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## Gencon All-in-1 and Headcollar Fitting Instructions

## **Gencon**SIMPLY EFFECTIVE

It's advisable to practise with your Gencon® for the first few times at home when your dog is calm and has already been exercised. Always associate the Gencon® alongside something positive. This can be gentle placement of the lead over the dogs head/neck while it is eating or simply delivering a treat or toy if the dog does not react. Ultimately the dog will associate the Gencon® with its walks in the future which will be reward enough! Gradually increase the length of time the dog wears the lead and, practise using it in your garden or living room before dealing with external environments.

The Gencon® is available for either Left or Right side walking.



1 The Gencon arrives flattened within the packaging.



**2** Remove and straighten out fully so that two loops are clearly visible.



3 Look for two land marks before you begin, firstly the silver ring which will sit behind the dogs ear and secondly the cross over which will sit underneath the dogs chin.



4 Place the dog in front of you in the sit position and place the first loop ( with the silver ring) over the dogs head and down on to the dogs neck.



**5** Follow this by placing the second loop over the bridge of the dog's nose, the crossover should now be underneath the dogs chin.



6 Apply gentle and even pressure to both loops to ensure they fit snuggly over both areas. Tighten the 'nose' loop gently and then pull the remaining length of the lead in an upwards motion to tighten high on the dogs neck, behind the ears.



7 Remember to ensure gentle, even pressure is maintained on the lead to ensure it stays secure around the dogs head. This pressure should be minimal, just enough for the dog to be aware of the contact.



**8** For extra security, slide the black, plastic clip down to within an inch of the dog's ear. To do this, pinch either side of the clip towards you to release its grip before sliding.

## **SOME GENERAL POINTS:**

Your dog's initial reaction may be to try and take the lead off, particularly by getting its front paws up over its nose. If this occurs you can try the following:

- Keep quiet, apply gentle upward pressure and as soon as the dog stops, release the pressure immediately.
- Do NOT scold your dog and ensure you administer a reward after each attempt to remove the lead has calmed.
- Do not allow your dog to remove the lead itself otherwise s/he may persist in their attempts.
- If your dog generally enjoys its walks, progress outside as quickly as possible as the outside distractions will help the dog get used to, and adjust to the new feeling around its face.
- If your dog is particularly nervous or over anxious then some extra practise at home may be required until you are proficient with the lead.
- Never yank or jerk your dog while it is wearing the Gencon. If it is necessary to get the dogs attention, just stop the walk and apply gentle upward pressure until the dog stops what it is doing and relaxes. As soon as the dog stops you MUST remove the pressure immediately. Timing is everything!



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