# PetSafe<sup>®</sup> Wireless Pet Containment System<sup>®</sup> Receiver Collar Operating Guide

Please read this entire guide before beginning.



Thank you for choosing PetSafe<sup>\*</sup>, the best selling brand of electronic training solutions in the world. Our mission is to be the most trusted brand in the pet ownership experience. We want to ensure your pet's safety by providing you with the tools and techniques to successfully train your pet. If you have any questions, please contact the Customer Care Center at 1-800-732-2677 or visit our website at www.petsafe.net.

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## How the System Works

The PetSafe\*Wireless Pet Containment System\* has been proven safe, comfortable, and effective for pets over 8 pounds. The system works by transmitting a radio signal up to 90 feet in all directions. You temporarily define the Pet Area with Boundary Flags for a visual aid in training your pet. Your pet wears a Receiver Collar with Contact Points that touch his neck, and, once trained, is allowed to roam freely in the Pet Area. When your pet reaches the Boundary Zone, the Receiver Collar gives a warning beep before delivering a safe Static Correction through the Contact Points to get his attention until he returns to the Pet Area.

# Prepare the Receiver Collar

Your Receiver Collar comes with short Contact Points. Long Contact Points for pets with long or thick hair are available through our Customer Care Center at 1-800-732-2677. Tighten the Contact Points using the Test Light Tool (**A**) one-half turn beyond finger tight. Check the tightness weekly.

### To Insert and Remove the Receiver Collar Battery Note: Do not install the battery while the Receiver Collar is on

your pet.

This Receiver Collar utilizes a replaceable PetSafe\* battery (RFA-67). This unique battery is designed to make battery replacement easier and increase water protection.

To insert the battery, align the symbols on the battery (arrow) and Receiver Collar (triangle) (**B**). Use the edge of the Test Light Tool (**B**) to turn the battery clockwise until the arrow lines up with the lock symbol on the housing.

To remove the battery, turn the battery counter-clockwise using the edge of the Test Light Tool (**C**). DO NOT attempt to cut into or pry open the battery. Be sure to discard the used battery properly.





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A replacement PetSafe<sup>®</sup> battery (RFA-67) can be found at many retailers. Contact the Customer Care Center at 1-800-732-2677 or visit our web site at www.petsafe.net to locate a retailer near you.

## To Set the Static Correction Level

Read all steps before attempting to set the Static Correction Level.

- 1. Remove the clear plastic cover with the edge of the Test Light Tool to expose the Correction Level Button (**D**).
- 2. With the battery installed, press the Correction Level Button and release when the Receiver LED Indicator Light lights up (E).
- 3. The Receiver LED Indicator Light will emit a series of flashes representing the Static Correction Level.
- 4. Increase the Static Correction Level by pressing and releasing the Correction Level Button within 5 seconds of the previous series of flashes.
- 5. After setting the Static Correction Level, replace the cover to protect the Correction Level Button.

The Static Correction levels increase in strength from 1 to 6. Pushing the Correction Level Button while the Receiver Collar is on level 6 will cause the Receiver Collar to revert to level 1. Refer to the Function and Response Table to choose the Static Correction level that best fits your pet.

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The Receiver Indicator Light acts as a low battery indicator. The light will flash every 4 to 5 seconds when battery replacement is required.





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## **Battery Contact Verification**

Remove Receiver Collar from your pet. Press the button and verify that the LED light illuminates. If the LED light does not come on remove the battery. Locate the metal tabs in the battery well. Gently lift the tabs to ensure that the battery will make good contact. Replace the battery into the Receiver Collar. Press the button and check that the LED light illuminates.

Indicator Light Response	Static Correction Level	Receiver Collar Function	Temperament of Pet
1 Flash	1	No Static Correction, Beep Only	Initial Training Mode
2 Flashes	2	Low Static Correction	Timid
3 Flashes	3	Medium-Low Static Correction	Timid or Average
4 Flashes	4	Medium Static Correction	Average Energy
5 Flashes	5	Medium-High Static Correction	Average or High Energy
6 Flashes	6	High Static Correction	High Energy
Flashes once every 4 to 5 seconds		Indicates Low Battery	

## Function and Response Table

## Fit the Receiver Collar

Important: The proper fit and placement of your Receiver Collar is important for effective training. The Contact Points must have direct contact with your pet's skin on the underside of his neck.

To assure a proper fit, please follow these steps:

- 1. Make sure that the battery is not installed in the Receiver Collar.
- 2. Start with your pet standing comfortably  $(\mathbf{F})$ .
- To make it easier to hear the warning beep, place the Receiver Collar on your pet with the logo side of Receiver facing up.
- 4. Center the Contact Points underneath your pet's neck, touching the skin. *Note: It is sometimes necessary to trim the hair around the Contact Points to make sure that contact is consistent.*
- Check the tightness of the Receiver Collar by inserting one finger between the end of a Contact Point and your pet's neck. The fit should be snug but not constricting (G).
- 6. Allow your pet to wear the collar for several minutes then recheck the fit. Check the fit again as your pet becomes more comfortable with the Receiver Collar.





