

# DO YOU KNOW

## *How to use a collar safely?*

Dog collars, as a rule, are a good thing. They hold the tags that let people know who the dogs belong to, and how to connect them back to their families.

Collars, however, can get caught on fences, on another dog's mouth, and can turn into collars that kill. Thousands of dogs die, or are injured every year from collar accidents. Common hazards include:



Play Biting



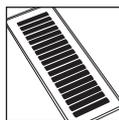
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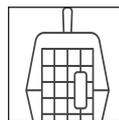
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Vents



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### PROTECT YOUR DOG. EDUCATE YOURSELF ON COLLAR SAFETY.

#### *Consider these Safety Tips:*

- **ALWAYS, remove collars when your dog is in a kennel/crate, and when boarding to prevent collar strangulation.**
- Ask what the collar policy is for doggie daycares, groomers, veterinarians, dog parks, boarding facilities, and anyone who's caring for your pet(s). Look for facilities that practice collar safety, have emergency tools on hand, and have first aid training.
- Choose collars wisely. Not all collars fit all situations. Consider breakaway collars, or opt for a harness. *Breakaway collars breakaway when tension is applied keeping dog(s) safe.*
- Do not use chain/choke "training" or prong collars as a "dog collar". These type of collars should **never** be worn outside of training and should be removed when the leash is off.
- Look for opportunities to live and "play naked" (without collars).
- **Remove any type of collar when dogs are home alone unattended**, especially if you have more than one dog to prevent collar strangulation/entanglement. *Play biting is the top-reported collar biting.*
- Supervise your dogs so you can help if they get into trouble. Keep an emergency kit handy with tested tools to cut off any collar should they get entangled. *Kit should include bolt cutters, and industrial-strength scissors.*
- Microchip your dogs. Collar or no collar, this will increase chances of being reunited if they are lost or stolen.
- We recommend breakaway collars that break away when tension is applied.

Strangulation accidents happen. Keep your dogs safe by using collars properly.

*Being aware of the dangers is the first step to prevention.*



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*In loving memory of Ryder Jackson who lost his life from collar strangulation and Skyrah who survived.*

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