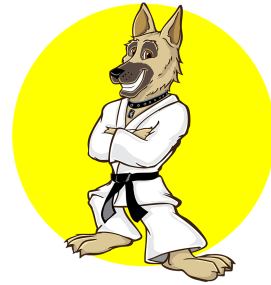


Pull-tab

Almost invisible control!



I have used a pull-tab in training almost every dog I've ever trained. So, sharing this with you here gives you a great piece of the puzzle that I use to transitioning a dog to off leash.

In this video I give you a big secret that will help you form a bond through training your dog and communicating better with him or her.

Knowing how to properly use the pull-tab is imperative to making the communication clear with your dog. I cover all of the steps in the video as well as this lesson.

The Material(s)

Pull-tabs are made of just about as many materials as collars and leashes. They can be leather, biothane, rope, nylon.... Just about anything. I like to start off with something sturdy and then transition to something very thin and almost invisible.

Your best option will be to transition from a heavy weight material to a light weight one, NOT the other way around.

The Length

I almost always make my own pull tabs because I want a specific length. Take a look at the video where I describe the ideal length... you want to be able to grab it easily, but it should NOT drag on the floor. It should hang down to about the middle of the front legs of your dog.

Learning Process

Just like using a long-line, the pull-tab will take some getting used to. Don't get frustrated and give up, be patient. It's a very valuable tool and worth the effort.

Attachment Point

You will have two different attachment points depending on what collar you're using on your dog. Basically, a prong collar will allow you to attach the tab to the back and top of the collar and it will stay there. If you're using a choke collar, then it will almost always travel to the bottom of the collar and be under the dog's chin. Don't be discouraged, it will still work. It is the ideal tool to be used with a prong, but it's also very useful with a choke chain or martingale.



Takeaways from The Pull-tab:

1. Pull-tabs are the last line of the long-line training lengths.
2. Do NOT start a green dog on a pull-tab if you haven't conditioned him to a line first.
3. Adjust the length of the pull-tab to the height of your dog. It should NEVER drag.
4. Don't leave it on the dog if the dog is a chewer, use it and then take it off.
5. Start with a heavier weight and transition to the lightweight parachute cord.

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