

# Training tools?

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Training tools for different uses come in every form, shape and type.

All tools to a certain degree work well, however a combination works best. The reason being is not all dogs respond with certain training tools, and choosing the best tool sometimes should be based on breed, age, sex, and character/ temperament.

Pending on what you are training your dog for, should dictate which or a variety of tools that will be needed.

Pending the age of the dog, a variety of tools should be used. If you are serious in the outcome for a well balanced obedience trained dog, then the nonsense training method should be used. With the use of the right combination of equipment you will see better results.

Every tool/equipment, just as training methods go they all have pros and cons. That is why it is best to evaluate and decide what the best option is.

A true professional should be knowledgeable with all training equipment as well as training methods. Any training tool if used properly will have a positive impact, however if not used properly negative results will be seen. When using any equipment use common sense and use it properly to see the effect. Listen to your trainer not your neighbor, your neighbor has trained maybe five dogs in their life time while a trainer has trained hundreds plus.

Look always to find a well seasoned trainer, you will know through their explanations and by them demonstrating their level of knowledge and experi-



ence. A well seasoned trainer is one that has been training for over 25 years. Trainers with less years of experience can do a good job as well, as long as they have the backing of a well seasoned trainer to help them in the event they need more guidance.

Although there are many methods of training, each method has their own tools. It is important that any tools used, is used correctly. Timing of the correction is crucial. As much as the trainer does, the owner also has to do their part when practicing at home.

Every dog is different; age, sex, character, temperament, and its environment. We must also take into account the comfort level of the owner prior to any tools to be used. Every tool has pros and cons. A professional will guide you down the right path.

When it comes to training tools please buy high quality equipment it does make a huge difference. These countries carry the best of the best; USA, Germany, Canada, France.

Each tools function can be applied in many ways for different cases. This is a simple example: An elderly person with a big dog that pulls won't have enough strength to correct the dog. If the training tool used is not suitable for the dog the dog will still pull, however if you use a pinch collar/prong collar the dog will correct themselves with the least amount of effort and strength. (A pinch collar/prong collar may look intimidating and scary, but when used and most importantly it is properly adjusted would be safe to use. Remember Quality is important)

Any tool you work with must be properly timed for the correction and the use of your wrist snap correction will be sufficient.

The tool you use must make a surprised impact when administered.

Here is a small list of tools you find and that people might use. Every tool has its place of use.

Collar, martingale, slip collar, nylon choker, metal choker, pinch collar, promise collar, halti, gentle leader, E-collar, bark collar, vibration collar, citronella collars, ultrasonic and more.

Leash types; Rope, flat nylon webbing, chain, spring bungee loaded, leather, canvas and more.

Whatever tool you use or your professional trainer suggests, make sure it makes sense to you. If you don't understand ask them to re-explain, till you understand. Otherwise you won't be able to use it properly since you won't understand the principle or the dynamics of it.

Always remember

Training isn't hard as long as you are willing to put time and follow my formula to have success; Patience, Persistence, Consistency & Repetition. If you still fail, it's on you not your dog. You didn't stick to the formula.

Have a woof woof of a month.

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