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Should Outside Cats Use A Collar

By John Marcus

Most cat owners find themselves in a quandary over whether or not to use a cat collar on their outdoor cats. The debate still reigns over the pros and cons of outfitting an outside cat with a collar, but many veterinarians and cat experts agree that collars are the best way to go. However, before you decide, take a look at these pros and cons:

Pros:

- Cat collars can hold identification and registration tags. This is critical in case your outdoor cat becomes lost or is picked up by a concerned individual. Also, collars can hold bells or other noise generating items to scare away potential prey.
- Many cat collars are equipped with reflective material. Whether the collar is made completely out of reflective material or only contains a small strip, this will help your cat to become more visible in the dark. Cats, especially those of dark color, can become invisible at night, which is a potentially dangerous situation.

Cons:

- Cat collars can easily snag and cause your cat to become hung or stuck on branches, fences, or anything else in the great outdoors. Some cats have actually been strangled when their collar has gotten caught and cut off the animal's air supply.
- Your cat may not be comfortable wearing a collar or the collar may be too heavy for the animal.

Given these pros and cons, consider choosing a collar that will maximize the positives and minimize the negatives. For example, there are many collars on the market that are specially designed to break away or unclasp when the cat is hung. These collars are considered strangle-proof and release when approximately seven pounds of pressure is applied. This way, the cat can break him—or her—self free from any snare.

Furthermore, there are many different types of collars on the market. Bring your feline friend with you to the local pet-friendly pet store and try on several different types of collars until you find one that best fits. Avoid choosing a harness for outdoor cats unless you plan on walking the cat on a leash. If this is the case, only allow your cat to wear a harness while supervised, as most are not snare-proof.

On a whole, collars are encouraged on cats that spend their time outside and inside. In addition to providing visibility to your animal, the collar will hold valuable identification information that will protect your cat and assist you in finding your pet.

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How To Let Your Dog Enjoy Family Time

By Adam Katz

Dear Adam,

I adopted a 1 year-old female dog about a year ago. I have 2 cats who grew up with dogs and like dogs. When my dog first arrived, the first few days she was subdued— being in a new surrounding – but then she wanted to play rough with the cats... which didn't set too well with them.

The cats run and she chases when we try to have them all in the same room together when watching TV, etc. I've been keeping them separate with baby gates (the dog in the kitchen and the cats in family room) and don't let the dog over unless both cats are outside. The dog ends up spending too much time in the confines of the kitchen with this method.

Is there a way to teach her that we don't want her rough-housing with the cats so they can all be together in the same room when I am present? The e-collar sounds good but so expensive. Maybe a less costly solution? Thanks. Enjoyed the book!

Willie Mae & DeAnne

Dear Willie Mae & DeAnne:

When the cats run, they are triggering your dog's prey drive. This is instinctive. However, it is also natural for a dog to defer judgement to his pack leader.

What this means is that: You must act like the pack leader.

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In other words, if you tell you dog to lay down, you must USE THE TECHNIQUES in the book (timing, consistency and motivation) to keep the dog in a down–stay.

I personally LOVE having cats around when I'm training. What could be better to proof your dog around?

Remember, your dog should stay down UNTIL you give him the "Take a break!" command. If he gets up to chase the cats, then you'll need to correct him back into the down position.

If he gets up again, it's a sure bet that your corrections lack motivation. (Correct more firmly. Make sure you're getting slack in the line. If the dog's body is moving when you correct him, then you're using muscle instead of technique... not good!)

You don't need an electronic collar. Just a \$12 prong collar and a six foot leash.

Once you get your dog to hold a down–stay around cats using nothing more than proper timing, consistency and motivation, your friends will think you're a genius. Or the lost love child of Sigmund and Roy.

Now if you can just get those darn cats trained!

That's all for now, folks! Adam

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