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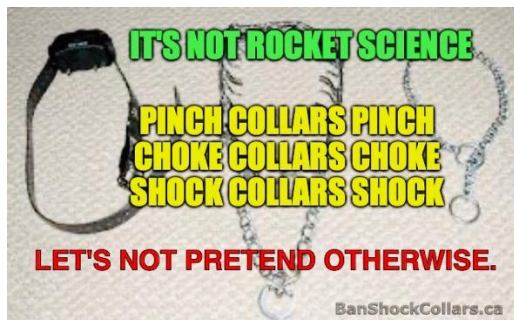


Perhaps You Didn't Know

Collar choices for pets are endless. They are the perfect place to hang identification and, with a heap of colours and designs available, to make a statement. However, the aesthetics of collars are not what plagues most pets. It's how they work. If your collar works by shocking, choking, pinching, inducing pain, fear and intimidation, then you've picked the wrong collar. Through research, we've learned that many of the assumptions previously made about shock, choke & prong collars are completely wrong. All three have critical flaws. All three can damage your pet physically and emotionally and even cause death.

To us, as pet owners, our dogs are not businesses or profit centres, they are beloved family members. Caring owners go to great lengths to keep their pets happy and healthy. Yet too many others will exploit our cats and dogs for profit. We need to be wary of promotions and claims by unscrupulous people who, not only misdirect, but downright lie about the safety of the products and services they sell.

Choke, prong, and shock collars are as common as free advice. Yet many pet owners never question their barbaric appearance and purpose. Remarkably, the negative effects of these collars are not widely understood or recognized. Few people know how harmful they can be to an animal. It cannot be a latent defect when these collars do exactly what their names imply; shock; pinch and choke.



Just the appearance of a prong collar tells you the poor soul, forced to wear this Draconian contraption, will struggle and suffer when someone tightens it around the neck. As damaging as these collars are, they are sold widely, to anyone, for any reason. Pet store employees do not get paid to warn people of the potential pitfalls of such devices. Why would they? It's not profitable. Pet store staff are rarely a reliable source of knowledge-based

information regarding the health and welfare of animals, regardless of how they present themselves. A pet store run by a trustworthy, well-intentioned proprietor would refuse to stock a good portion of pet-related inventory if they truly cared about the well-being of pets. Young minimum wage employees who have never owned a pet are not a brain trust you want to rely on, no matter how earnest they appear. When looking for advice, you would fare well to consult with a vet or credentialed animal behaviourist.

Empathically challenged owners and balanced trainers will use multiple painful collars, of the same or varying types, leaving a dog (or cat) open to excruciating pain and damage. Thank goodness, the number of pet owners using these collars is low in relation to the dog and cat population. That still leaves tens of thousands being equipped with these cruel collars. A wealth of scientific evidence proving that animals suffer harm, and even death, from these collars hasn't persuaded manufacturers to stop promoting them as safe and humane. "Safe" is a word used frequently in the product description and brand name to create false impressions in a buyer's mind. Ultimately, compassionate and knowledgeable owners use a flat collar for decoration and to hang ID, and use a harness to train and leash walk. Don't let your frustrations drive your decisions, let your good sense and empathy be your guide.

Owners should not keep any collar or harness on a dog, around the clock, as they are potentially dangerous if buckles, tags, and rings get caught on furnishings or the collar of another dog. Dogs die from such incidents.

We agree with the experts. Always choose a harness, instead of a collar, for walking and restraining dogs. Choose a quality product, fitted with parts and materials that won't malfunction, and can withstand a dog's full muscular power. Many tragic endings originated with defective, weak, and poorly designed latches, buckles, and snaps. The manufacturing of dog collars and harnesses is unregulated. There are no minimum standards. It's up to you to make the right choices.

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