



MGG K9 BarkBuster

Operator's Manual

The MGG K9 BarkBuster is designed to effectively and humanely stop excessive barking in dogs. An in-built microphone in the collar-receiver identifies the tone and pattern of your dogs bark. After the first bark, the system will deliver a warning tone followed by progressively increasing tone plus harmless static-stimulation should your dog continue to bark. This innovative combination of tone and static correction is known to be highly effective in breaking the barking habit. When your dog is quiet for 30 seconds or more, the MGG K9 BarkBuster resets itself to the mildest combination correction level. In this way, your dog will quickly discover that the mild tone and static stimulation is a warning of stronger corrections to come and will soon learn to be quiet at this low level without having to experience the progressive corrections.

This model features a unique voice recognition system. A computer chip inside the collar-receiver, monitors wave patterns of sound received by the microphone and much like the human ear, is able to distinguish between the dogs bark and the stray sounds in the environment. In addition, the sensitivity of the microphone can be adjusted by you to suit the level of your dog's bark. This ensures that only your dog's bark will activate the corrections with virtual 100% accuracy.

Main Features include:

- Unique voice recognition system which identifies the bark of the dog wearing the MGG K9 BarkBuster
- 6-levels of adjustment for sensitivity of the microphone to suit your dog's bark
- Combination corrections of warning tone and harmless static-stimulation
- Re-set feature when your dog stops barking for 30 seconds or more
- Adjustable collar strap to ensure a good fit (neck circumference range 21cm–55cm)
- Can be used with most breeds of dog over 5kgs in weight

Package Contents:

- Operator's Manual
- 1 x collar-receiver
- 1 x adjustable collar-receiver strap
- 2 x metal contact probes
- 1 x 6-volt battery

About the Operator's Manual

This manual is divided into 3 sections:

- Section 1 – Setting up the MGG K9 BarkBuster
- Section 2 - Introducing your dog to the MGG K9 BarkBuster
- Section 3 – Trouble-shooting, maintenance and contact information

Please read the Operator's Manual fully before using this with your dog.

Caution:

- KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
- The MGG K9 BarkBuster is intended for use on dogs. It is not intended to harm, injure or provoke
- The collar-receiver should only be used under close supervision by the dog's owner
- We do not recommend this product to eliminate or correct aggressive behaviour in dogs. If your dog shows signs of aggressive behavior then please contact a professional dog trainer in your local area
- This product is not suitable for dogs with health problems
- DO NOT use the MGG K9 BarkBuster with any additional collars, tags, leashes or other items that may cause vibration and trigger a false correction
- Your dog may wear a harness for attaching a leash and/or tags while using the MGG K9 BarkBuster
- Before playing with your dog, remove the MGG K9 BarkBuster. The activity may cause your dog to bark, which could lead to him associating play with the static-correction
- Never leave the MGG K9 BarkBuster on your dog for more than 12 consecutive hours

Section 1

Setting up the MGG K9 BarkBuster

Please read the instructions carefully. Follow the 2 easy steps to ensure the correct and safe programming of your MGG K9 BarkBuster.

Begin by laying out all the components on a table and familiarize yourself with each of them as per the following instructions:

Step 1: Installing the battery in the collar-receiver

- (i) Install the battery by sliding the battery compartment cover, located on the back of the collar-receiver, away from the collar-receiver.
- (ii) Insert a NEW 6-volt battery into the collar-receiver following the positive (+) and negative (-) signs inside the battery compartment. Warning: Incorrect installation could cause permanent damage to some electronic parts.

Step 2: Set the sensitivity of the microphone inside the collar-receiver

- (i) Locate the two buttons on the collar-receiver between the metal probes and beneath the collar-strap. One is labeled LOW, the other HIGH. Each button has 6-levels of sensitivity.
- (ii) If your dog has a loud, noisy bark then press the LOW button and set within the 1-6 range.
- (iii) If your dog has a soft, quiet bark then press the HIGH button and set within the 1-6 range.

Once you have installed the battery and adjusted the sensitivity of the microphone to suit your dogs bark, you are ready to introduce your dog to the MGG K9 BarkBuster.

Section 2

Introducing your dog to the MGG K9 BarkBuster

Warning: We recommend that you **DO NOT** leave your dog alone for the first few occasions he/she receives a combination correction.

Follow steps 1 and 2 to ensure the safe and effective use of the MGG K9 BarkBuster with your dog.

Step 1: Fitting the MGG K9 BarkBuster

Important: The proper fit and placement of the collar-receiver is crucial for the safe and effective use of the MGG K9 BarkBuster. The metal contact probes must have direct contact with your dog's skin as follows:

- (i) Remove any other collars your dog may be wearing.
- (ii) With your dog standing in front of you, place the bark control collar high around its neck, close to the ears, so the receiver box and probes are on the underside of your dog's neck, making direct contact with the skin. You may need to trim the fur to ensure good contact.

- (iii) Fasten the collar-strap. The fit should be snug, not tight. You should be able to place one finger beneath the collar-strap around your dog's neck.
- (iv) Allow your dog to wear the collar-receiver for several minutes then check the fit of the collar strap again. As your dog becomes more familiar with the collar-receiver you should ensure the fit is comfortable.

