

Using a Long Lead.

Must only be used with a Soft Collar or a walking harness

Do NOT use with a Correction or Head Collar.

- *The Long Lead is designed for use in large open areas as a training lead only. It is not suited to walking with a group of people. It is great for teaching a puppy to follow its handler;*
- *Very good for general socialization with young pups, dogs who are worried, just simply walk slowly around the park letting the dog take in all the sounds and sights that he sees, if he is worried just move further away.*
- *The handler holds the loop lead in their hand, and the rest they leave to drag on the ground. If people approach, they may shorten the lead by picking it up close to dog's collar, or by standing on it, while teaching the dog how to behaviour when someone approaches (sitting – standing calmly etc)*
- *The long lead is very useful for setting boundaries for the dog. If the handler's dog checks in with them, they should reward it, then encourage it to 'go sniff' etc. Whenever their dog walks with them, especially if other dogs are around, they should reward it well.*
- *The long lead allows the dog time to learn good social behaviour and allows the dog and handler to develop a happy, respectful relationship when playing and training because the handler is attentive to what their dog is doing at all times.*
- *It is extremely useful in teaching the dog cues such as, 'far enough,' 'Wait,' 'Come when called,' 'This way,' 'Fetch,' 'Walking on Lead,' 'Sit,' 'Drop,' any number of things. We can also teach our dogs to 'Go sniff' after they have come to us,*
- *Most of all, they learn to be with their handler in a relaxed way, while not being able to run over to greet or harass other dog or humans. Ie developing good social manners.*
- *As the dog learns to be with their handler, it is time to just drop the lead on the ground and let the dog have a little more freedom. Teach it that the presence of other dogs is a sign for it to come to you for a reward, a game. Or, they can give the dog permission to go to greet other dogs etc.*
- *Warn the handler that if their dog is running full tilt, they must not put a sudden stop to it. Just run with the dog and slow it gently. Best of all, the handler should preempt the sudden full-tilt run by being aware of what is going on around them, and getting their dog's attention with a toy etc.*