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Effective Use of Electronic Pet Containment Systems Provide Superior Care and Quality of Life for Canine and Feline Family Members

As a practicing veterinarian for over 19 years and a contributing author for many articles and books related to veterinary medicine, surgery and animal quality of life I have had ample opportunity to understand first hand how important a total pet training and containment plan are for maintaining optimal health, enhancing the quality of life of pets and peace of mind for the owners.

After years of dealing with the day to day medical and behavioral problems of pets and their owners, I have come to realize just how important protecting the human-animal bond is. In this all too hectic and busy life style most people have accepted as normal appropriate pet training and containment gets short changed or left out all together. People all too often consider their pets as little hairy people. They fail to remember that without consistent and repeatable behavioral cues our pets tend to end up in trouble or worse in danger.

Lack of appropriate training and containment can lead to a host of potential dilemmas for pets and their owners. I have seen first hand that there is no pain more real for a pet or their owner than acute trauma. Pets that do not have adequate training or containment are much more likely to suffer severe or life ending injuries from vehicular injury, dog/dog, dog/cat fights or injury at the hand of humans. Untrained and secured animals are a greater risk to other animals and humans. The potential medical, surgical, and economic impact to the pet owner can be significant. The potential for stress, personal suffering and mental anguish is also potentially more significant.

In my many years as an animal care giver I have repeatedly seen the positive effects for owners and their pets that appropriate training and electronic pet containment options can have. I am convinced that Invisible Fence Brand is superior to anything else on the market. The professionalism of the Dealers, certified training protocols and superior technology give the owners great piece of mind and their pets effective and safe containment. This provides them a greater opportunity for enhanced quality of life, appropriate behavior and reduced opportunity for medical or surgical injuries from unexpected trauma due to vehicular injury or attack by other animals or humans.

In my opinion, owners that take the time and make the effort to institute appropriate behavior training and use approved and recommended electronic pet containment systems, like Invisible Fence Brand, are the type of owners that do not end up increasing the loose animal headaches many city, county and state municipalities are now facing. I also feel that humane organizations seeking to adopt and foster unwanted and homeless pets under their care, would want these types of concerned owners. I have seen time and again that these types of owners provide superior quality of care and quality of life to the pets that they make members of their families.

In my professional opinion, electronic pet containment systems, specifically Invisible Fence Brand, provide the most superior opportunity to secure a pet while allowing adequate exercise and activity for them in their normal environment. By providing consistent behavior parameters and allowing ample exercise these pets are able to maximize their physical quality of life. These systems have the ability to provide consistent computer controlled behavior reminders to pets about the territorial boundaries that they have been given. By removing the human being from reinforcement in this equation the behavioral response is consistent, repeatable and reliable. This frees the animal from any confusion related to human variability in behavioral cues. Pets on electronic containment systems with or without standard barrier containment understand more effectively behavioral parameters that they have been introduced to during training.

Those individuals that seek to identify or portray electronic pet containment systems as a danger or health hazard to pets fail to fully investigate or understand how appropriate training and professional placement of these systems maximize the animals' potential for positive behavioral outcomes with their owners.

Standard barrier fences provide less behavioral reinforcement and are themselves potentially lethal to pets. I have had to deal first hand with medical cases where pets have had their collars, chains or leashes entangled in barrier fencing. In these cases I have seen fractured limbs, vascular trauma, soft tissue injury, and most unfortunately strangulation resulting in the pets' death.

Individuals who invest their time, energy, and money to provide electronic pet containment systems and training for their pets should be applauded for being proactive in their attempt to provide protection and enhancing their pets' quality of life. I have seen first hand that given the opportunity pets seek parameters and guide lines to provide consistent and repeatable behavior responses to. Electronic pet containment systems enhance this behavior response opportunity for the pet.

I have an Invisible Fence Brand electronic pet containment system established on my farm and rely on it to provide consistent and correct behavioral triggers for my dogs to keep them safe and enjoying their lives with their humans. I also recommend Invisible Fence Brand pet brand professionally installed systems to my clients.

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