



# Start Training!



# Fence Training Guide

## Before we begin:

Training is the key to success. The first two weeks are the most important.

### Consistency is key

Using an in-ground or wireless fence successfully requires that you spend time consistently training your dog. At first, you will place flags at the edge of the pet area to visually reinforce where the boundary is. Once your dog is properly trained, you will be able to remove the flags and allow them to roam freely in the pet area.

### Comfort and safety

While your dog is learning the boundary, keep them on a leash connected to a separate non-metallic collar. Make sure the collar fits properly on your dog's neck. Remove the collar if you need to take your dog out of the pet area at any time during training.

**Important:** Before beginning:

- Read the **Let us help!** guide (provided with the product) for important safety information about fitting and using the collar.
- Follow the instructions in the product user guide to fit the collar to your dog.

## **Patience during training**

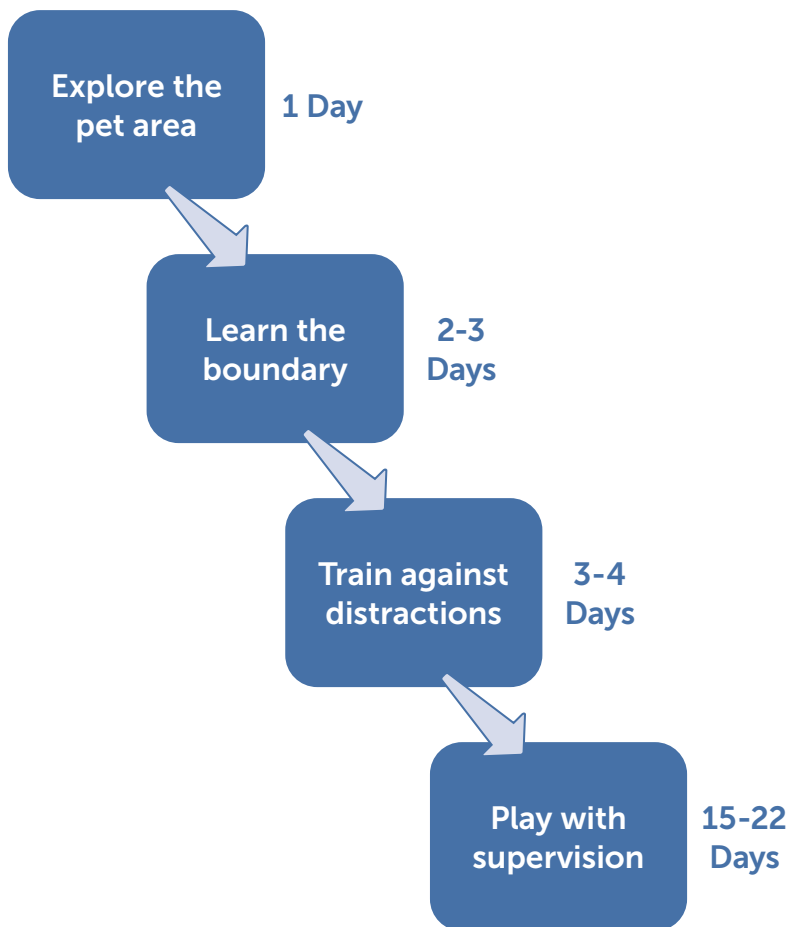
You know your dog's personality better than anyone, so be sure to monitor their body language during training. If your dog appears to be stressed, slow down the training and add additional days as needed. Allowing them to learn at their own pace will increase their chances of success.

## **Positive reinforcement**

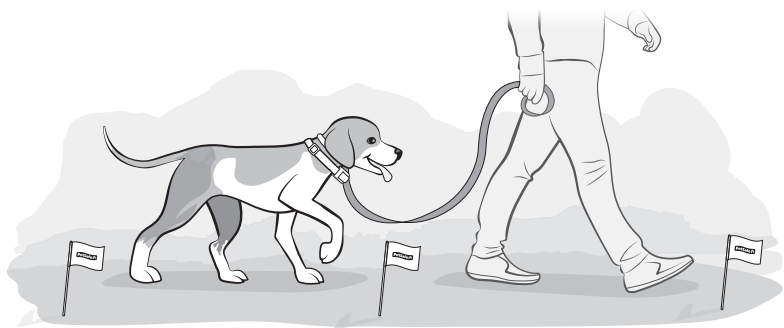
Finish each training session with lots of treats, praise and play. Remove the collar after each training session.

# Training overview

There are four training stages for you and your dog to progress through for them to learn to play within the pet area. The training can take up to 30 days to reinforce good behavior, so let your dog progress at their own pace and don't rush the process. Patience will lead to success and confidence in your dog's ability to stay within their new space.



# Day 1: Explore and learn the pet area

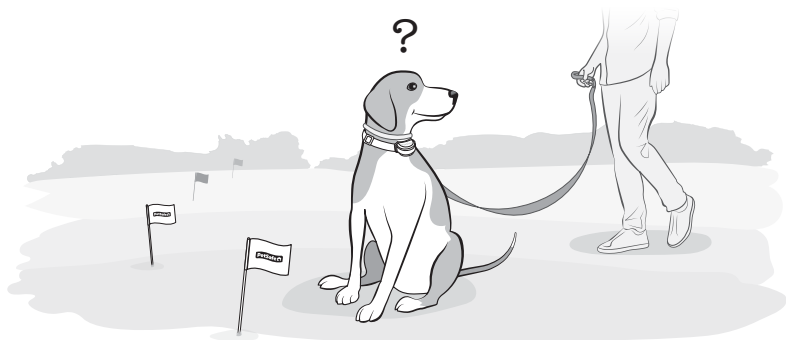


For the first day, set the collar to level 1: tone-only or tone with vibration.