- 7. Trim the collar as follows (**H**):
  - a. Mark the desired length of the Receiver Collar with a pen. Allow for growth if your pet is young or grows a thick winter coat.
  - b. Remove the Receiver Collar from your pet and cut off the excess.
  - c. Before placing the Receiver Collar back onto your pet, seal the edge of the cut collar by applying a flame along the frayed edge.
- 8. Put battery in Receiver Collar.

Important: For comfort, safety and effectiveness of product, please ensure the following:

- During the first 2 weeks of training, do not use the training device on your pet without direct supervision.
- Check the fit to prevent excessive pressure by being able to insert one finger between the Contact Point and your pet's skin.
- Never leave the receiver Collar on your pet for more than 12 consecutive hours.
- Your pet must be carefully examined daily for any signs of a rash or sore.
- If a rash or sore is observed, discontinue the use of the Receiver Collar for a few days.
- If the condition persists beyond 48 hours, see your veterinarian.
- Your pet's neck and the Contact Points must be washed weekly with a wash cloth and mild hand soap, then rinsed thoroughly.

A condition called Pressure Necrosis, which is a devitalization of the skin due to excessive and prolonged contact against the Contact Points, may occur if the steps above are not followed.

## To Re-Thread the Collar



The slide buckle prevents the collar from becoming loose around your pet's neck.

The ridges must be facing up; the collar will slip if it is not properly threaded.

### Taking Your Pet Out of the Pet Area Important: Remove the Receiver Collar and leave it in the Pet Area.

Once your pet learns the Boundary Zone, he will be reluctant to cross it for walks or car rides.

**Option 1:** Replace the Receiver Collar with a regular collar. Put your pet in a car that is within the Pet Area and drive him out of the Pet Area.

**Option 2:** Replace the Receiver Collar with a regular collar and leash. Walk your pet out of the Pet Area while giving a command such as "OK" at a specific place of the Boundary Zone (the end of your driveway, sidewalk, etc.). Always leave the Pet Area with a leash at this place and your pet will associate leaving the Pet Area only on a leash, only at this place,

and only with a person. You may initially need to convince your pet to leave the Pet Area with a food treat and lots of praise.

Note: You may also carry your pet out of the Pet Area.



	Troubleshooting
The Receiver Collar is not beeping when setting up the Boundary Zone.	<ul> <li>The beep may be difficult to hear in a noisy environment.</li> <li>Use Test Light as explained in the "Test Light Instructions" section, and use it to determine the location of Boundary Zone.</li> <li>Check that the Transmitter is set up according to directions and install a new battery within 5 feet of the Transmitter.</li> <li>Re-Synchronize the System. (page 14)</li> </ul>
The Receiver Collar is not beeping or administering a Static Correction.	<ul> <li>Check that the Transmitter is plugged into a working 120-volt outlet, turned on, the Power Light is on, and the Transmitter controls are set at your desired settings.</li> <li>Check Receiver battery to make sure it is installed properly.</li> <li>When replacing the battery, do so within 5 feet of the Transmitter.</li> <li>Re-Synchronize the System. (page 14)</li> </ul>
The Receiver Collar is beeping everywhere.	<ul> <li>Check that the Transmitter is plugged into a working standard 120-volt outlet, turned on, the Power Light is on, and the Transmitter controls are set at your desired settings.</li> <li>Bring Receiver Collar within 5 feet of the Transmitter to reset.</li> <li>Re-Synchronize the System. (page 14)</li> </ul>

The Receiver Collar is beeping inside the house.	<ul> <li>It is recommended to remove the Receiver Collar from your pet when indoors to avoid activation of the Receiver Collar.</li> <li>Make sure the Transmitter is on and set up according to the directions.</li> <li>Ensure the entire house is within the Pet Area. The Transmitter may need to be moved to adjust the Pet Area to include the entire house.</li> <li>If relocating the Transmitter, remove the Receiver Collar from your pet before turning the Transmitter off.</li> </ul>
My pet is receiving a Static Correction in his metal crate.	<ul> <li>The Receiver Collar activates when it loses the Transmitter signal. The metal crate may block the Transmitter signal which causes the Receiver Collar to activate.</li> <li>Remove the Receiver Collar from your pet when placing him in his metal crate.</li> </ul>
The Receiver Collar activates in the middle of the yard.	<ul> <li>The Receiver Collar activates when it loses the Transmitter signal. This sometimes occurs if a large metal object is between the Receiver Collar and Transmitter, if the orientation of the Receiver Collar changes near the Boundary Zone, or if the surrounding "electronic noise" interferes with the signal. If this continues to occur, consider relocating the Transmitter and resetting the Pet Area.</li> <li>Re-Synchronize the System. (page 14)</li> </ul>

