

## Studies

*"In a retrospective study on spinal pain, injury or changes in dogs conducted in Sweden, Hallgreen (1992) found that 91% of dogs with cervical anomalies experienced harsh jerks on lead or had a long history of pulling on the lead. Uses of chokers was also overrepresented in this group. This strongly suggests that such corrections are potentially injurious.*

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*"In 30 years of practice (including 22 as a veterinary advisor to a police dog section) I have seen numerous severely sprained necks, cases of fainting, transient foreleg paresis and hind leg ataxia after robust use of the choke chain.*

*When the practice of slamming the dog sideways with a jerk that brought the foreparts clear of the ground and two or three feet towards the handler, became popular in the 1970's the resulting painful condition was known as Woodhouse neck in this practice. Some of these cases exhibited misalignment of cervical vertebrae on radiographs. It is suggested that an existing spondylopathy renders these dogs more vulnerable to injury.*

*My ophthalmology colleagues have decided views on the relation between compression of the neck, intraocular pressure disturbances and damage to the cervical sympathetic nerve chain resulting in Horner's syndrom. I personally have seen a case of swollen eyes with petechial scleral haemorrhage and a number of temporarily voiceless dogs"*

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# "Let's Teach Them, Not Choke Them"



*"Leading the Way"*

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## WHY THE APDT, UK IS AGAINST THE USE OF CHOKE CHAINS



Say No to  
 Choke Chains...  
 ...We do!





# CHOKES CHAINS

- ... **Damage Dogs**
- ... **Cause Pain**
- ... **Can Cause Behaviour Problems**

**Choke Chains have been directly linked to the following medical conditions:**

- Injured ocular blood vessels
- Tracheal and oesophageal damage
- Severely sprained necks
- Cases of fainting
- Transient foreleg paralysis
- Laryngeal nerve paralysis
- Hind leg ataxia

## IF NOT A CHOKER CHAIN WHAT SHOULD I USE?

“Use a flat collar, harness or head collar”



“There are many different versions of these products”

“Make sure you choose one that suits your dog”



## TEACH YOUR DOG NOT TO PULL BY USING POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT

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