

Training Your Dog

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Please read the following information completely before you begin training:

- Proper training of your dog is essential to help ensure the successful operation of your Radial-Shape Wireless Dog Fence.
- We recommend that you train your dog for a minimum of 15 **consecutive** days. Use a calendar to track your dog's progress.
- Keep your training sessions short and frequent -- approximately 10-15 minutes long, 2-3 times a day.
- Every dog is unique and may respond differently to the training depending on its age, size, temperament and ability to learn. For this reason, you may need to adjust your training schedule accordingly.
- It may be necessary to decrease the speed of the training schedule or add more training days if your dog seems to be under stress. Signs that your dog may be under stress include: tail between legs, ears pulled back, refusal to go outside the home and nervous shaking.
- Before beginning Collar-assisted training, allow your dog to get used to wearing the Havahart® Collar with the battery removed.
- Have fun with your dog during the training process and end each session with positive praise and play time in the Roaming Area at least 10 feet away from the Training Flags.
- Be patient and consistent in your approach.
- Remove the Havahart® Collar after each training session.
- If you need to take your dog out of the Roaming Area during training, remove the Havahart® Collar and use one of the following methods:
 1. Walk your dog outside of the Roaming Area while on a leash. Cross the same area of the Trigger Zone flag line each time, giving a command such as "CROSS", and praising your dog for crossing this specific area. Always leave this area with your dog on a leash.
 2. Carry your dog out.
 3. Take your dog out in a car.
- If you are training more than one dog, train each dog separately.
- Should your dog breach the Trigger Zone while wearing the Havahart® Collar, unlike an underground wire fence, your dog will not receive a separate correction for returning through the Trigger Zone back into the Roaming Area.
- **It is important that you complete the entire training process and do not skip any phases.**

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The Radial-Shape Wireless Dog Fence from Havahart® is not a physical boundary. It is necessary to contain your dog using a leash or other means during training.

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PRELIMINARY PHASE -- Flag Awareness Training - Optional (2-3 training sessions per day: each 10-15 minutes long)

Completing this phase will add 3 days to your training, but will give your dog more time to get used to the Training Flags if you choose to complete it.

1. **Turn OFF the fence** (see page 16)
2. Fit the Havahart® Collar around your dog's neck. Place a different non-metal collar above the Havahart® Collar and attach a leash to it. Make sure that this collar does not apply pressure to the Probes on the Havahart® Collar as this could hurt your dog when you pull on the leash.
3. Using the leash, walk your dog around inside the Roaming Area for 5 minutes, avoiding contact with the Trigger Zone.
4. Approach one of the Training Flags with your dog. When your dog gets close to the flag, gently shake the flag while saying "Bad Flags" in a firm, disapproving tone. Do not yell or frighten your dog.
5. Lead your dog back into the Roaming Area and praise your dog.
6. Repeat this process at several different Training Flags.
7. End with lots of playtime and praise for your dog in the Roaming Area at least 10 feet away from the Training Flags.
8. Be sure to remove the Havahart® Collar from your dog after each training session.



NOTE: You may proceed to PHASE 1 when your dog avoids going near the Training Flags but will walk anywhere within the Roaming Area.

PHASE 1 -- Passive Training -- DAY 1-3 (2-3 training sessions per day: each 10-15 minutes long)

1. **Turn ON the fence** (see Page 16) and set the correction level to **Tone Only** (see Page 13).
2. To ensure that the system is working properly, take the Havahart® Collar by itself out to the Trigger Zone and listen for the tone.
3. Fit the Havahart® Collar around your dog's neck. Place a different non-metal collar above the Havahart® Collar and attach a leash to it. Make sure that this collar does not apply pressure to the Probes on the Havahart® Collar as this could hurt your dog when you pull on the leash.
4. Using the leash, walk your dog around inside the Roaming Area for 5 minutes, avoiding contact with the Trigger Zone.
5. Calmly approach the Trigger Zone flag line -- do not look at your dog.
6. Give your dog the opportunity to pass into the Trigger Zone. He will hear a tone within the Trigger Zone.
7. Allow your dog to stay in the Trigger Zone for a few seconds while hearing the tone.
8. Gently shake a Training Flag while saying "Bad Flags" in a firm, disapproving tone to show your dog that the flags are associated with the tone coming from the Havahart® Collar. Do not yell or frighten your dog.
9. Lead your dog back into the Roaming Area and praise your dog.
10. Repeat this process at several different Training Flags.
11. As training progresses over the next 2 days, you should notice that when your dog hears the tone, he will return to the Roaming Area without your prompting.
12. End with lots of playtime and praise for your dog in the Roaming Area at least 10 feet away from the Training Flags.
13. Be sure to remove the Havahart® Collar from your dog after each training session.



NOTE: You may proceed to PHASE 2 when your dog avoids going near the Training Flags when you approach and actually turns to go back to the Roaming Area without your aid.

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PHASE 2 -- Active Training -- DAY 4-7 (2-3 training sessions per day: each 10-15 minutes long)

1. Set the correction level to **Static Level 1** (see Page 13).
2. To ensure the system is working properly, take the Havahart® Collar to the Trigger Zone and use the Heart-Shaped Collar Tester (see Page 16). The Heart-Shaped Collar Tester should light up.
3. Fit the Havahart® Collar around your dog's neck. Place a different non-metal collar above the Havahart® Collar and attach a leash to it. Make sure that this collar does not apply pressure to the Probes on the Havahart® Collar as this could hurt your dog when you pull on the leash.
4. Using the leash, walk your dog around inside the Roaming Area for 5 minutes, avoiding contact with the Trigger Zone.
5. Calmly approach the Trigger Zone flag line -- do not look at your dog.
6. Give your dog the opportunity to pass into the Trigger Zone. He will hear a tone and then receive a static correction within the Trigger Zone.
7. Allow your dog to stay in the Trigger Zone for a few seconds while hearing the tone and receiving the static correction.
8. Gently shake a Training Flag to remind your dog that the flags are associated with the tone and static correction coming from the Collar.
9. Lead your dog back into the Roaming Area and praise your dog.
10. Repeat this process at a few Training Flags.



