

IMPORTANT

⌘ Allow your pet to become accustomed to his new SmartReceiver® Collar gradually. It should be removed every night for the first month, and two or three nights per week thereafter. This will help avoid skin irritation which can occur in some pets, and help you keep a check on the proper fit of the collar.

⌘ DO NOT become overly confident that your dog has become properly conditioned sooner than you expect. It is critical to completely perform the training requirements before allowing your pet to roam free. If you have any difficulty training your pet, please call us right away for assistance.

⌘ Remember that the receiver is ineffective if the probes do not touch your dog's skin. The SmartReceiver® Collar must be worn snugly at the top of your pet's neck, where his hair is thinnest. It should be just tight enough to slide a finger between the probe and your dog's neck. Periodically, you may need to make adjustments to accommodate weight fluctuations.

⌘ Your dog should be of sufficient maturity to understand basic training commands and be comfortable walking on a training lead before you begin training. Most dog owners find this to be somewhere between three and four months of age, depending on your dog's personality.



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BASIC SYSTEM TRAINING

Exclusive Training Assistance

GOAL: The purpose of the Basic System Training Plan is to help teach your dog to identify and avoid his boundaries, remaining within the safety of his own yard. Our goal is to provide your pet with a comfortable, happy environment, secure from dangers outside your property. If you follow this plan to its conclusion, you will give your dog his best opportunity for success with your Pet Fence System.

OVERVIEW: The Basic System Training Plan is broken into three major parts. Days One through Seven comprise the Boundary Training Period, when most of your pet's actual training will be performed. A Pet Fence Training Specialist will assist you during this period (Two separate sessions). Days Eight through Fourteen are the Proofing & Supervision Period, during which observation and praise are your main tools. Days Fifteen through Thirty are the Acclimation Period, when your dog will become more comfortable and secure within his boundaries. When this period has ended, you will have completed the System Training Plan. Keep in mind that most reported problems with the Pet Fence System are due to insufficient follow-up training and/or mismanagement of the pet. Your dog's training may also need to be reinforced from time to time.

YOU'LL NEED:

- A six foot non-retractable leash
- A properly-fitting collar, equipped with a D-ring
- Your dog's favorite Treats for Training Sessions
- A Training or "Pinch" Collar (if necessary)
- A way to safely contain your dog during training

MULTIPLE PETS: If you are training more than one pet to your Pet Fence System, please remember that each pet deserves your full attention and must be brought through the System Training Plan to its completion. Also, please adjust your equipment needs as your pets require.

FINALLY, have confidence in the System Training Plan. We have used this plan to successfully contain over 10,000 Alabama dogs and cats since 1994. We have accommodated dogs of all sizes, in hundreds of breeds. This training method is a proven, time-tested way to insure your success and protect the investment you have made by purchasing the finest Pet Fence System available in the world today.

SYSTEM TRAINING IS NOT OPTIONAL. If you feel you cannot adequately complete the Training Plan, please notify us so that we may propose alternative methods to properly finish System Training. Your Containment Guarantee is contingent upon sufficient pet fence training as prescribed.

**IF AT ANY POINT YOU ARE UNSURE OF HOW TO PROCEED,
PLEASE CALL US IMMEDIATELY FOR TRAINING ASSISTANCE**

BOUNDARY TRAINING PERIOD: DAYS ONE THROUGH SEVEN

 **FOR the first seven days**, your pet must not be allowed to go outside unless he is on a leash or otherwise safely secured at all times. Your pet must also be kept from his boundaries during this period, except during Training Sessions. On Training Day One, a System Training Specialist will demonstrate proper training to get you started, and leave you with specific instructions.

 **EACH Training Session** should last ten to fifteen minutes, and must be repeated three times per day. During the first three days, the SmartReceiver® collar will not be used, or will be used with only the warning tone activated. On or around Day Four, your Training Specialist will introduce your pet to the SmartReceiver® correction during the second assisted Training Session. On days four through seven, the SmartReceiver® should be used only as prescribed by your System Training Specialist. Try and make sure your pet receives no more than two corrections per session.

THE BASIC TRAINING SESSION

Approach each flag with your pet on a six-foot, non-retractable leash. DO NOT pull your pet into the stimulus zone, but DO bring him fairly close to the flags, and you may cross the boundary without your pet. Some pets may learn more quickly if you stop one to two feet inside the flag, helping him to understand that he should stop at the flag. Your Training Specialist may alter the session to suit each pet individually.

● **If your pet stays within his boundary:**

- 1) PRAISE your pet verbally and with treats for approaching but staying inside his boundary.
- 2) Slap or shake the flag three times and say NO – Don't shout, but speak firmly and with authority.
- 3) Trot with your pet toward the safe area and give him enthusiastic PRAISE for his good reaction.

● **If your pet crosses his boundary:**

- 1) CORRECT your pet with a sharp tug on the leash. Bring him out of the stimulus zone.
[During days Four through Seven, the leash tug will be replaced with a SmartReceiver® correction]
- 2) Slap or shake the flag three times and say NO – Don't shout, but speak firmly and with authority.
- 3) Trot with your pet toward the safe area and give him enthusiastic PRAISE for his good reaction.

PROOFING & SUPERVISION PERIOD: DAYS EIGHT THROUGH FOURTEEN

 **On Days Eight through Ten**, your dog may be allowed to go outside off-leash, but only under close supervision by a person who is qualified to handle him adequately, and only if there are no unresolved training issues. Repeat the method used in the Boundary Recognition & Training Period, except that your dog is off-leash or drags his leash. Your dog should choose to stay inside the boundary at this stage.

 **On or about Day Eleven**, you should start the Proofing Stages. Without calling your pet's name or giving him a command to "Come", try to entice your pet across its boundaries using increasingly attractive temptations. Give generous PRAISE and TREATS when your pet gives the proper response by either returning to the safe zone quickly or stopping before he reaches the stimulus zone.

 **After Day Eleven**, you should loosely supervise your pet while he is outside exploring his boundaries off-leash. You should vary the duration of these play periods from 30 minutes to 2 hours, depending upon your pet's progress and your judgement. If you are unsure, call us for assistance. Be sure your pet wears his SmartReceiver® collar any time he is outdoors.

ACCLIMATION PERIOD: DAYS FOURTEEN THROUGH THIRTY

 **Your pet should** become accustomed to the Pet Fence System during this period, during outdoor, off-leash play periods of varying lengths which you will determine. The more play periods your dog gets, the faster he will become totally acclimated and comfortable with the system. It remains important during Acclimation to "keep an eye" on your pet as he settles into his new routines.

 **Keep in mind** that your pet is learning a new way to interact with you and respond to the many interesting stimuli he sees and hears each day. Some dogs will establish new routines quickly, and others may take a little more time to adjust. It is important to give your dog adequate time to adapt to the new circumstances he is faced with and the new boundaries we have set for him. Treats and outdoor play are the best tools to help him.

FLAG REMOVAL Beginning on Day Thirty, you may start removing your boundary marking flags. You should remove every other flag, every other day until they are gone. This marks the end of your System Training, and your pet should now be ready for unsupervised play in your yard.

Remember, if you are unsure of how to proceed or have any training problem,
CALL US IMMEDIATELY FOR ASSISTANCE! This is not a request, but a requirement.