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Operating Instructions for
DogWatch *GroundsKeeper™*



The *GroundsKeeper™* is designed for small applications such as driveway openings, gardens, patios, decks, and play sets — any area you want to prevent your pet from entering.

Important Safeguards

- Please read the DogWatch Owner's Guide before starting installation and training.
- Keep the receiver collar and transmitter out of reach of children.
- Never adjust the transmitter while your pet is wearing the receiver collar.
- Unplug the transmitter when the system is left unused for extended periods.
- Mount the transmitter indoors or in a dry location.



Features

Ground Connection The green ground wire from the power supply is plugged into the transmitter at the location labeled “GND”. The ground will only be effective if your outlet is properly grounded. If you have any questions about having a properly grounded outlet consult your electrician.

Wire Connections In order for the system to work properly, the boundary wire must form a continuous loop. Strip and connect one end of the boundary wire to one of the terminal connections, labeled “WIRE”. Once you have formed your boundary area, twist the two wires together as you proceed from the boundary area back to the transmitter. Twisting the two wires together will eliminate the radio signal in that section of the wire (See Figures 1 and 2). Now strip and connect the other end of your wire to the other terminal. Any break in the wire will cancel the signal field. If the boundary wire is broken or the system is unplugged, the green lights(s) will go out and an audible warning will sound.

Range The transmitter emits a coded radio signal through up to 300 feet of boundary wire. You can adjust the distance that the signal radiates off the boundary wire by turning the knob labeled “- +” with a common screwdriver. To increase “+” the range, turn clockwise. To decrease “-” the range, turn counter clockwise. Always test the signal field before allowing your pet near the avoidance area. Never adjust the transmitter while your pet is wearing the receiver collar.

Indicator Lights and Break Alert Once your boundary wire and power supply have been properly connected to the transmitter, the green indicator light(s) on the front of the *GroundsKeeper* will go on. The two additional lights will go on as you increase the range.

Power Plug the power supply into the transmitter jack labeled “PWR”.

Note: On the back of the transmitter is a small switch. This switch sets your transmitter to the correct broadcast frequency. Your dealer will set this switch for your system.

Do NOT change this setting. It is for DEALER USE ONLY.

Adjusting the Collar

Collar tightness is critical. All contact points must touch your dog’s skin in order to receive a correction. A loose collar will also allow the contact posts to rub back and forth on the skin, possibly causing irritation. Use care as over-tightening the contact posts could cause damage to the receiver.

We recommend that the receiver collar be removed each day to allow your dog’s skin to gradually condition itself to the contact posts and avoid potential skin irritation and possible infections.

Installation

The boundary wire allows you to create a specific boundary area within your yard (see Figures 1 and 2). The wire carries a harmless radio signal which will activate the receiver your pet is wearing. Your DogWatch dealer will help you plan and install your boundary areas.

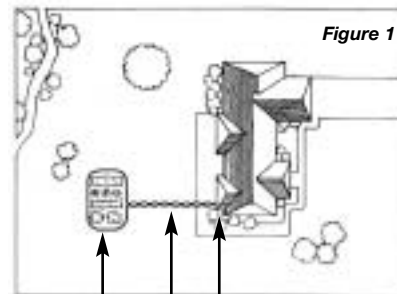


Figure 1

Figures 1 and 2 show how a garden or a driveway can be made off bounds to your pet.

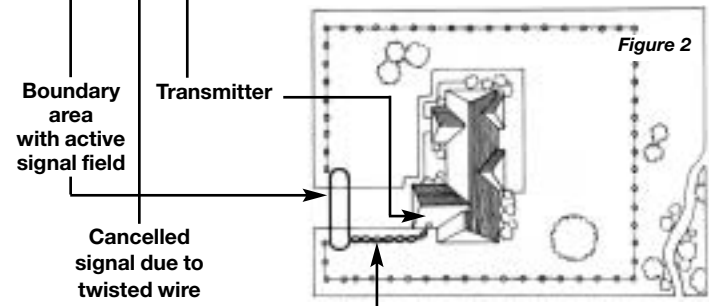
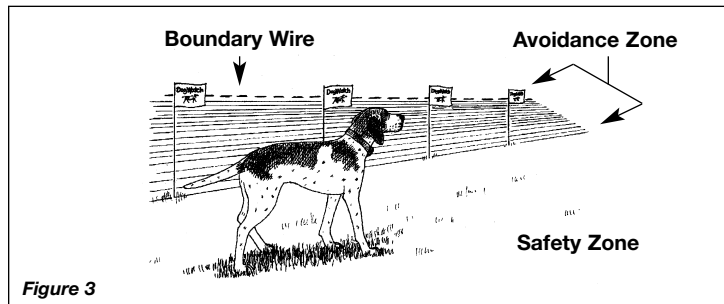