Step 2: The first corrections

Warning: We recommend that you DO NOT leave your dog alone for the first few occasions he/she receives the combination corrections.

- (i) Ensure you have plenty of uninterrupted time to spend with your dog when it first starts wearing the MGG K9 BarkBuster.
- (ii) Remove any other collars from your dog before fitting the MGG K9 BarkBuster collar properly.
- (iii) Wait nearby until your dog barks. This may require you to set up a situation which you know will make your dog bark.
- (iv) Remember, after the first bark a warning tone will be delivered. After the second bark, the combination of warning tone plus a harmless static-stimulation will be delivered. This will come as a surprise to the dog and may even startle the dog at first. Some dogs may bark more after the initial correction. Don't forget when your dog does not bark for 30 seconds or more, the MGG K9 BarkBuster will stop delivering combination corrections and reset itself to the low-level correction. Being nearby means you can monitor your dog's individual reaction and assist as necessary.
- (v) Most dogs learn very quickly that the MGG K9 BarkBuster is interrupting their desire to bark and will relax and restrain from barking. However, on rare occasions a dog may get into a bark-correction-bark-correction situation. Should this occur, immediately reassure your dog with a calm soothing voice until it stops barking. Once the dog is quiet for 30 seconds or more, corrections will cease and your dog will understand that by becoming quiet he/she will not receive any further warning tones and static-stimulations. The small minority of dogs that have this reaction will only have it the first time they wear the MGG K9 BarkBuster.
- (vi) You should notice a reduction in your dog's barking within the first couple of days of your dog wearing the MGG K9 BarkBuster. However, it is important to remember that the learning process is not yet complete. Dogs will 'test' this new learning experience and it is often within the second week of wearing the MGG K9 BarkBuster that a dog may increase their desire to bark. If this happens, remain calm and consistent with your approach. Ensure your dog is wearing the MGG K9 BarkBuster in every situation you would expect him/her to bark. Otherwise, if your dog is not wearing the MGG K9 BarkBuster during these times or intermittently, he/she may resume barking and their understanding of corrections would be hampered.

Section 3

Troubleshooting, Maintenance and Contact Information

Table 1 is a summary of potential problems and the required action to resolve them

Problem	Action
Your dog continues to bark persistently even when wearing the MGG K9 BarkBuster	<p>Check the position of the collar-receiver and the fit of the collar strap as per instructions in section 2. The strap should be worn high and close to the ears with the collar-receiver situated on the underside of your dog's neck. The metal contact probes must make direct contact with your dog's skin. Trim back the fur in the area where the probes make contact.</p> <p>Check the battery life and install a new battery.</p> <p>Should the dog continue to bark after these checks have been resolved, then you may need to consider increasing the level of sensitivity of the microphone following the instructions in section 2.</p>
Your dog stopped barking for a few days but then starts barking again	<p>Dogs quickly understand that corrections delivered by the MGG K9 BarkBuster are associated with its barking. In most situations, a dog will become quieter within a few days of wearing the collar. However, the learning experience is not fully complete and a dog will 'test out' this new experience, often in the second week when it may resume a desire to bark.</p> <p>Ensure your dog is wearing the MGG K9 BarkBuster in every situation in which you would expect it to bark.</p> <p>Check the position of the collar receiver and the fit of the collar-strap.</p>
The skin beneath your dog's neck is red and irritated	<p>The MGG K9 BarkBuster should not be worn by your dog for longer than 12 hours at any one time and only in situations where it is likely to bark. If the skin shows signs of irritation, remove the collar-receiver and observe. If the irritation persists beyond 48 hours then contact your local veterinarian. Once the skin returns to normal then resume use with the MGG K9 BarkBuster and closely observe your dog's skin where the metal contact probes make direct contact.</p>
The life of the battery doesn't last very long	<p>The consumption of battery-life is dependent on how often your dog barks. You may find in the initial stages of training the first battery does not last as long as subsequent batteries.</p>

Maintenance

Care of the MGG K9 BarkBuster

- Regularly check the fit of the collar-receiver on your dog and make any necessary adjustments
- Ensure the metal probes are in direct contact with the skin under your dog's neck. This may require you to keep the area trimmed during periods the MGG K9 BarkBuster is worn
- Regularly check the metal contact probes are sufficiently tightened on the collar-receiver
- The collar-receiver should not be worn by your dog for more than 12 hours at any one time and only in situations where your dog is likely to bark
- Check the skin where the probes make contact for signs of any irritation. Should this occur, rest your dog from the collar-receiver and if the irritation persists beyond 48 hours you should consult the advice of your veterinarian
- The collar-receiver can withstand light rain showers but is NOT WATERPROOF and should not be submerged in water, either through swimming or rolling in puddles etc.

Battery life

- The life of the batteries varies according to how often your dog barks. In the initial stages of training, you may find that the life of the first battery does not last as long as subsequent batteries.
- Please remove all batteries if the MGG K9 BarkBuster is not being used for long periods of time

Contact information

Should you have any questions or concerns about the MGG K9 BarkBuster, please do not hesitate in contacting the team at MGG:

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