Why and how the Gentle Leader® Headcollar works

The Gentle Leader® Headcollar allows you to communi-
cate with your dog clearly and effectively. This humane headcollar is a training tool to help eliminate problems related to the dog’s behavior. Once the behavior is achieved, you can reward. This combination sets you and your dog up for success.

Dogs have an opposition reflex which encourages them to pull, even if they are choking. Unlike tradi-
tional collars, the headcollar places the pressure on the back of the neck instead of the front of the throat, allowing you to control your dog without choking him.

Introducing your dog to the Gentle Leader Headcollar

For most dogs, the headcollar will produce positive results within the first few minutes. The fit and feel are a natural fit for your dog, and we recommend that you take your time introducing the headcollar slowly.

Steps:

1. Take the headcollar for a walk and adjust the nose loop to a comfortable fit. Make sure your dog is comfortable with the headcollar and not pulling against it.
2. Start by walking your dog on a loose leash. Use the headcollar to gently guide your dog where you want him to go.
3. As your dog becomes more comfortable with the headcollar, start to use it during daily walks.

Stop pulling and lunging easily with the Gentle Leader Headcollar

To prevent pulling in front or lunging, keep a short leash when you begin your walks.

Tips:

1. Use a leash that is comfortable for both you and your dog. A leash that is too tight can cause discomfort and may lead to the dog pulling against it.
2. Use a headcollar that is adjustable and comfortable for your dog. A headcollar that is too tight can cause discomfort and may lead to your dog pulling against it.

For more information on how to use the Gentle Leader Headcollar, please visit our website at www.petSAFE.com.
Gentle Leader® Headcollar fitting step by step

Important: Throughout the fitting process and during initial use of the Gentle Leader Headcollar, motivate and encourage your dog with praise and special tasty treats. If your dog is especially active, have someone help you by feeding treats while you fit and adjust. Please fit your dog in a quiet indoor space to ensure a stress-free and safe environment. Visit www.PetSafe.net/Gentle-Leader-Headcollar for an instructional video.

1. Open neck strap and hold one end in each hand. The nose loop should hang down, like the letter "T." (Fig. A)

2. Position the neck strap as high up on the neck as possible, just behind the ears. (Fig. B) Gently pull any excess skin and coat down and out from under the neck strap.

3. Neck strap must be snug so only one finger can fit under it, and it cannot rotate around the neck. If the neck strap rotates, so will the nose loop, which may cause chafing of the skin. (Fig. C)

4. Remove the headcollar neck strap and prepare to fit the nose loop. Pull the nose loop up through the centerbar ring. Be ready with some tasty treats. (Fig. D)

5. Hold the nose loop open and feed a treat through the loop. You want to encourage your dog to place his nose through the loop by offering a treat. (Fig. E)

6. Snap neck strap high on the neck at its pre-fitted position. Make final adjustment to nose loop by sliding the snap clamp up or down to adjust. (Fig. F) With thumb and index finger, pinch nose loop underneath the snap clamp, temporarily holding it.

7. Test fit the nose loop by pulling it forward. (Fig. G) When it touches the beginning of the flasy part of the nose, but is not so loose that you can pull it off the nose, close snap clamp by pressing down on tab — you'll hear a snap as it locks. (Fig. H) Connect leash to "O" ring.

8. Final Fit - When properly fitted and viewed from the side, the headcollar will resemble a "V." (Fig. I) and the center bar will rest above the tracheal area (Fig. J).

Fitting Checklist:

☐ Neck Strap
☐ Snug fit
☐ Does not rotate
☐ Positioned just behind the ears
☐ Nose Loop
☐ Cannot be pulled or rubbed off by the dog
☐ Loose enough for dog to freely open his mouth
☐ Snap Clamp closed completely

NOTE: When your dog has reached full growth, you can remove any excess length of neck strap. With the headcollar off your dog, cut the end of strap with scissors and use a match or lighter flame to seal the cut edge to prevent fraying. Be careful not to remove too much of the strap.

Check the fit regularly. There is no need to unsnap the nose loop clamp unless the fit of the Gentle Leader Headcollar needs to be adjusted. To remove the Gentle Leader, simply unsnap the neck strap and slide the nose loop off of your dog's nose.

CAUTION: Follow instructions carefully when fitting and using on bulldogs and other breeds with genetically limited airways or flat noses. It is typical for those dogs to experience breathing difficulties when exercising or under stress because of their physically limited airways. If their usual breathing difficulties increase when wearing the headcollar, immediately discontinue use and consult your veterinarian.