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Training Collar Owners Group

Writing to your MPs, MSPs and Welsh Assembly Members (AMs)

1. Know the names of your elected representatives

By internet, go to www.writetothem.com, type in your post code and make a note of your Westminster MP and, if you live in Wales or Scotland, your MSPs and Welsh AMs. (In Wales you have one constituency AM and five regional AMs. In Scotland you have one constituency MSP and seven regional MSPs.) Then return to this page and follow the guidelines.

By email, send me an email to duncan.mcnair@btinternet.com with your postcode and I will send you back the name(s) of your elected representatives.

By phone, call **01342 313836** or **07941 082694** give me your post code and I will look them up for you. Or you can call your local library and they will give you the name(s).

2. Writing to your MPs/MSPs or Welsh AMs

Include all important information as in the letter outline below but please try to make it as short as possible, not more than one side if typing.

Remember, however passionate you feel about this matter of the safety of your pets if collars are banned, please remain focused and polite.

SEND YOUR LETTER TO ME BUT ADDRESS IT TO YOUR MPs/MSPs/Welsh AMs. I need to have originals of all letters to copy for our campaign records. Your letters and surveys are the most important tools for persuading elected representatives and ministry officials of the benefits of e-collars.

3. Letter outline

Your name
Address
Postcode
Date

MP's full name
House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

Dear (MP's name)

Electronic Training Aids for Companion Animals

- Start your letter by outlining your experience of caring for and/or training animals - Including number of years and whether professional - e.g. vet, dog trainer or as pet owner.
Also indicate how many and which animals you have owned and/or trained.
- Briefly describe your own experience of using electronic training aids - Including number of years, which type of products you have used. If possible, indicate how electronic training aids have improved your ability to train a particular dog(s) or improved your relationship with a pet. Also, give brief details of how both your pet's life and your own have improved as a direct result of using these products.

Perhaps you have trained dogs that posed a nuisance or a menace to other dogs, animals or people and firmly believe that, as a result of using electronic training equipment, this is no longer the case. Do you have evidence that an animal's life has been saved or the risk of accident or injury to others has been eliminated? If so, please make this clear in your letter.

- Stress to your MP how humane these training methods and products really are - For instance, if you believe that this type of equipment saves the lives of animals that may otherwise have to be put down OR if the products have provided you with peace of mind and a happier pet - let your MP know. If your pet shows enthusiasm for the collar as this means playing in the garden or a walk, then mention this too.
- Finally, ask your MP to take action on your behalf - Specifically, please urge them to write to the Animal Welfare Minister (Lord Rookery) expressing a positive opinion of electronic training collars on your behalf. Also ask them to discuss the matter with Parliamentary colleagues who have signed the Commons motion against training collars and present the other side of the argument - how training collars save lives!

Yours sincerely,

(Your signature and your name PRINTED AND READABLE if handwriting)

4. MP LETTER CHECKLIST

MP's full name included on each letter

Points from letter outline covered

Your own address included

Your name clearly printed if handwriting your letter.

Letter addressed to your MP but posted to me for logging and forwarding.

[Now click here to arrange to meet your MPs/MSPs and Welsh AMs.](#)