Figure 2

Training

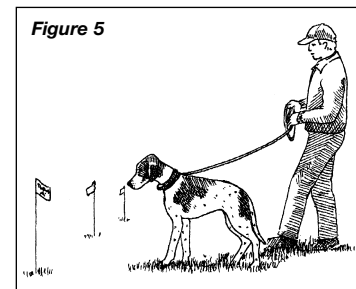
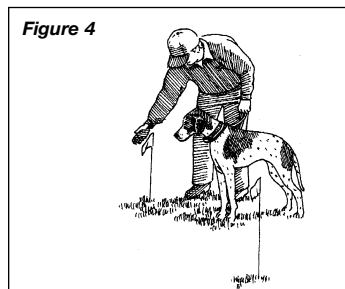
Understanding the philosophy behind “avoidance training” and following the rules during training will ensure that you and your pet get the most from your system.

- Your pet does not intuitively know that he or she is not welcome in all areas of your yard.
- Be aware that pets are sensitive to your attitude and mood. Stay “upbeat” during a training session and he will be more receptive to the training.
- Reward and reinforce good pet behavior.
- The system relies on “avoidance training” techniques, where your yard is divided into safety and avoidance zones (see *Figure 3*). If your pet advances toward an avoidance zone, he will receive an audible warning. He will soon learn that when he advances further into an avoidance zone, the audible warning is quickly followed by a mild electrical stimulation or correction — an unpleasant but safe, experience. As training progresses, your pet will learn to stay away from areas that he associates with the audible warning.
- Do not comfort your pet after he receives a correction, as you will be reinforcing anxiety.
- Even though you consider your pet a friend, effective training depends on you being the leader and your pet being the follower.
- Be consistent! Do not break the training rules, even on special occasions when you are tempted to allow your pet into a boundary area “just this once”. Make sure all family members follow the rules.



Step-by-step Instructions

- Ensure that the transmitter and boundary wire are installed and that the receiver collar is adjusted properly.
- Place boundary flags on the edge of the boundary area — the zones in which the receiver collar picks up a radio signal. Boundary flags serve as visual clues for your pet (see *Figures 4 and 5*).



- Play with him in the safety zone for several minutes. Attach a leash to your pet's regular collar and walk him inside the safety zone. Approach the boundary area, shake a boundary flag in front of him, and firmly say, “Watch out!” or “Careful!”
- Walk your pet near a boundary zone and allow him to walk past the boundary flags. As he crosses into the boundary area, he will receive an audible warning and an electrical stimulation. Immediately call out, “Watch out”, and pull your pet back from the avoidance zone. Return him to the safety zone and play with him for a few minutes to reinforce the idea that there is a safe zone and there are areas to avoid.
- Again, allow your pet to approach a boundary zone. If he hears the audible warning and retreats to the safety zone, reinforce the behavior with praise and affection. If your pet fails to stop at the audible warning and receives an electrical stimulation, say “Watch out” as he approaches the avoidance zone. Use the leash to pull him back to the safety zone before he crosses completely into an avoidance zone.
- Your pet will quickly learn not to go near the boundary areas. Each time you set up a new boundary area, be sure to retrain your pet.

Troubleshooting

RECEIVER

- Check to see if the transmitter is “on”.
- Take the receiver off the dog and check the receiver by placing the test light on the contact posts and holding the receiver next to the transmitter or boundary wire.
- Ensure that the contact points on the receiver collar actually touch your pet’s skin; tighten the collar as required.
- Replace the battery if necessary.
- Be sure the battery is inserted correctly.

TRANSMITTER

- Check to see if the power is “on” and that there is a green light.
- Make sure that the power supply transformer is securely plugged into the wall outlet and that both the power supply plug and the boundary wire are connected to the transmitter.
- Adjust the Range “+/-“. You may have it too narrow a range, allowing your pet too close to the boundary area before receiving a warning.
- Never adjust the transmitter while your pet is wearing the receiver collar.

BOUNDARY WIRE

- Check to see if the transmitter is “on”.
- If you have a broken boundary wire the green loop light will go out and an audible warning will sound.

Batteries

For replacement batteries and collars, contact your authorized DogWatch Dealer, visit our website at www.dogwatch.com or call Customer Service at 800-793-3436, Eastern Standard Time. **IMPORTANT:** The use of batteries other those authorized by DogWatch Inc. can cause erratic operation of the receiver or could cause permanent damage. The use of unauthorized batteries will void the warranty on the receiver.

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