

Quick Tips - Spray Commander

"Quick Tips" for using the Spray Commander® Remote Trainer



Filling the Device:

Filling the device is similar to putting air in a tire - you shouldn't hear hissing sounds and shouldn't be getting spray outside the unit. It takes about 30 seconds to completely fill the device. Count to 30 slowly while holding the can firmly in place. When full, the reservoir contains about 15 long sprays or 25 short sprays. (Each Refill Can contains approximately 200-300 sprays.) You cannot overfill the device - the pressure in the can and device will equalize.

Adjusting the Collar Strap:

The device should be positioned so that the spray is directed forward under the jaw. Allow 1" to 1 ½" inches of slack in the collar - this will allow gravity to keep the unit centered under the jaw (approximately 1-2 fingers under the back of the collar strap). It is not necessary for the collar to be tight - the device uses a microphone to detect sound rather than physical vibrations.

Battery:

When installing the battery, be certain that the positive and negative ends are properly aligned. See "+" and "-" symbols inside battery compartment. Always remove the battery when the collar is not in use in order to prolong battery life. (The microphone will be in continual "listening" mode whenever the battery is in the unit.)

Remote Control:

Make sure the battery is in place. Check if the collar is working by pressing the #1 key. You should hear a two-part beep. The #1 button emits a tone from the spray device. Use this to reward your dog for desired behaviors. The #2 button produces a short burst of spray. The #3 button produces a longer burst of spray.

Training Tips:

To teach a new behavior, reward your pet 100% of the time he offers you the correct response. To maintain a behavior that has been learned, reward your pet on variable ratio. In other words, the rewards for desired behaviors should be given intermittently and unpredictably. Timing is critical when training. If your pet is engaged in an unwanted behavior, the spray must come while the pet is performing the behavior or within 0.5 seconds of stopping the behavior. Dogs will not relate the spray to the unwanted behavior if your timing is off.

It is recommended that you practice your timing before using the Spray Commander® on your pet. Place the device next to you while you watch TV. Choose a behavior that you are likely to see repeated by one of the characters while watching your program (i.e., a smile, a wave, walking). Everytime you see the behavior from that character, press the #1 button so you hear the tone. Practice until you are able to deliver the tone while the behavior is occurring or within half a second of it ending.