

The “LOOK” Command



The Guidance Training System can be employed with any adjustable remote trainer as long as the electrical impulse stimulation is used in a non-aversive manner and the button turned on in the manner described in the Guidance routine (pressure on/pressure off).

Introducing Guidance Training

A Non-aversive Training System For Remote Trainers

Guidance Training Key Points

Non-aversive stimulus

Use a non-aversive platform to promote the natural occurrence of *incentive learning*.

Timing of application

Applied during the dog's response, unlike traditional reward or correction which, is applied after the dog's response.

Pressure on, pressure off

Works in the same way as a real leash works, pressing the button equals pulling on the leash. The stimulation is given at the same time as the command and then is released when the command is correctly completed.

Increase drive

Makes it possible to elevate the dog's attitude while enhancing its performance. By engaging the dog's own drive system in conjunction with *incentive learning*

the results are: quicker learning, faster training, and stronger habits.

Build self-assurance at a distance

Quietly signal the dog doing the proper behavior at the exact moment, over great distances and obstacles. This remote encouragement allows the dog to elevate its own self-assurance, dramatically increase its permanence of habit, and builds upon great teamwork. This key component is desired in all dog disciplines requiring a dog to work at distance from the handler; such as scent detection/search & rescue.

Easy to use

Using a remote training collar is straight-forward and very effective. You are using it to guide the dog with the dog looking forward to learning. The Guidance Training System becomes a friend to both.

The Guidance Training System

The basis behind this remote control system utilizes electronic stimuli to replace the physical force of traditional leash pressure and establish a positive bond that carries forward into off-leash control. This is accomplished by using varying levels of significantly different stimuli to engage incentive learning during training exercises. The concept superimposes different styles of stimuli while matching level strengths to motivate and shape new behaviors smoothly and quietly. This moves you from the trainer to the dog's coach, allowing both you and your dog the opportunity to learn together, without being over-whelmed during the process, while maintaining learning momentum.

This new non-aversive platform starts with the dog on-leash and finishes with off-leash remote trainer control.

This new and different approach to electronic training was created using **non-aversive stimuli** to encourage the dog through incentive learning. Now dog owners can teach their dogs new behaviors with great first-time results. However, one key to success is that your dog must first know its commands on-leash prior to using Guidance Training System.

Always begin with Phase 1

Each phase builds upon the performance of the prior phase to achieve success.

Phase 1 – Practice on-leash

- Attach a long leash (check cord) to your dog's collar and allow it to wander around at a distance from you.
- Begin by teaching your dog to look at you.

- As you gently pull on the leash you give the "Look" command, encouraging the dog to move toward you and make eye contact.
- Once the dog makes eye contact, immediately release the pull pressure on the leash, and give the dog praise for compliance.
- It is important to repeat this action in many different locations and under different distractions until you achieve very good, quick responses.

Phase 2 – Practice with remote trainer on-leash

After achieving good Phase 1 performance, you are ready for Phase 2.

- Begin by attaching the remote trainer collar to your dog and then attach the long leash (check cord) to the collar.
- Set the transmitter level select switch to level 3 vibration.
- As you gently pull on the leash, hold down the vibration button on your transmitter, and give the "Look" command.
- Maintain this leash pressure and vibration pressure until your dog makes eye contact.
- Once your dog makes eye contact release both the pulling pressure of the physical leash, and the pressing down pressure on the transmitter button.
- Each time you should end with giving your dog praise for compliance.

Non-aversive electronic pressure

When you are applying the vibration stimulation you are applying a new kind of pressure. Your dog quickly associates with this new electronic pressure to mean the same as the

physical pressure from the leash. Over time and with repetition, your dog will respond just as quick or quicker to the vibration pressure as it has done with the physical pressure.

Phase 3 – Practice with the remote trainer

After achieving good Phase 2 performance, you are ready for Phase 3.

- Begin by only attaching the remote trainer to your dog.
- Set the Transmitter Level Select Switch to level 3.
- This time you will only press and hold down the stimulation button, as you give the "Look" command.
- Maintain electronic pressure until the dog makes eye contact.
- Once the dog makes eye contact, release the button pressure on the transmitter.
- Depending on the dog's performance, you may need to raise or lower the vibration stimulation level.
- Each time you should end with giving your dog praise for compliance.

As the performance level improves with the "Look" command, you and your dog are now ready to move on to other commands such as "Sit," "Heel," "Here," and "Down." For each new command you and your dog must go through each phase to achieve good remote trainer control.

Remote Trainer Control

The result of this process is you are a calm leader and your dog is a better student. The dog should be responding only as a means to comply, and you should only be activating the transmitter as a means to guide the dog into the new correct behaviors.