



The Dangers of Prong Collars vs Benefits of a Harness

Prong collars are designed to inflict pain on the pet when they are pulling too hard on the leash and is used to get them to stop this behavior. This can have a serious impact on the dogs' long-term physical and mental health.

There is the potential for your pet to incur serious physical injury when using one of these collars as they could cause damage to the trachea, larynx, or esophagus, while inflicting bruising and/or damage to the skin and tissues of the neck. Brain damage and prolapsed eyes can also be caused by excessive pressure to the head.

SAFE ALTERNATIVES

Harnesses are great for keeping your pet from pulling. There are many different brands that all work well. To be most effective, the leash needs to be clipped to the **FRONT** of the pet's chest.

For most pets just having the leash attached in this position stops them from pulling, as it guides the pet's body weight in a different direction and causes them to readjust their focus.

In addition to the no pull harness, you can also use a Gentle Leader. Both methods can individually help you train your pet not to pull excessively and drag you around on the leash. If either of these do not seem to be enough on their own, for more control you can use a Gentle Leader in conjunction with the harness.



If you have any questions please don't hesitate to give us a call!

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