

# Dog Walking Equipment

Dogs are not born knowing how to walk nicely on a leash, or how to walk on a loose leash. Only after training and consistent expectations can you expect your dog not to pull on leash, tangle the leash between their legs, or walk around or through your legs. Teaching your dog to walk on leash not only makes walks more pleasant but it also increases your dog's chances of getting out of the house more for the exercise that is so important to their daily needs.

## Recommended Types of Equipment

The type of equipment that you will use to walk your dog will depend on your dog and his level of training. Some dogs will be more comfortable walking with a harness, some will walk just fine with a buckle collar. Ensure that your equipment is fitted to your dog properly each time you go for a walk. The goal of this training is to have your dog walking in a relative heel position with his leash in the shape of a J from the collar to your hand.

### Buckle Collar

Can be made of nylon or leather.

### Martingale Collar

Usually made of nylon. Best for dogs that have smaller heads than their neck, fluffy coated dogs, or dogs that are fearful and try to back out of their collar.

### Flat Leash

Can be made of nylon or leather. Typically 4'-6' works best.

### Standard H Harness

Can be used for dogs that slip out of their collars or have injuries on their neck. A standard harness is not recommended for strong pullers where other equipment can be used.

### Front Clip Harness

Easiest tool for dogs that cannot wear a collar. Facilitates training by redirecting the dog towards you. Several types available including Easy Walk, Freedom Harness, or Sensible harness.

### Head Halter or Gentle Leader

Goes around the dog's muzzle. Can be used for dogs that have been trained to wear them.

### Weiss Walkie

A leash with a ring that allows you to loop the leash around the dog's midsection. Okay to use for dogs that try to back out of their collars. When used on dogs that pull hard, the leash applies pressure as Positive Punishment to reduce pulling.