



## FITTING INSTRUCTIONS

### Introduction:

The Ultimate Gentle Leader® Canine Harness is designed to provide comfort for the dog and easy control for the handler. Unique to the Ultimate Gentle Leader® Canine Harness are the straps fitted on the sides of the dog's chest. The placement of the side straps makes it possible for the dog to jog and run without chafing the inside of the dog's front legs. The front lead attachment of the harness allows the utilization of the same technology used with the Gentle Leader® Headcollar\*

Control of the dog is maintained by using an even, gentle pull of the lead, which slightly offsets the balance of the dog, and applies pressure to the back of the dog's neck but does not choke. The combined effect of these two actions interrupts the dog's forward pulling without discomfort.

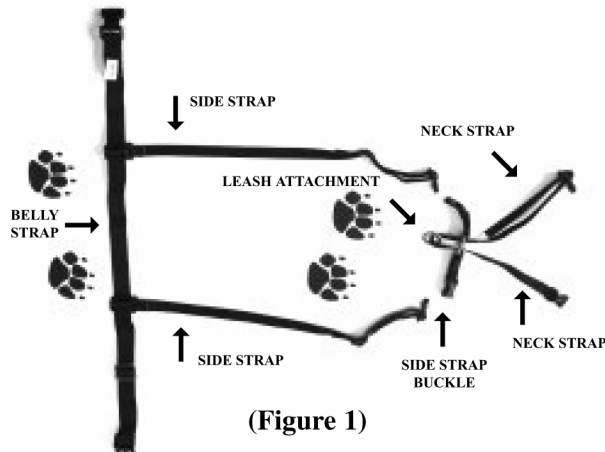
Sharp tugs, jerks or correction pops are not recommended when using the harness and should be avoided. **The harness is not designed to be a restraining device!** Large breed dogs that are prone to pulling may be better controlled with a Gentle Leader® Headcollar. The proper selection and use of equipment for aggressive dogs should be addressed with a qualified canine behaviorist or trainer.

*\*Dogs tend to oppose forces applied to them by pushing or pulling against these forces. This has been termed the opposition reflex. Applying pressure to the back of the dog's neck will cause the dog to oppose the force, thus reducing the dog pulling forward.*

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Care should be taken to follow the fitting instructions closely so that a correct and comfortable fit is achieved. **The initial fitting may take a few minutes, but when done correctly will not have to be repeated.**

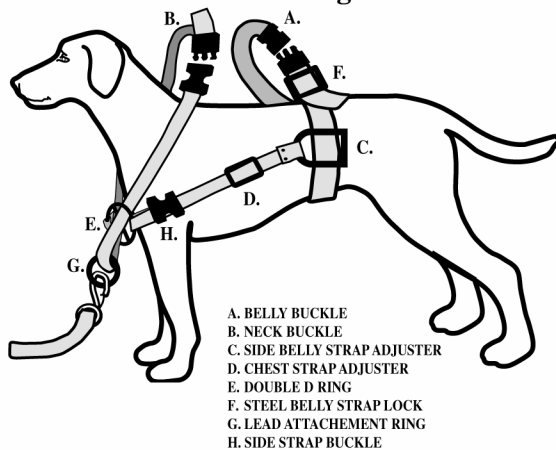
**IDENTIFYING THE PARTS:** Note that there are four buckles on the harness: one on the belly strap, one on the neck strap and one on each side strap attaching it to the Double-D Ring. The belly strap is the widest of the straps. The neck strap and the side straps are the same width, but the neck strap has an "O Ring" sewn to it for the leash attachment. Undo the belly and the neck buckles and stretch the harness on a flat surface so the neck and belly straps are parallel to each other and the side straps pulled out as shown on (Figure 1) below. This will provide you with an easy view of all parts of the harness. Detach the buckles attaching the side straps to the double D ring ("E" Figure 2) on the neck strap. The harness will now be divided into two separate parts.



(Figure 1)

1. Place the belly strap around the dog's waist, just behind the last rib. Fasten the Belly Buckle (Buckle "A" Figure 2) on top of the dog's back and tighten as snugly as you would your belt.
2. Adjust the locks ("F" Figure 2) on each of the side straps so they are approximately five centimeters from the belly buckle.
3. Place the neck strap around the dog's neck and fasten the Neck Buckle (Buckle "B" Figure 2) at the top of the dog's neck.
4. Adjust the neck strap so that the Double D-Ring ("E" Figure 2) is level with the bony protuberance of the breast bone (between the shoulders). The Neck Buckle should remain on top of the dog's neck and the Lead Attachment O-Ring ("G" Figure 2) touching the Double D Ring.

Figure 2



5. Attach the Side Strap Buckles ("D" Figure 2) and adjust the side straps so that they are without slack, equal in length and lie half way between the dog's back and belly.
6. Attach a lead to the Attachment O-Ring on the neck strap. **You are now ready to walk, jog, or run with your dog.**

REMOVING THE HARNESS:

1. Undo the Belly Buckle.
2. Pull the neck strap forward over the dog's head and allow the dog to step free of the harness.

REPLACING THE HARNESS ON THE DOG: Having previously properly fitted the harness, replacing the harness on the dog can be accomplished easily and quickly. **Only the Belly Buckle need be open.** Have the dog stand inside the side straps. Place the neck strap over the dog's head and fit the belly strap around the dog's waist and close the buckle. If either side strap has inadvertently come to lie inside the dog's front leg undo the side strap buckle and replace the strap on the outer surface of the dog's leg and snap the buckle shut.



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