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## **SHOCK COLLARS: *Who will you believe?***

### ***The Experts***

Highly credentialled veterinary behaviourists denounce punishing training methods, including force, coercion and painful collars. Methods that cause pain and suffering to train dogs inhibits their ability to learn, which in turn, can lead to more intense punishment and further behavioural issues. It is why many countries have banned shock collars and more are considering it. Experts recommend positive reinforcement based training for all pets.

*“There is no longer a reason for people to remain misinformed. Let me make my opinion perfectly clear: Shock is not training – in the vast majority of cases it meets the criteria for abuse.”* - Dr.Karen L. Overall, MA, VMD, PhD, Diplomate American College of Veterinary Behaviourists, Faculty University of Pennsylvania

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### ***The Evidence***

Scientific studies have concluded that punishing methods such as shock, prong, choke and other aversive techniques can be physically and psychologically damaging to dogs. People can see the severe physical wounds shock and other collars are capable of causing. However, even to a trained eye, which many pet owners and trainers do not have, the psychological harm is not so clear. Lowered ear positions, freezing, lip licking, yawning, sniffing the ground, raising a paw and avoiding eye contact are some of the indicators of the anxiety and unease he/she is experiencing.

Studies: <http://www.banshockcollars.ca/studies.php>

### ***The Results***

Positive reinforcement has proven to be highly effective for training all animals. This includes police, military and hunting dogs. Dogs many pro-shock trainers erroneously insist need shock collars, a heavy hand and dominance to perform effectively. Aversive methods can result in aggressive behaviours, even in dogs with no history of aggression. Amongst those who know how injurious shock collars can be are the manufacturers who produce them. The warnings of possible injury and death in the instruction manuals are valid forecasts of what can and has happened. The ultimate gift you can give your pet is for them to know they are safe with you.

Shock Collar Damage: [http://www.banshockcollars.ca/collar\\_damage.php](http://www.banshockcollars.ca/collar_damage.php) (Warning: graphic images)