow you to distract the dog by breaking his train of thought so he can center his attention on your command. Remote collars will quickly help your dog associate unwanted behavior with an unpleasant sensation.

Remote collars are not, as some people believe, a cruel tool. They also will not injure a dog. In fact, when used correctly, the sensation your dog feels from the collar is similar to the sensation you get from static electricity.

In the past, collars only had one stimulation level to choose from. We have collars with several levels of stimulation, so you can determine the level your dog needs.

Introducing your dog to a remote electronic collar

When introducing a remote training collar to your dog, you should not have the unit turned on. Let him get used to the extra weight of the receiver unit first. Once he is used to the collar, put the receiver on the very lowest setting and increase just so your dog recognizes that he is being disciplined. You can determine this by watching him. He will most likely look startled as if an insect has flown past his ear. He should not yelp or look as if he has been harmed at all. Increase the level only if you need to. NEVER increase the stimulation in response to your own anger.

Remote electronic collars

A remote collar will consist of the collar with a receiver attached to it, a hand-held transmitter, and accessories that allow you to adjust the level of stimulation. These collars are not difficult to figure out and come with an easy-to-read instruction manual. Some collars even include a video with training hints and tips. A dog that listens to you is a joy to be around, and much less of a worry. Consider a remote training collar to use as an instrument in your training program.