

Dear

I ask that you please support a ban on the sale and use of electric shock collars for training and controlling domestic pets.

The most basic measure of decent behaviour declares shock collars as a mean and offensive way to treat a sentient being that has no escape. From a behavioural science perspective using intimidation and pain to force an animal into doing a shocker's bidding is not training, it is abuse. The overuse and misuse by novice frustrated shock users is a daily reality. One cannot assess the effects of shocks on any individual dog's unique temperament, pain threshold, psychological toughness or resilience, without experimenting on that dog with varying shock intensities, levels and frequencies. At that point, the suffering and damage begin. Factor in the inconsistencies and non-existent quality standards amongst the different manufacturers and it is evident the practice of shock use can be very problematic.

Current understanding of animal behaviour and scientific studies conclude electrically shocking animals is detrimental to their physical, emotional and psychological wellbeing. Reactions to the pain and anxiety shocks elicit can cause or worsen fear aggression and lead to biting and attacking of humans and other animals. Those profiting from shock products continue to brazenly make statements such as the egregious falsehood that electric shocks do not hurt and that the punishment and fear shocks elicit can cure aggression.

I ask that you use the position Canadians have entrusted you with, to help stop this needless cruelty.

Thank you and have a wonderful pain-free day.

Sincerely,