



TTouch Harness

The Tellington TTouch harness was designed and developed in the UK by Sarah Fisher to help dogs walk freely in balance on a loose lead, and to minimise pressure on important anatomical structures in dogs' necks. If your dog pulls remember to work on your loose lead education; you may need to rule out physical discomfort as some dogs pull as a result of reduced mobility through the hind quarters.



The TTouch harness is manufactured in the UK from colour fast webbing and high quality D and O rings. (Please note that the hardware is not suitable for salt water and will rust if worn by dogs who love the sea.) It has contoured plastic clips on both sides of the neck piece and back piece. This enables the handler to fit the harness without triggering concern by putting the harness over the dog's head or by lifting the dog's front leg. It is easily removed by releasing the clips without the need to pull the harness over the head which can cause anxiety for some dogs.

The four plastic clips were designed for the comfort of the dog but can cause confusion if the harness is dismantled. Some clients have found it helpful to label the clips with a non-toxic marker.

The harness is designed to encourage flexibility through the body by allowing the shoulder blades and front limbs of the dog to move as nature intended. Freedom of movement through the neck

and shoulders can help release tension in the back, improve core strength and enable the dog to engage his hindquarters.

The two points of contact and shorter back piece than found on some other standard harnesses helps to reduce pulling without creating tension on the neck and/or shoulders. Freedom of movement through the neck and shoulders can help to reduce lead frustration and enables the dog to sniff and explore his environment when out and about.



Fitting the harness

Undo both clips on the webbing where the double D rings are attached and one clip on the neck piece. Place the neck piece around the base of your dog's neck and clip it gently together.



Rest the back piece with the TTouch label and double D rings on the dog's back.



Take the chest piece between your dog's front legs and clip the harness gently together on either side of your dog's rib cage.



The webbing between the front legs needs to be adjusted appropriately to ensure that the harness is not pulled in behind the elbows; the harness should not inhibit movement in any way.



The neck piece should be loose enough to be comfortable for the dog but without sliding excessively when a signal is given on the front D ring.

The back piece should be fitted to ensure that the harness is not too tight but does not slide excessively or hang loosely around the body.

Ensure that you can get your fingers under the webbing with the double D rings on the back of the harness to avoid causing discomfort from downward pressure on the spine.



The TTouch label should be visible on the top of the dogs back.

Using the harness

A double ended training lead is recommended with this harness. All our leads come with a smaller clip and a larger clip.

The smaller clip attaches to the front D ring at the top of the dogs chest (*Note: not all training leads made by other manufacturers come with different sized clips*). The larger clip attaches to **both** the double D rings on the back of the harness.



The additional single D ring (between the O ring and the Double D rings) on the back piece can be used when introducing a second handler or as an alternative attachment for dogs that pull at first until they have been helped to walk in balance through appropriate education. You can also use this single D ring if exercising a dog on a long line.

A soft cotton line can be threaded through the double D rings or single D ring as part of the ACE Free Work for dogs that cannot be at liberty or when progressing through the steps of ACE Free Work. A soft cotton line can also be of benefit when working with dogs that struggle to walk on a lead and those that are worried by the sound of a clip on a regular lead or line.

If your dog does not pull, simply attach your lead to the double D rings on the back of the harness.

Handle – additional option

It takes two to pull.

Pulling on the lead can be a difficult habit to break for both the dog and the handler. It is common practice to tense when leading a dog that pulls or has a tendency to lunge, but this can exacerbate the behaviour although it may well be an unintentional response by the handler.

Threading a double ended lead through the **Handle** and attaching the clips on the lead as described can dramatically reduce tension on the lead. The handle gives security to the handler but as the lead

moves through the ring on the handle, there is less likelihood of any tension passing down the lead and triggering further bracing and over arousal in the dog.



The optional handle can also be a useful addition when walking more than one dog at a time, or in situations where holding the lead in both hands is not appropriate or possible. The shorter 1.5m/5ft lead is more appropriate to use with the handle than a longer training lead.

Money back guarantee

Our aim is to improve the lives of dogs and those that care for them and love them. We do not want to sell any equipment that does not enhance the wellbeing of your dog.

If you decide that the harness does not suit you or your dog for any reason we will happily refund the purchase price of the harness, provided the harness is returned to us in perfect condition.