

Dear

I ask that you please support a ban on the sale and use of electric shock collars on dogs and cats for training and control.

The most basic measure of decent behavior declares it as a mean and offensive way to treat a sentient being that has no escape. From a behavioural science perspective using intimidation and pain to force an animal into doing a shocker's bidding is not training, it is abuse. The overuse and misuse by novice frustrated shock users is a daily reality. The erroneous belief that only 'experts' should use such devices ignores the fact that no person is an expert. One cannot assess the effects of shocks on any particular dog's unique temperament, pain threshold, psychological toughness or resilience, without experimenting on that dog with varying shock intensities, levels and frequencies . At that point, the suffering and damage begin. Factor in the inconsistencies and non-existent quality standards amongst the different manufacturers and it is evident the practice of shock use can be very problematic. Current understanding of animal behavior and scientific studies conclude electrically shocking animals is detrimental to their physical and psychological well being and can result in fear and aggression biting. Those profiting from shock products continue to put out misinformation including the egregious falsehood that electric shocks do not hurt. This has been repudiated by the countless individuals on Utube, not necessarily altruistically motivated, but nonetheless painfully demonstrate otherwise.

I ask that you use the position Canadians have entrusted you with, to help stop this needless cruelty. Thank you and have a wonderful pain-free day.

Sincerely,