

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 over represented 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 paralysis and hind leg ataxia after robust use of the choke chain.

In the 1970's, 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, 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 syndrome. 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"



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**WHY THE UK APDT
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CHOKER CHAINS

...DAMAGE DOGS

...CAUSE PAIN

...CAN CAUSE
BEHAVIOURAL
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



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different versions
of these products



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suits your dog



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