



K9K-914 Anti Bark Collar User's Manual

Introduction:

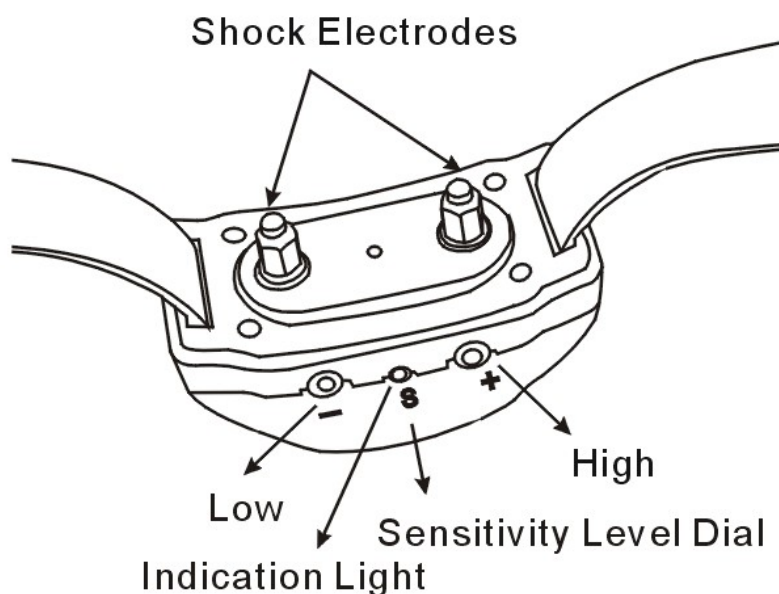
The k9k[®]onnection K9K-914 Anti-Bark Dog Collar stops barking with progressively increasing sound and shock which is controlled by a microprocessor distinguishing your dog's bark from other environmental noises and automatically delivers sound and shock after each bark.

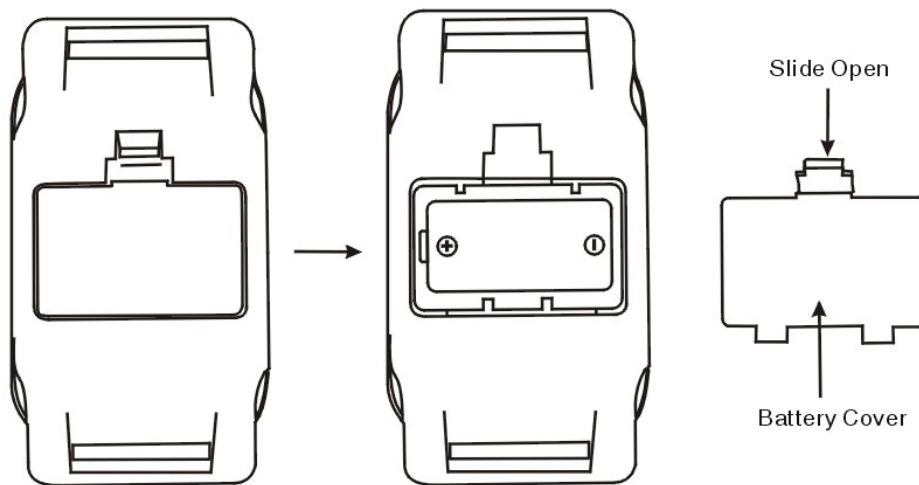
Operating Instructions:

Our K9K-914 bark collar is almost completely automatic. Just install a 6 volt alkaline battery, adjust the strap to the size of your dog's neck and the collar automatically begins doing its job.

There are two buttons used to adjust the sensitivity to the bark, the "+" and "-" buttons. Use these two buttons to adjust sensitivity of the collar. Press the "+" button to increase the sensitivity or press the "-" to decrease the sensitivity. Remember, the more sensitive, the easier it is to trigger the collar.

There are total 7 levels of sensitivity. It's set to 4 levels automatically when you install the battery.





Installing/Replacing the Battery:

Take off the battery cover and make sure you install the battery correctly.

Install the new battery between the "clip" and "spring" contacts. Note that "spring" contact is for the negative end and "clip" contact is for the positive end shown below.

Putting Anti-bark Collar on Your Dog.

Place the unit around your dog's neck and adjust the collar length using the slide buckle arrangement provides with the strap. The unit should fit snugly underneath your dog's neck.

Make sure that the electrodes are in the direct contact with your dog's skin. Hair between the electrodes and skin will severely diminish the shock effect and the correction will not occur. If correction becomes random and the collar starts to trigger, it is advisable to try the different size prongs or trying to adjusting the collar.

Principles of operation:

At the first bark, the collar applies a short warning tone. If a second bark occurs within thirty seconds, a more intense tone is sounded. From the third bark, a more intense tone is sounded along with a short, mild shock.

This pattern is repeated through 7 correction levels. The first two levels are only with progressively warning tone. If your dog continues to bark through the rest five levels, the more intense sound and shock are applies after each bark until your pet stops for thirty seconds, and then the collar will automatically resets to the first "tone only" level of correction.

