

PetSafe Professional® Gentle LiteTouch Training™

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4 Simple Training Steps to a Fully Contained Pet

1. TEACH your pet to avoid the line of Flags using slow, progressive Static Correction.
2. TRAIN your pet to avoid the Flags using maintenance-level Static Correction.
3. PROVE your pet's commitment to avoiding the Boundary Flags.
4. SUPERVISE your pet in the yard for several weeks.

During all training sessions, remember to

- Focus on playing, having fun, and giving treats
- Spend the last 5-10 minutes of each training session having fun

The Static Correction gets your pet's attention, but will not harm him. The Static Correction is similar to that of static electricity and is designed to startle, not to punish.

Setup for Training

- Install system fully, make all adjustments and leave the power on.
- Set Flags 10 feet apart, 2-3 feet from the Wire. This gives your pet a visual marker for the Boundary.
- Read this training guide fully.
- Assess your pet's level of aggression. If your pet has a known or developing aggression problem, seek professional training/behavior assistance before using this product.
- Use a leash at all times until you've completed Steps 1-3 successfully.

Before Every Training Session

- Prepare 25-50 high-grade treats (beef hot dogs, sliced and diced into tiny pieces).
- Adjust the Receiver Collar to the desired Correction Level and place it on your pet.
- Put your pet in a quiet place (in a crate or room) for 20-30 minutes, then spend 2-4 minutes having fun with your pet. Play, stroke, and practice commands in the yard. Use meat treats to get your pet excited.
- Use a leash at all times until you've completed Steps 1-3 successfully.

Walking Your Pet Out of Your Yard

Always remove your pet's Receiver Collar before leaving your property to avoid unintended Static Corrections.

After you begin training, **do not** walk your pet past the Flags for several weeks. Instead, either pick your pet up or put him in the car to cross the Boundary.

Once your pet successfully completes training, choose one spot to always walk your pet out of the yard. While on lead, give your pet a permission command such as "Okay!" Immediately pull your pet through the Boundary while repeating, "Okay!" Repeat this exercise several times each day until your pet crosses comfortably with you. Using meat treats will accelerate your pet's learning.



Step 1: TEACH your pet to avoid the line of Flags using slow, progressive Static Correction.

Suggested Correction Level: 2 – 4

Goal: Your pet begins to avoid the Flags and is comfortable 3-5 feet inside the Flag line.

Suggested Duration (vary as necessary): 2 days, 2 fifteen-minute sessions per day. Spend 75% of the sessions playing with and rewarding your pet.

Technique

1. Adjust the Receiver Collar to the desired Correction Level and place it on your pet.
2. Using a 6' leash, steer your pet towards any Flag. Shake the Flag and say "No, Bad Flag" in a calm, but growling tone. Back your pet into the Pet Area (well inside the Boundary), and praise and reward your pet.
3. Allow your pet to walk up to or past the Flags. (The Static Correction begins when your pet is near a Flag). If your pet is not interested in the Flags, toss a few meat treats in the Pet Area then throw some past the Flags.
4. After your pet is near a Flag for 2-4 seconds, gently pull him back into the Pet Area and reward with meat treats. Use your leash to stop your pet from receiving treats that are near or beyond the Flags.
5. Repeat 10 to 20 times until your pet avoids the Flags. Praise and reward Flag avoidance!
6. After every few Static Corrections, back your pet away from the Flags and perform basic commands (sit, stay) so you can reward correct behavior with meat treats.
7. Occasionally toss your pet meat treats in the Pet Area. Repeat Step 1 at several different areas of your Flag line each session.

Step 2: TRAIN your pet to avoid the Flags using maintenance-level Static Correction.



Suggested Correction Level: 6 – 9

Goal: Your pet completely avoids the Flags and remains comfortable within 3-5 feet of the Flags.

Duration: 2 or more 15-20 minute sessions per day for 2 days (4 sessions minimum)

Technique

1. Adjust the Receiver Collar to the desired Correction Level and place it on your pet.
2. Use the same techniques you used in Step 1 and increase the distractions and temptations to cross the Boundary. Have family, friends and/or pets walking 5' outside of the Boundary, parallel to the Flags. For example, following your pet, allow him to bump into the Flag Line a few times. Return to the Pet Area and reward/play with your pet. Place or toss meat treats beyond the Flags. Have a child on a bicycle ride around outside the Flags.

Important: As you increase the Correction Level and distractions, also increase meat treats and reward/play time. Remember to remain playful and upbeat following any Static Correction. You are ready for Step 3 when your pet avoids the Flags and distractions for at least 2 consecutive sessions and is comfortable within 3-5 feet of the Flags.



Step 3: PROVE your pet's commitment to avoiding the Boundary.

Suggested Correction Level: 6-9

Goal: Your pet completely avoids the Flags and remains comfortable within 3-5 feet of the Flags even with exciting distractions.

Duration: 2 or more 15-20 minute sessions per day for 2 days

Technique

1. Adjust the Receiver Collar to the desired Correction Level and place it on your pet.
2. Use a 12'-20' leash.
3. Add new temptations and distractions like family, friends and other pets walking away from the property and continuing until they are out of sight. You can also have family members or friends appear and stay outside of the Boundary. Ask a child to ride a bike while pulling a stuffed animal on a string. Training success depends on the quality and quantity of distractions you provide.

Move to Step 4 when the strongest temptations do not draw your pet out of the Pet Area for at least 3 consecutive sessions.



Step 4: SUPERVISE your pet in the yard for several weeks.

Suggested Correction Level: 6-9

Goal: Your pet completely avoids the Flags and remains comfortable within 3-5 feet of the Flags, even with exciting distractions, without a leash.