CAUTION: Do not force your dog to receive **too many static corrections** as this may make your dog nervous or anxious. It may be necessary to decrease the speed of the training schedule or add more training days if your dog seems to be under stress.

11. If your dog does not respond to the static correction, check to make sure that the Havahart® Collar fits properly (see Page 18). If your dog continues to not respond to the static correction, you may need to increase the static correction to level 2 or higher as necessary.

NOTE: If your dog leaves the Roaming Area, he will be corrected on the way out only. Your dog will NOT be corrected when returning to the Roaming Area from outside the Trigger Zone.

12. End with lots of playtime and praise for your dog in the Roaming Area at least 10 feet away from the Training Flags.
13. Be sure to remove the Havahart® Collar from your dog after each training session.

NOTE: You may proceed to PHASE 3 when your dog avoids going near any of the Training Flags.

PHASE 3 – On-Leash Distractions – DAY 8-11 (2-3 training sessions per day: each 10-15 minutes long)

1. Fit the Havahart® Collar around your dog's neck. Place a different non-metal collar above the Havahart® Collar and attach a leash to it. Make sure that this collar does not apply pressure to the Probes on the Havahart® Collar as this could hurt your dog when you pull on the leash.
2. Using the leash, walk your dog toward the Training Flags. Create a distraction by:
 1. Tossing a toy or treat outside the Trigger Zone.
 2. Having someone walk by and not pay attention to your dog.
 3. Having someone walk his/her own dog outside of the Trigger Zone.
3. If your dog does not move toward the distraction, immediately praise him.
4. If your dog moves toward the distraction, allow him to walk through the Trigger Zone and feel the correction.
5. Gently shake a Training Flag to remind your dog that the flags are associated with the tone and static correction coming from the Havahart® Collar.
6. Promptly lead your dog back to the Roaming Area if he does not return within a few seconds and praise him.
7. Repeat this process at several different Training Flags.
8. If your dog does not respond to the static correction, check to make sure that the Havahart® Collar fits properly (see Page 18). If your dog continues to not respond to the static correction, you may need to increase the static correction by one level or more as necessary.
9. End with lots of playtime and praise for your dog in the Roaming Area at least 10 feet away from the Training Flags.
10. Be sure to remove the Havahart® Collar from your dog after each training session.



NOTE: You may proceed to PHASE 4 when your dog will not go beyond the Trigger Zone – even with distractions, but will walk anywhere within the Roaming Area.

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PHASE 4 -- Off-Leash Supervision -- DAY 12-15

Begin with short training sessions 10-15 minutes in length and gradually increase the sessions to an hour or more

1. Do not leave your dog unattended during this phase of training.
2. Fit the Havahart Collar around your dog's neck. Place a different non-metal collar above the Havahart® Collar.
3. Walk around inside the Roaming Area and play with your dog while off the leash. (see Figure 2.1)
4. Now focus your attention elsewhere and walk to another part of the yard while keeping an eye on your dog. (see Figure 2.2)
5. If your dog crosses into and goes beyond the Trigger Zone, lead him back inside the Roaming Area. Your dog will not be corrected when he comes back into the Roaming Area.
6. Gently shake a flag to remind your dog that the flags are associated with the tone and static correction coming from the Havahart® Collar.
7. Repeat the training from Phase 3 with distractions and a leash as necessary.
8. End with lots of playtime and praise for your dog in the Roaming Area at least 10 feet away from the Training Flags.
9. Be sure to remove the Havahart® Collar from your dog after each training session.



Figure 2.1



Figure 2.2

NOTE: You may proceed to PHASE 5 when your dog no longer goes beyond the Trigger Zone – even with distractions, but will walk anywhere within the Roaming Area.

PHASE 5 – Dog Monitoring – DAY 16 AND BEYOND

Start with short sessions and gradually increase duration

1. Your dog should now be comfortable within the Roaming Area and reluctant to cross the Trigger Zone with or without distractions.
2. Fit the Havahart® Collar around your dog's neck. Place a different non-metal Collar above the Havahart® Collar.
3. Allow your dog to roam freely off leash within the Roaming Area.
4. Keep an eye on him from inside your house.
5. End with lots of playtime and praise for your dog in the Roaming Area at least 10 feet away from the Training Flags.
6. Be sure to remove the Havahart® Collar from your dog after each training session.

Leaving the Roaming Area with Your Dog

Once your dog becomes accustomed to the Trigger Zone, he may become uncomfortable leaving the Roaming Area for activities such as walks or riding in the car. If you need to take your dog out of the Roaming Area, ALWAYS remove the Havahart® Collar and use one of the following methods:

1. Walk your dog outside of the Roaming Area while on a leash. Cross the same area of the Trigger Zone flag line each time, giving a command such as "CROSS", and praising your dog for crossing this specific area. Always leave this area with your dog on a leash.
2. Carry your dog out.
3. Take your dog out in a car.

NOTE: After completing the training and three additional weeks of successful dog containment, you can begin to gradually remove the Training Flags by taking away every other flag, every few days.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND YOUR DOG FOR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING ALL PHASES OF TRAINING!