To protect the dog, if the continuous stimulus reaches the 7 levels, then the collar will stop working for 1 minute and the red LED light will begin to flash.

The use of the warning tone followed by increasingly intense tones and shocks sets up a pattern that your dog will quickly learn is caused by its own barking. It takes time to break bad habits.

When your dog forgets and barks again, the warning tone reminds your pet without

immediately applying painful stimulus. At each step, your dog gets to choose whether it's worth the increasing pain to bark again. We have found this technique of progressively increasing sound and shock is not only more humane, it is more EFFECTIVE in breaking the barking habit than conventional shocking bark control collars.

K9K-914 bark collar can be adjusted to control the sensitivity of the voice, according to the size of dogs barking.

Caution Notes:

1. Do not allow your dog to chew this collar. You should also attempt to minimize scratching or clawing at the casing.
2. This device is made up of plastic and electronic components that are not digestible. Consult your local vet if your dog swallows any part of this product.
3. The collar is not intended for use as a restraining collar. If you are using a leash, use it with a separate restraining type of collar.
4. Although the Anti-bark Collar's microprocessor is designed to differentiate your dog's individual bark from stray environmental noises, the unit may occasionally be activated by other vibrations or sounds.
5. This dog collar is not waterproof!

If the unit is falsely triggered by excessive scratching, shaking of the head or rolling on the ground, we suggest adjusting the collar tighter and try using the different size prongs. The collar is triggered by a small hole on the back of the collar and sometimes the collar is too loose and can be triggered randomly.

FAQ

- **What is a shock collar?**
 - The premise of an electronic collar is that the stimulation serves as a distraction that your dog will find undesirable. By obeying your obedience command or by stopping the undesired behavior, your dog quickly learns to avoid and/or stop the unpleasant stimulus.
- **How do shock collars work?**
 - The collar receiver delivers the appropriate stimulation to your dog via a set of two stainless steel collar probes. The probes are positioned on your dog's neck and are held securely in place by a snug-fitting collar strap. The probes must have direct contact with your dog's skin in order to function properly.
- **Will the stimulation from the shock collar hurt my dog?**
 - Electrical stimulation from the collar is intended to distract your dog by delivering an unpleasant but harmless electrical sensation. Some people describe this sensation as feeling like the static shock you receive when walking across a carpeted room in your stocking feet and touching a metal cabinet. Is it unpleasant? Yes. Does it cause you harm? No.
 - Training collars provide you with multiple stimulation levels. As a rule, most handlers find they can achieve their desired results using an extremely low level of stimulation, barely even perceptible to humans. Additionally, some remote training systems allow you to condition your dog to associate a vibration or audible tone with the correction, thus eliminating the need for electrical stimulation altogether.
- **How do I know which stimulation level is correct?**
 - Always start with the lowest intensity level and work your way up as needed. You will know when you have found the proper stimulation level when your dog responds to the stimulation with only a mild twitch of the neck, shoulder, head, or perk of the ears. If he yelps upon receiving the stimulation, the intensity level is too high.
- **What kind of safety features do these collars have?**
 - To protect the dog, if the continuous stimulus reaches the 7 levels, then the collar will stop working for 1 minute and the red LED light will begin to flash.
- **What age should my dogs be before I can begin using a shock collar on**

them?

- We suggest that your dog be at least 5 - 6 months old before using a shock collar for two reasons.
 - First, your dog needs to have a basic understanding of what is expected of them, and know basic commands.
 - Secondly, by this age they are probably big enough and heavy enough to comfortably support the weight of the collar.

• My dog had some irritation on his neck from the unit. Did the unit burn my dog?

- No. It is more likely skin irritation from the probes rubbing the throat. One of the following has likely happened:
- The collar was on your dog too long. Do not leave the collar on your dog for more than eight hours a day.
- The collar is too loose. Make sure the collar is tight on your dog's neck to prevent rubbing.

NOTE: Take care to inspect your dog's neck every day for signs of irritation or soreness. You can position the collar probes in different locations along your dog's neck to help avoid skin irritation.

• What is the warranty on this collar?

- Your shock collar features a 30 day money back guarantee by Amazon A-to-Z and has a 12 month manufacture's warranty.

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How Your Bark Collar Effectively Trains Your Dog

The progressive system of the K9konnection No Bark Collar is specifically designed to be the most effective method of training your dog.

There are seven levels of correction that your dog may experience. Many dogs don't need more than one or two levels of correction to bring about the desired result.

At first bark, the collar applies a short warning tone that your dog will associate with the act of barking. If a second bark occurs within thirty seconds, a longer and more intense warning tone is sounded. The third warning issued is an intense sound coupled with a brief and mild shock. This is repeated and increased through levels 4-7.

Progressive Levels of Correction and Auto Shut Off

After the initial two warning tones, levels 3-7 issue a mild yet increasing shock each time your dog barks. This continues through all seven levels unless your dog stops barking for 30 seconds. As a safety to your dog, once the 7th level of correction is reached, the collar automatically shuts off to protect your dog. Most dogs do not need that much correction to stop barking.