The Receiver Collar is beeping but my pet is not responding to the Static Correction.	<ul> <li>Make sure the Static Correction Level is set at 2 or above.</li> <li>Test the Receiver Collar with the Test Light.</li> <li>If the Test Light flashes, check the fit of the Receiver Collar.</li> <li>Trim your pet's fur where the Contact Points touch the neck and/or purchase long Contact Points by contacting the Customer Care Center at 1-800-732-2677.</li> <li>Increase the Static Correction Level.</li> <li>Repeat training steps to reinforce training.</li> </ul>
My pet reacts strongly to the Static Correction and has become fearful.	<ul> <li>Lower the Static Correction Level.</li> <li>Make sure you are in control of the situation when your pet receives his first Static Corrections (have him on a leash attached to a separate, non-metallic collar) and lead him into the Pet Area and praise him. If your pet remains fearful, suspend training and start again the next day. Make sure to end all training sessions on a positive note with lots of praise and play.</li> </ul>
I was setting up the Pet Area and after I turned down the Boundary Control Dial, the Receiver Collar would no longer beep or correct.	<ul> <li>You may have turned the Boundary Control Dial down too quickly, causing the Receiver Collar to go into power-fail mode. This is a safety feature designed to protect your pet when power to the Transmitter goes out. With the Receiver Collar within 5 feet of the Transmitter, turn the Boundary Control Dial to "8" and reset the Boundary Zone, making sure to turn the dial down slowly.</li> </ul>

My next-door neighbor has	<ul> <li>Your neighbor's In-Ground Fence signal may interfere with the operation of the Receiver Collar preventing activation</li> </ul>
an In-Ground	close to their fence. To minimize the interference, reduce
Containment	the size of the Pet Area or move the Transmitter away from
System and the	the In-Ground Fence System.
Receiver Collar	Adjust the Pet Area so that the Receiver Collar activates for
does not activate	at least 5 feet beyond the reduced Boundary setting when
near their property.	walking towards the In-Ground Fence.

## **Test Light Instructions**



- 1. Set the Correction Level to 2 or above.
- 2. Hold the Test Light Contacts to the Contact Points.
- 3. Walk toward the Boundary Zone holding the Receiver collar at your pet's neck level until the Test Light flashes.

Save Test Light for future testing.

Note: If the Test Light does not flash, install a new battery and re-test. If Test Light still does not flash, contact the Customer Care Center at 1-800-732-2677.

# **Re-synchronize the System**

- 1. Remove the Receiver Collar from your pet.
- 2. Remove the battery from the Receiver Collar. Discharge all power by holding the correction level button down until the LED is no longer illuminated.
- 3. At the transmitter, move the Boundary Switch from the low to the high position.
- 4. Slowly adjust the Boundary Control Dial up to 8, down to 1 and then back to the #4 position.
- 5. Standing within 5-10 feet of the Transmitter, reinsert the battery into the Receiver Collar.
- 6. Test the Boundary and verify operation.

Once you are confident that the system is working, reset the Transmitter controls to the original setting.

# Terms of Use and Limitation of Liability

### 1. Terms of Use

This Product is offered to you conditioned upon your acceptance without modification of the terms, conditions and notices contained herein. Usage of this Product implies acceptance of all such terms, conditions, and notices.

### 2. Proper Use

This Product is designed for use with pets where training is desired. The specific temperament of your pet may not work with this Product. If you are unsure whether this is appropriate for your pet, please consult your veterinarian or certified trainer.

### 3. No Unlawful or Prohibited Use

This Product is designed for use with pets only. This pet training device is not intended to harm, injure or provoke. Using this Product in a way that is not intended could result in violation of Federal, State or local laws.

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In no event shall Radio Systems\* Corporation be liable for any direct, indirect, punitive, incidental, special or consequential damages, or any damages whatsoever arising out of or connected with the use or misuse of this Product. Buyer assumes all risks and liability from the use of this Product.

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## Compliance FCC/Canada

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003. This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a residential environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction guide, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a practical installation. If this equipment causes harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Relocate the interfered receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different to that to which the receiver is connected.
- Contact the Customer Care Center at 1-800-732-2677.

This device complies with Industry Canada Rules. This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Unauthorized changes or modifications to the equipment, not approved by Radio Systems<sup>®</sup> Corporation, could result in not meeting compliance with FCC regulations and could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

### Australia

This device complies with the applicable EMC requirements specified by the ACMA (Australian Communications and Media Authority).

## **Customer Care International**

United States / Canada: 1-800-732-2677

Australia: 1800 786 608

New Zealand: 0800 543 054

# Caution

The PetSafe\* Wireless Pet Containment System\* is NOT a solid barrier. The system is designed to act as a deterrent to remind pets by Static Correction to remain in the boundary established. It is important that you reinforce training with your pet on a regular basis. Since the tolerance level to Static Correction varies from pet to pet, Radio Systems\* Corporation CANNOT guarantee that the system will, in all cases, keep a pet within the established boundary. Not all pets can be trained to avoid crossing the boundary! Therefore, if you have reason to believe that your pet may pose a danger to others or harm himself if he is not kept from crossing the boundaries, you should NOT rely solely upon the PetSafe\* Wireless Pet Containment System\* to confine your pet. Radio Systems\* Corporation shall NOT be liable for any property damage, economic loss or any consequential damages, sustained as a result of any animal crossing the boundary.

# **Perchlorate Battery**

Perchlorate Material – special handling may apply. See www.dtsc.ca.gov/hazardouswaste/perchlorate.

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