



POLICY

| Title of Policy | Use of e-collars |
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CONTEXT AND PURPOSE

This policy aims to ensure that all training and handling practices align with the Society's commitment to positive, humane, and ethical treatment of animals.

POLICY STATEMENT

Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society does not generally condone or approve the use of e-collars (also known as shock collars) for training or behavior modification. However, we recognize that in certain limited circumstances, the use of an e-collar may be considered as part of a structured, humane training plan when administered by qualified professionals and when all other methods have been unsuccessful or are reasonably expected to fail.

Permitted Use

E-collars may only be used under the following conditions:

1. **Certified Trainers:** The e-collar is being used by a certified professional trainer who is experienced in its appropriate, humane application.
2. **Trained Owners:** The e-collar is being used by an animal's owner who has been personally trained and supervised by a certified professional trainer in the proper and ethical use of the device.
3. **Last-Resort Circumstance:** The e-collar may be considered only when traditional, positive reinforcement-based methods have failed, or there is a reasonable expectation that they will fail, and the alternative outcome for the dog would likely be euthanasia or permanent unadoptability.

Restrictions

- E-collars must never be used for punishment, aversive conditioning, or to instill fear.
- Use must always prioritize the animal's physical and emotional well-being.
- Any use of an e-collar under this policy must be clearly documented and approved by the Board of Directors prior to implementation.
- The Society reserves the right to prohibit or discontinue use if there is any evidence or concern of misuse or distress to the animal.

Rationale

This policy ensures that the Society supports only evidence-based, humane training methods, while recognizing that in rare, extreme cases, e-collar use under expert supervision may provide a life-saving alternative for a dog whose behavioral challenges would otherwise make rehabilitation impossible.