

# Training Collar FAQs

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## How do training collars work?

Training collars remotely redirect your pet's attention back to the task at hand. While some training collars use mild static stimulation and others use ultrasonic tones, the principle is the same. The stimulus interrupts undesirable responses and allows your pet to refocus, distinguish undesirable responses and learn the desired response.

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## What are electronic training collars used for?

As a form of behavior modification, an electronic training collar is simply another tool in your current training regimen. They are NOT meant to punish your pet but to help correct undesirable behavior. Training collars go hand in hand with rewards to positively reinforce desirable behavior and alert your dog of improper responses.

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## It seems like a lot of work, do I need to correct each negative behavior?

Not necessarily. Once your dog has learned some fundamental commands, you will be able to apply it to many situations by addressing the situation rather than the act. Basic commands like COME that have been reinforced and solidified with an electronic training collar can be applied in multiple situations to redirect your pet's attention to acceptable behavior he is familiar with.

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## How long will it take for my dog to be trained?

It will vary from pet to pet but clear and consistent training allows your pet to learn faster. Begin with the lowest stimulation level, make sure the collar fits snugly and limit collar wear for no longer than 12 hours. Behavior is a complex series of actions and reactions. Keep it simple. Work on one behavior at a time. And don't forget to reward your pet for his achievements.

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## Are electronic training collars right for my situation?

Though electronic collars are safe and effective training devices, there are particular instances where the use of electronic training collars is most effective including:

- Situations where a partial level of success has been achieved with another product or technique
- Correcting long-established negative behavior
- Dangerous behavior that needs to be remedied immediately, such as car chasing
- Reinforcing crucial fundamental commands such as COME, STAY, or HEEL

It is always a good idea to consult with a dog trainer to assess if an [electronic training collar](#) is appropriate for you and your pet.

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