With your dog on leash, and with their favorite treats on hand, allow them to explore the pet area. Let your dog cross the boundary and hear the tone from the collar, then invite them to come back into the pet area. As soon as they return, give them lots of treats and praise.

The goal is for your dog to form a positive association with being inside the pet area, and to avoid crossing the boundary by learning the meaning of the warning tone. Dogs can be sensitive, so keep your mood upbeat while you are training. Train 2 or 3 times a day, 10-15 minutes each time, but do not try to do too much too quickly. Frequent short sessions are better than less frequent, longer sessions.

## Days 2-4: Learn to avoid the boundary



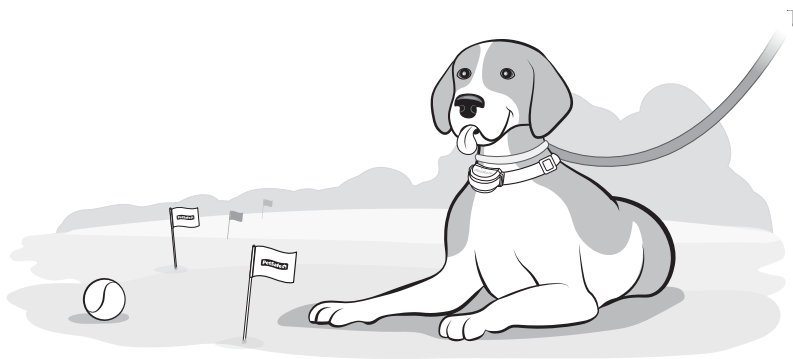
Set the collar to level 2: the mildest static correction level. With your dog on leash, repeat the process from the first day. Closely observe your dog's behavior when they cross the boundary and note whether they respond to the correction.

Responses can include looking around in curiosity, flicking their ears, or scratching at the collar. If your dog does not respond, check the fit of the collar to make sure the contact points are touching the skin. If the collar fits correctly and your dog does not respond, set the correction one level higher and repeat the process.

If your dog keeps crossing the boundary at a certain flag, stay at that flag and continue training until your dog resists leaving the pet area.

Do two or three 10-15-minute training sessions. Your goal is for your dog to consistently choose to stay in the pet area. If necessary, add more training days before moving on to the next step.

## Days 5-8: Train to resist distractions and temptations

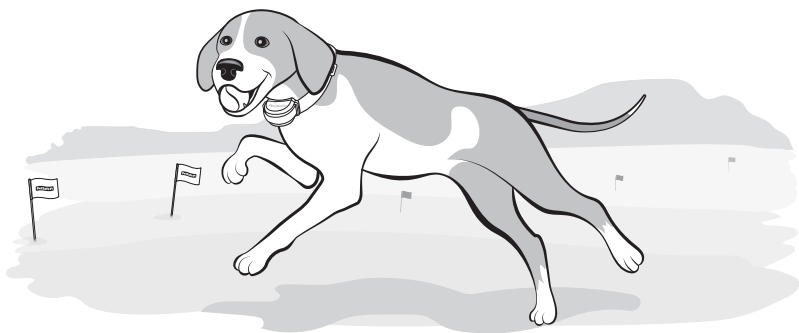


Retain the collar settings from the last training session. With your dog still on leash, stage some distractions to test your dog's reliability. Your goal is to make them stay within the boundary even with new temptations.

Start with simple temptations like placing a toy outside the boundary, then work your way up to more difficult ones, like having a friend or neighbor walk another pet outside the boundary area.

Remember to keep your dog on a leash while they are still learning the boundary. Also, never coax your pet to leave the pet area.

## Days 9-30: Play off-leash with supervision



Once your dog consistently respects the boundary regardless of distractions or temptations, they are ready for the next step: unleashed supervision.

Play with your dog for a while during the first few sessions. If they do not try to cross the boundary, occupy yourself with another task in the yard and allow them to explore freely, but stay close by with a leash at hand.

Continue to watch your dog. If they escape, remove the collar and lead them back into the pet area. Start these sessions with around 15 minutes and gradually work up to one hour or more. When your dog proves trustworthy, they can go out on their own but you should continue to check on them regularly.

You can remove every other flag every 4 days until all the flags are removed. Save them in case you move or need to train another pet.



# Taking your pet out of the pet area

If you need to take your dog out of the pet area, remove the collar and leave it at home. Once your dog learns the boundary, they will be reluctant to cross it for walks or car rides. There are several options to help your dog to feel comfortable leaving the pet area.

- Option 1** Replace the collar with a regular collar. Put your dog in a car that is within the pet area and drive out of the pet area.
- Option 2** Choose a specific verbal command (for example, "gate" or "shazam") to use when giving your dog permission to leave the pet area. (Avoid using a word like "okay" that may come up frequently in everyday conversation.) Replace the collar with a regular collar and leash. Walk your dog out of the pet area while giving your chosen verbal command at a specific place along the boundary (the end of your driveway, pavement, etc.).  
  
Always leave the pet area from the same spot in your yard with a leash and your dog will associate leaving the pet area only on a leash, only at this spot and only with a person. You may initially need to convince your dog to leave the pet area with a few treats and praise.
- Option 3** Replace the collar with a regular collar and leash, then pick up your dog and carry them out of the pet area.

Congratulations! You have now completed the training program. You are both ready to enjoy more freedom. Make sure that you monitor the fit of the collar often and remove it when it is not in use.



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