



How People Rationalize Shock Collar Use

Rationalization echo # 9

“If it weren’t for shock collars I would have to euthanize my dog.”

Some pet guardians are told if they don’t use a shock collar their only option is euthanasia, particularly if their dog is aggressive. This is a scare tactic. Shock trainers have coined the term ‘last resort dog’ when other attempts have failed to rehabilitate an aggressive dog. They claim for these dogs only a shock collar can save their life. They insist it is the reason shock collars shouldn’t be banned. In reality, it is an insincere attempt to justify shock use since it is well known that shock collars are routinely used on puppies, senior dogs & timid dogs for no better reason than to teach basic obedience and for exhibiting normal canine behaviours. Studies show shocking animals increases anxiety and can cause aggression even in dogs with no history of aggression. A dog should not be neglected, hurt or suffer because of the inadequacies of the owner or trainer.