Duration: 2 days of ongoing distractions as before, then 2 weeks of fully supervised sessions

Technique

1. Adjust the Receiver Collar to the desired Correction Level and place it on your pet.
2. When you begin this stage, allow your pet to drag a leash around on the ground. (If necessary, your pet will be easier to catch with a dragging leash.)
3. Continue to provide distractions and temptations to cross the Boundary and continue to reward your pet for good choices.
4. When your pet has not felt any Static Corrections for 2 weeks, decrease supervision.

Alternate Techniques for Step 1

Indoor Transmitter: Choose an indoor location that the dog can approach, but must back up to leave, for example, a corner behind a garbage pail or litter box, a closed door or gate. This way your dog's only choice is to back away after a Static Correction. Define the Boundary with Flags and allow your pet to "occasionally" run into the Flag line during normal activities. Pay extra attention and frequently play with and reward your pet during the training. You are ready to move outside to Step 2 when your pet generally avoids the Flag line and is comfortable within 3-5 feet of it.

Tie-Out: You can use the Tie-Out technique for dogs and cats. Follow the instructions on the back cover.

How to Set the Correction Level

1. Place the magnet on the Correction Level Key Ring next to the Magnet Key Dot on the Receiver Collar (The Transmitter also has a magnet to use in place of the Key Ring). The SafeLight™ will come on.
2. Remove the magnet from the Key Dot. The number of SafeLight™ flashes indicates the current Correction Level.
3. To increase the Correction Level, place the magnet next to the Magnet Key Dot within 5 seconds of performing the above step. The number of SafeLight™ flashes indicates the new Correction Level. Performing this step while the Receiver Collar is on Correction Level 10 will cause it to reset to level 1.

During Training Sessions

- **Focus on playing, having fun, and giving treats.** If your pet appears stressed after any Static Correction, stop training and focus on play. Reward simple commands with meat treats and attention. Avoid further Static Corrections for the rest of the training session. (Signs of stress include refusing meat treats, hanging head down, tucking tail or not wagging it, lowering ears, frantic movement, jumping on handler, excessive panting, etc.)
- **Have fun for the last 5-10 minutes of each training session.** Play, stroke and practice commands in the yard. Use meat treats to get your pet excited. Stay outside during the session while your pet is thinking about the Static Correction. Going inside may cause your pet to be reluctant in the yard during the NEXT training session.
- **Pet Not Responding:** If your dog doesn't seem to respond after 10 or more Static Corrections at the Flags, check the Receiver Collar. It may be too loose or the Correction Level may be too low. First, ensure that the Contact Posts make contact with your pet's skin. Increase the Correction Level only if necessary. Any time you believe your containment system may not be functioning properly, place your pet on a leash and remove the Receiver Collar immediately. Follow the Troubleshooting Guide and/or call your PetSafe Professional.

After Each Training Session

- Put your pet in a quiet room for 20-30 minutes.
- If you choose to remove the Receiver Collar, wait until your pet comes out of the quiet room.
- Do not act sympathetic or sad. Staying positive yourself helps your pet stay positive.

Flag Removal

After you are satisfied your pet's training is complete, remove every other Flag every 4 days until all Flags are removed.

Cat Containment Training

Setup

Your goal is to train your cat to turn towards home every time he hears the warning beep from the Receiver Collar. Training should take about one week.

1. When training a cat, use a harness for attaching the tie-out or lead.
2. Set the Receiver Collar to Correction Level 2 or 3, depending on the size and temperament of your cat. The higher the Correction Level, the stronger the Static Correction.
3. Select the length of Contact Posts appropriate for your cat and fit the Receiver Collar. Cats must wear Receiver Collars much tighter than standard collars. Both Contact Posts must touch the skin.

Choose one of the training techniques outlined below.

Outdoor Technique 1: Tie-Out

1. Purchase a 15' to 20' yard tie-out from any pet store.
2. Follow the Setup for Training directions on the inside page.
3. Insert the yard anchor in the ground so the end of the tie-out reaches 1-2 feet past the Flag line.
4. To ensure your cat's wellbeing, be sure there is shade and fresh water within the radius of the tie-out.
5. Attach your cat's harness to the tie-out.
6. Leave your cat in the tie-out area for 4 to 6 hours.
7. Move the tie-out to different areas of your yard so your cat will experience different areas of the Boundary.
8. Continue the training for 3 days. During this period, your cat will learn to recognize the warning beep and to avoid the Correction Zone.

Outdoor Technique 2: On Lead

Day 1

You need an assistant on Day 1.

1. Choose a small area for your first training session. Place the Flags approximately 3-4 feet apart. Change the training area for each session.
2. Have your assistant lead your cat slowly into the Warning Zone. When you hear the beep, shake the Flag from side to side to startle your cat. Repeat several times.

Day 2

1. Do not touch the Flags.
2. With your cat on lead, take him into the Warning Zone. If he does not back out of the Warning Zone within a few seconds, he will experience a mild Static Correction.
3. If your cat attempts to leave the Pet Area, make sure he does not get past the Flags. Never let the cat past the Flags with or without the Receiver Collar on. If your cat thinks he can pass the Flags, the training will take longer.

Leave the Flags in place for 3 weeks after your cat is trained. Then remove every other Flag every 4 days until they are all gone. Keep the Flags for future use.

Regularly check the Receiver Collar and the fit against your cat's skin. Refer to the Troubleshooting Guide if needed.

Indoor Technique

Set up the Indoor Transmitter near a wall or just inside a room you wish to keep your cat out of. When your cat hears the warning and receives the Static Correction, his only choice is to back away. If you set up the Transmitter where your cat can run through the Correction Zone, training will take longer.