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Choosing A Suitable Collar For Your Dog

By Simon Oliver

Dog collars are an important accessory of man's best friend - they include your dog's registration tags, ID, and even leads (for leashes). When looking for the right collar for your pet dog, it's nice to know you have lots of options. Here are some tips to guide your shopping.

You need to find a collar that will fit around your dog's neck exactly. And as long as this is the case, you can basically choose whatever color, pattern, or style you like.

For small dogs, pick out a collar that is neither too heavy nor too light. For puppies, a thin, leather collar or a soft, nylon collar is ideal. As for bigger, stronger dogs, wider and heavier collars are best. To make sure that a collar is the right fit on your dog, make sure you can squeeze at least two fingers in between the dog's neck and the collar. It should be a tight squeeze though, as you don't want the collar to be too loose. Finally, you will want to cut off the excess length of strap because otherwise, the dog might chew it.

A snap-on type fastener is the most common replacement for buckle collars, because it makes for easy adjustment of a collar's length. As for choke collars, they are cool looking but shouldn't be used on younger puppies - gentler, training collars are better.

Moreover, leather collars are long-lasting and are naturally softened by the oils of a dog's skin and they come in a variety of styles, widths, and colors. Nylon collars are washable and durable and are perfect for dogs that like to swim and for smaller dogs and puppies that need a softer touch. For bigger dogs, a nylon collar is okay, but it will need to be one with heavy webbing.

There are other collars that suit very specific kinds of dogs. For surfers, there are collars that are made out of the same material as wetsuits! And for those impatient dogs that pull on your leash during walks, head collars are the best option and are often used in training. A harness can come in handy with an anxious or hyperactive dog as well, as it is positioned around the dog's chest and ribcage to prevent choking - some harnesses even allow you to buckle your dog into your car!

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There are all sorts of colors and patterns to choose from and most collars come with matching leashes. Because it is important for your dog to feel as comfortable as possible, put careful time and consideration into your search for the perfect collar.

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Tips For Buying A Dog Collar

By Bob Backstrom

Dog collars are very fashionable and a must for your dog outdoors. A dog collar could help your dog come back home if you have the identification ticket around the neck. It's also a way for your dog to show to the world that he is stylish.

If you own a dog it is normal that you would have a dog collar but many people have at least half a dozen dog collars at home. It is trendy to have different types of dog collars. Dogs too like a change and love to wear different collars. There are different types and designs of dog collars available in the markets. Most dog owners buy dog collars of different colors and while they take their dog out, they try to match their dress with the dogs collar. Celebrities always try to out beat the normal people and always bring their dogs with some unique and fabulous-looking collars. For ages dog collars have been used by dog owners to make the dog look more fashionable and fabulous.

Given below are a few tips that need to be kept in mind while buying a dog collar:

The first point to keep in mind while buying a dog collar is to make sure that the dog collar is comfortable and fits the dog's neck. If the dog's collar does not fit the dog's neck it would lead to soreness. At the same time if it is loose then the dog could slip out.

The dog collar and leash should not be heavy and irritate the dog's neck and throat. While buying a dog collar you should read the specifications of the dogs collar such as weight, suitable for which age, etc.

If you are a proud owner of a big and ferocious dog then make sure the dogs collar is a little heavier so that when the dog starts running you can handle it easily with the leash in your hand.

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The buckles of the dog collars should be strong and made of leather, which won't fall apart.

You can buy a dog collar for anywhere from \$10 to more than \$100, but make sure the dog collar is comfortable for your dog.

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<http://www.dogcollarlinks.info>

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