

Head Halter

First week:

Start by showing a dog the head halter. Do not put it on her currently. Give her small treats, praise, petting, or whatever she finds rewarding. Practice this light and positive exposure to the head halter for at least two or three sessions. After that time, the dog should react positively when she sees the halter.

Once the dog consistently acts positively when exposed to the head halter (e.g., tail wagging, excited): put the nose loop on her, mark with a "Yes" and reward them with treats and quickly remove the loop.

NOTE: Treating a dog through the nose loop might be necessary at first while holding the nose loop in place. Wearing the nose loop is a condition for getting treats.



Second week:

Assuming the dog remains positive, begin to attach the entire halter. Once the halter is on, mark and treat for her acceptance of it. Immediately remove the head halter and repeat the process. Jackpot rewards the dog when she offers to put her nose into the halter. Slowly increase the amount of time she wears the halter, from a short 5 seconds up to 30 seconds, 1 minute, etc.

After just a day or two, slowly get the dog used to wear the head halter by increasing the time she wears it at the rate of 1 or 2 minutes per day.



Week Three:

start attaching a leash to the halter when the dog is wearing it. Let her drag the leash around and treat her during this process. After a week of this, you should be able to easily train the dog while she's wearing the head halter.

Note: you must create a direct association between the head halter and fun, quality time. To facilitate this, you can try several things while she is wearing it, including:

- Playing fetch
- Play with her using her favorite toys
- Pay constant attention to her
- Taking her for a fun walk
- Give her special treats

Note: Never leave your dog unattended in any collar

