

## THE TEN FOOT INDOOR TRAINING LEAD

The 10' indoor training lead **was designed to be used specifically with the Gentle Leader® Headcollar** to correct canine behavioural problems in the indoor environment. Made of a soft, light-weight corded webbing it is constructed without a handle insert, allowing the dog to drag it throughout the house without danger of marking or catching on furniture. **It was not designed nor intended for outdoor use or for use when the dog is not supervised!**

The 10' indoor training lead will assist you to quickly and easily correct a number of canine behaviors occurring in the house. Our attempts in trying to catch our pet most often result in a game of “keep away” that is fun for the dog and frustrating to us. The indoor lead lessens the dog’s advantage by allowing us to get within 10’ of the dog at which point we can either pick up the lead or step on it bringing the dog under control.

*The 10' Indoor Training Lead will control your dog and correct many behaviors. It is recommended that the dog be taught both a sit and come command as is outlined in the Gentle Leader® Fitting and Training Guide, included with your headcollar. It is neither recommended nor necessary to yank or jerk on the indoor training lead. A gentle pull that increases pressure on the dog’s muzzle is all that is required.*

### JUMPING:

The indoor lead can be used to prevent the dog from jumping on people while the dog is a distance away from you. Have the dog wear the Gentle Leader® Headcollar with the 10 foot indoor training lead attached. If the dog attempts to jump on people, pick up the lead and quickly apply gentle tension from a distance. As the jumping stops, quickly release the tension. The release of tension acts as a reward for stopping jumping. Be prepared to pull quickly and release as necessary to prevent further jumping. It is not necessary to call or speak to your dog; the restraint speaks for itself by preventing the behaviour. As your dog learns that you will constantly prevent jumping when people enter your home, you can extend this technique to prevent jumping on furniture, at windows or other places in the house.

### BARKING:

With remote control procedures, you should sit or stand the length of the lead away from your dog. To stop barking, pick up the lead and pull gently from a distance. As soon as your dog stops barking, quickly release tension. Be ready to pull on the lead and quickly release, as necessary, to prevent further barking. It is not necessary to yell or speak to your dog. The restraint speaks for its self by stopping the behavior. Dogs learn not to bark as they respond to the Gentle Leader® system by remote control. By using a mirror to see around the corner into other rooms, you can apply the same technique even more remotely.

## CHEWING:

Chewing is a natural behaviour of puppies and adult dogs which should not be completely stopped. It is often used as a stress release by the dog. Therefore, appropriate chew toys or recommended bones should always be available for the dog to chew.

Attach a 10 foot indoor training lead to the Gentle Leader® Headcollar and allow it to drag behind. Everyone in the family should be instructed to keep an eye on the dog at least part of the time. Each time they observe the dog chewing or intending to chew an undesirable object, they should immediately pick up the free end of the lead while giving the command “OFF” and gently pull to close the dog’s mouth and stop the unacceptable behaviour. Use the come command as instructed in the Gentle Leader® Training and Fitting Guide. Replace the undesirable object that the dog has or has dropped with a desirable and acceptable object. Once the dog learns the “OFF” command, you will be able to extend its use to prevent the dog from chewing furniture or shoes or any other objectionable mouthing behaviour. **If chewing persists in the owner’s absence professional assistance should be sought.**

## STEALING AND “KEEP-AWAY”:

Stealing objects is often a natural attention-getting behaviour that is reinforced by shouting, calling, chasing and playing “keep-away”. In these situations, the dog usually wins or decides to stop when rewards are reduced. Stealing may also involve destructive behaviour such as chewing or shredding the object. The same steps described in the previous section CHEWING should be followed while correcting these behaviors. You may have the dog sit instead of coming, allowing you to approach and reward the dog or exchange the object it has taken with a desirable object. Your pet learns that your approach is desirable and rewarding!