

Dog Training Articles
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Proper Use of Training Equipment

Before using any type of collar on your dog, you must be trained on how to use it on your dog by a professional dog trainer. This way you are sure to get optimal results from your training sessions. Most importantly, when using any new training collar, it is important that your dog wears the collar even when not training. Most people will put the training collar on their dog when training or when the dog is misbehaving. What you are teaching your dog is that when he is wearing the collar, he must behave because it is only then that you make him behave or give him a correction for misbehavior. The dog then becomes 'collar wise' and when the collar is off; the dog either does not respond to your commands or misbehaves. Initially, when using a new collar, the dog may sulk or become mellow while wearing it. This is normal behavior. If you make a conscience effort in putting the new training collar on your dog every day and only removing it for bed time, your dog will change his behavior and his new 'habit' will be to respond to your commands. The collar then becomes a favorite necklace that you may wear daily; you don't even realize you are wearing the necklace. When your dog's new training collar becomes his 'favorite necklace' you will find that the habit of responding to commands and being well mannered is your dog's new habit and that your dog will not only obey but will also play, eat and have fun when the collar is on.