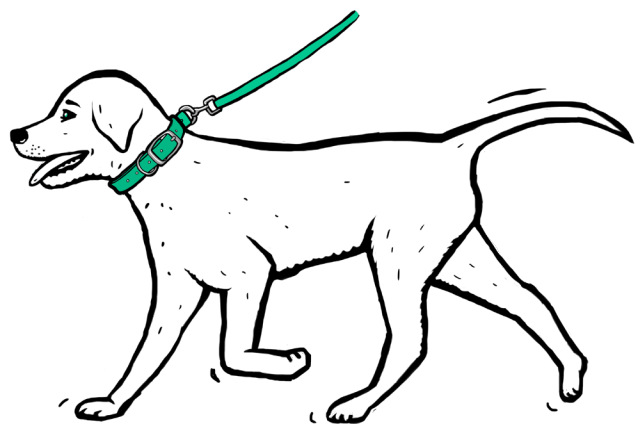


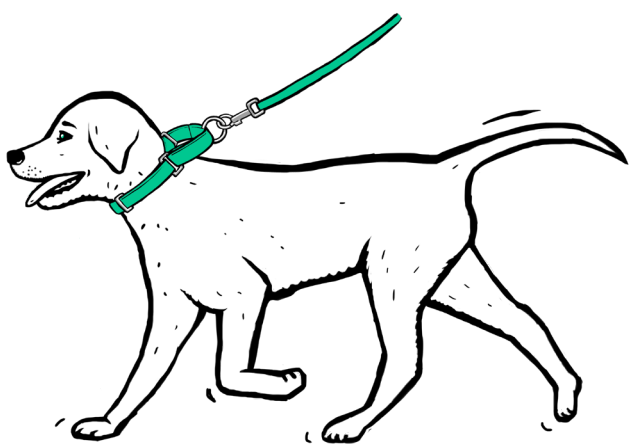
Dog Collars and How to Use Them

Whether you're a pet parent, a neighbor walking a friend's dog, or a dog walker, you want to be absolutely sure you know how to put on a dog's collar – no matter what kind it is. Manufacturers come out with new collars all the time, but most fall into these basic types.



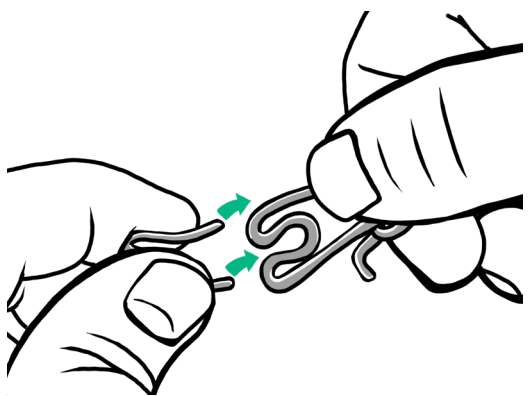
FLAT COLLAR

Usually made of fabric or leather with a plastic snap or metal buckle to fasten around the dog's neck. Once on the dog, you should be able to slip only two fingers between the collar and the dog's neck. It should not pull over the dog's head.



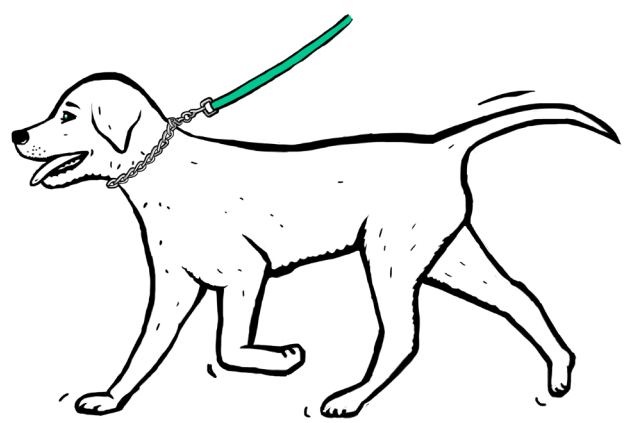
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Can be buckled or snapped like a flat collar or slipped over the dog's head. The cinching action of the second loop offers a comfortable, loose fit, but also allows quick tightening by pulling on the leash to control the dog.



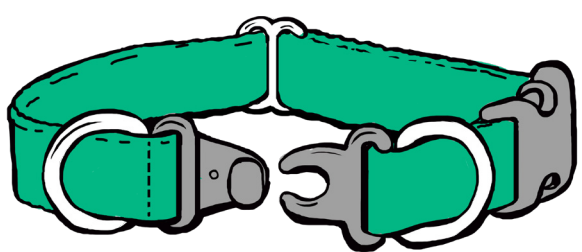
PINCH COLLAR

Also known as prong collars. Should not be used on dogs not trained on them. Can irritate the dog's neck if too loose. Pinch sides of a link to open or connect collar's ends around the dog's neck. If it can be placed over the dog's head, it's too loose. Quick-release versions use a chain and clip to open and close.



CHOKER CHAIN

Made of chain, fabric, or rope. The collar loop should make a "P" when placing over the dog's head. Should not maintain constant pressure on the dog's throat, but pull snugly when the dog tries to get away or get at another dog.



BREAKAWAY COLLAR

Designed to come apart if it becomes hooked on something while dog wears it around the house or yard. To walk a dog with a breakaway, connect leash to both metal rings, which are on either side of the breakaway point.

Quick online research or a call to the pet parent will help you determine how to use any collar you're not familiar with. Remember: The dog's life is at stake. Take time to learn what you don't know.

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