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Getting a dog can be a great way to add to your household. Dogs can quickly become your best friend and they are very loyal if they are treated well. So you have the dog food bowl, the water bowl and the food. What do you need to pick up next? Well it is absolutely essential that you have a dog collar. Dog collars provide several functions. Obviously they can be decorative but they are more than just fancy collars to adorn and enhance your pampered pooch's neck. They are a way to train your dog to walk beside you and to listen to your commands. Your dog learning to listen to your commands is absolutely essential to the health of your dog. You would not want him or her running from you directly into traffic. That dog collar can prevent it. If you are not quite sure what type of dog collar to get or even why they are used...this article is for you.

What are dog collars?

Dog collars are just strips of fabric or leather that go around your dog's face or neck. They have long been used to help keep the dog by a person's side. They come in a wide variety of shapes, fabrics or textiles and can be used for training methods. There are many different types of collars for you to choose from. You can go with something that is purely ornamental or something that actually serves a purpose. You should know that there are some collars that are considered more humane than others. But in the wrong hands any collar can do quite a lot of damage to a dog's health and behavior.

Are some dog collars considered more humane than others?

Many animal activists believe that the choke collars and the prong collars are very inhumane and often hurt the dog. They believe that the collars are used too frequently by people that are not trained to properly use them. And it is true that if someone uses the collars improperly they can do a great deal of damage to the dog's body and its mental health. The main problem with most collars is that people neglect to check how tight the collar is. A metal collar can quickly bite into a dog's neck and can cause serious infections if the owner does not constantly check for the right degree of looseness in the collar.

My dog hates his collar, are there other forms of dog collars I can use or what should I do?

If your dog truly hates the feel of a collar or you simply cannot get it to learn proper commands you can go with a harness. Sometimes harnesses are great to use on stubborn dogs that want to lead you on a walk rather than you leading them. You do not have to worry about the dog choking because the harness wraps around the chest and upper abdomen. However if your dog has chest problems or airway problems then you may want to avoid this type of collar because it does put pressure on the chest.

Where can I buy dog collars?

A great place to buy dog collars is your local Wal-Mart, PetSmart, PetCo. or even your local vet's office. You can go online and purchase collars from eBay or from a website that specializes in pet accessories. You just have to make sure that you know the size of your dog's neck before you buy. You do not want one that is too loose or is too tight.

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