The progressive system allows your dog to receive the warning tone without shock as a reminder that it needs to stop barking. This is a safe and humane way that allows your dog to decide if it wants to receive more correction by continuing to bark. Not only is this more humane, it is more EFFECTIVE in breaking the barking habit than conventional bark control collars. Remember that any bad habit may take time to break.

Operating Instructions

The collar is practically automatic. Install the 6v alkaline battery, adjust the strap to the size of your dog's neck and the collar will work automatically once your dog begins to bark.

Adjusting the Sensitivity to Your Dog

Each dog has a different bark so adjusting the sensitivity of the unit is an important part of the training process. More on this will be covered in the Do's and Don'ts sections

The Do's

While most dogs respond immediately to the bark collar there are specific steps that can be taken to maximize the effectiveness of the training. Follow these steps to ensure your dog associates his/her barking with the sound/shock of the collar:

- Ensure that the collar is fitted snugly around your dog's neck by adjusting the slide buckle
- Make sure that the electrodes are in direct contact with your dog's skin. Hair between the electrodes and skin will severely diminish the shock effect. If necessary, clip or shave your dog's fur under the neck to ensure direct contact
- Press the (-) button to the minimum setting, especially if you have a small dog. If the collar does NOT issue a warning tone after the first bark, slowly increase the sensitivity until the warning tone is sounded at your dog's bark

- It is important to only use the collar (at first) when you are at home and can observe your dog's behavior. Most dogs immediately recognize the connection between barking and sound/shock correction but others may take time. You want to see how your dog reacts (especially to the shock stimulus) before you leave the dog alone with the collar on
- If your dog only barks when you are away, place the collar on the dog and then leave the house but remain close by. This will allow the dog to receive the correction, once it begins barking, but still allow you to be close enough to observe its reaction
- In rare occurrences, a dog may react to the collar by barking more and receive more correction. If this occurs, remove the bark collar until your dog has calmed down and repeat the process. The initial two warning beeps are usually enough to remind the dog of its need to quit barking
- You can test the collar by blowing on the electrodes. This will first activate the level 1 sound correction. Continuing to blow on the electrodes will activate levels 2-7

The Don'ts

It would be nice if all dogs reacted immediately to the stimulus of a bark control collar but (as dog owner's we already know this) some of our dogs are more stubborn than others. This requires a little more effort and diligence than just putting the collar on and waiting for it to work its magic. This is a simple and effective list of the activities you want to avoid when training your dog not to bark:

- While most dogs respond immediately to the collar, do not assume that your dog will immediately react with the desired result. Some dogs take time to associate the sound/shock with their act of barking. This may feel a little uncomfortable to see your dog react this way but not all dog's immediately behave correctly. Bad habits may take time to break
- If your dog barks excessively and receives all seven levels of correction, do not leave the collar on but remove immediately. This will reinforce to the dog that the sound/shock was in response to their barking and will recognize quickly that they must stop barking when the collar is on. Allow time for your dog to calm down and then place the collar back on
- Do not allow your dog to chew on or scratch at the collar. This may cause it to malfunction
- This device is made up of plastic and electronic components that are not digestible. Consult your local vet if your dog swallows any part of this product
- Do not allow your dog to go swimming or outside in heavy rains while wearing the collar. Incidental splashes of water will not affect the unit (ex: your dog splashes it while drinking from its water bowl) but it is not waterproof and will malfunction if submerged or soaked
- This collar is not intended for use as a restraining collar. Use a leash with a separate restraining collar if needed
- It is not recommended that your dog wear the collar for more than 12 hours a day as excessive wear can lead to irritation of the skin

Extra Notes

We want to make sure that you are 100% comfortable with your purchase of the K9konnection No Bark Collar. We have included a few extra side notes to help with the training process:

- Although the K9konnection bark collar is designed to differentiate from your dog's voice compared to other environmental noises, the unit may on a rare occasion be activated by other vibrations or sounds. In most cases, only the sound warning is issued. This is part of our safety design so your dog never receives unnecessary shock correction.
- It is recommended to put the collar on for the first time at a time that your dog normally barks (inside, outside, in response to the doorbell, etc) This way you can observe or induce their bark in a controlled

environment. This may quicken the training process and save some frustration for both you and your dog

- You can test how the collar works by simply blowing on the electrodes. Setting 1 and 2 will be sound only followed in settings 3-7 by increasing sound and shock.
- Be patient (we know, it is tough when it comes to our pets) but barking is a habit and habits can take time to break. The progressive training is very effective in getting the desired result from your dog but it may take time depending on your dog
- If your dog responds immediately to the correction and stops barking, REWARD ABUNDANTLY! (this is our favorite recommendation because it also reinforces to your dog that not barking is the correct behavior)
- Most dog owners report that after the initial training period, their dog no longer needs to wear the collar but has learned to stop barking at inappropriate times
- Contact our customer service desk by emailing [**info@k9warehouse.com**](mailto:info@k9warehouse.com) with your concern and we will contact you shortly