

FACE HALTI ACCLIMATION

When a dog pulls on leash while wearing the brand of head collar Halti, the handler need only use a fraction of man manpower to control the dog, compared to alternative tools like a neck collar or body harness.

A dog will not accept wearing a Halti without properly acclimating them. Acclimation takes close to 3 weeks, sometimes longer.

Other brands are often not recommended, as the halti includes a backup safety clip that attaches to the neck collar.

While your dog is wearing the halti ensure you make it a positive and enjoyable experience. When the halti goes on, good things happen!

Week 1

For the first half of the first-week practice 3 times a day the following. Using a treat lure your dog's nose through the snout of the halti. Do NOT clip it up & do NOT add duration. This step is only to learn comfort around putting their nose into the halti.

For the second half of the week, start to slowly add duration to your dog wearing the halti. Practice 3 times a day loosely clipping up the halti and hand-feed them their breakfast, dinner, and treats. Once finished eating, promptly remove the halti. Do not leave them unattended during this time.

Week 2

Continue to hand-feed all your dog's meals while the halti is on, however, this time add in simple training and tricks to keep their mind occupied on you and the food, instead of the halti.

A couple of times a day include a treat puzzle game, snuffle rug, lick mat, bully stick or kong toy all the while the halti is on. Do not leave them unattended.

Week 3

2-3 times a day, continue to incorporate simple training and tricks while they wear the halti. Continue to use bullysticks, stuffed toys, lick mats etc. While out on a walk your dog can now wear the halti, HOWEVER, do not clip the leash to the halti. Instead, clip the leash to the collar or harness.

Week 4

They should now be able to wear the halti, as it should be worn, out on a walk. However, if you are still struggling with the halti and leash walking, do set up a training session with Isle Dogs Training to make some adjustments. Remember no dog or owner is alike, therefore different tools and methods may work for one and not for another. It is ok to explore what is best for you and your dog depending on how you both best learn.

If your dog is struggling during one of the weekly steps, go back a step and do an extra few days or a week of practice.

