



BT-3

Bark Control Collar

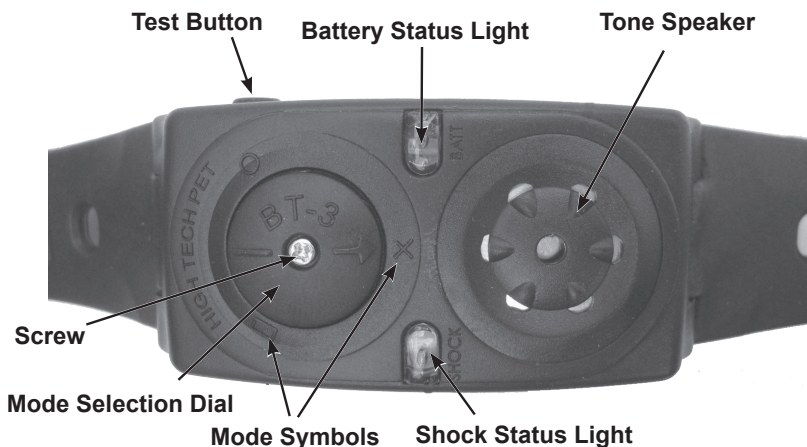


Please Read All Instructions Carefully.

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The third generation Bark Terminator – III is a completely new and advanced Bark Control System with three different modes of bark or howl detection plus the ability to select Shock or No-Shock with each mode. This allows you to tailor your own custom training program for most any dog.

NOTE: Your collar is shipped with shock correction **ENABLED!** This is the preferred way to start training your dog. However if you wish to **DISABLE** shock correction please follow step 3) in the **Quick Reference Section**.



Quick Reference

- 1) Engage the battery by squeezing into the collar until it is firmly seated and flush with the back of the collar. Consult the Installing the Battery section for more info
- 2) With the collar removed from the dog, and while not touching the two shock probes, press the system **TEST** Button and observe the status lights.



Insert Battery in Back of Collar



Press Battery Firmly Until Flush With Back



Done!

| TEST Button Indications | | ACTION |
|--------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| BATT Status Light | | |
| Solid Red | Battery is Good | |
| Blinking Red | Battery is Low | Replace Battery Soon |
| None | Battery is Dead (or System Failed ¹) | Replace Battery |
| SHOCK Status Light | | |
| Solid or Blinking Red | Shock is ENABLED and circuit is working properly | |
| None | Shock is DISABLED or circuit has failed | |

Note: Repeat this test at least once a week.

Caution! When pressing the TEST Button avoid contact with the Shock Probes!

3) ENABLE or DISABLE Shock Correction. Shock correction is easily toggled ON or OFF. Do this only with the collar removed from the dog!

- A. Press the **TEST** Button and verify the **BATT** light illuminates. Also determine if the **SHOCK** is **ON** or **OFF**. Then if you need to change it, do the following:
- B. Press and hold the **TEST** Button for 7 seconds, until the **SHOCK** light toggles from **ON** to **OFF**, or from **OFF** to **ON**.
- C Repeat this step at any time to toggle to the opposite setting.

4) Select the Desired Detection Mode. Do this by turning the dial until the arrow aligns with the correct Mode Symbol as listed below.

Note: If dial will not rotate, loosen the screw $\frac{1}{2}$ turn, then rotate the dial. When done re-tighten the screw $\frac{1}{2}$ turn. This seals the collar against rain.

| Symbol | Mode | Description |
|--------|-----------------------------|---|
| X | Normal | Generates a correction with any detected bark. It does not however respond to howling. |
| O | Anti-Intruder TM | Generates a normal correction to a normal bark. But ignores “rapid-barking” when an intruder or threatening condition is present. |
| □ | Howl-Prevention | Generates correction to any loud noise – a bark or a howl, or even a car horn. This mode requires the environment to be free of loud background sounds. See the Details Section for more specifics. |

5) Attaching the Collar to Your Dog

With the probes against the dog’s throat, adjust the collar strap so the probes are touching the skin with moderate pressure, but not be so tight as to physically harm the dog’s neck or cause choking. Consult the Details Section for more specifics.

How the BT-3 Works

Corrections

When the collar detects a bark or howl it generates an annoying “correction” which always consists of an audible tone and, if enabled, a low current shock to the dog’s throat area. The dog learns that the annoyance goes away when they stop barking or howling.

Progressive Corrections

The number and frequency of corrections progressively increases if the dog keeps barking or howling. The first correction is just a short tone to get the dogs attention, but following corrections add shock (if enabled) and multiple pulses if the dog continues to bark or howl.

Automatic Correction Reduction

As the dog’s barking slows the processor automatically reduces the frequency and intensity of the corrections. When there is no barking/howling for 30 seconds, the correction is reduced to it’s minimum.

Panic Recovery Period

If the dog happens to panic and bark or howl uncontrollably for more than 15 seconds, the processor disables all corrections for a 20 second recovery period to let the dog calm down.

Bark vs. Noise

Detection of a bark is relatively reliable in the BT-3 due to the internal digital processing. However any very loud sound that has the same amplitude envelope and duration of a normal dog bark can be misinterpreted as a bark and generate an unnecessary correction. This is confusing to the dog. Therefore when you first start using a BT3 we recommend you avoid locations where there is chance of loud sounds triggering the collar. This includes areas such as automotive repair shops, and construction zones.

The No-Bark Reward

If your dog has not barked in a long time, the first bark or loud noise will not trigger a correction. This feature prevents generation of an unnecessary correction to a random event such as something falling and creating a loud noise. This feature is implemented in the Normal and Anti-Intruder™ modes, but not the Howl-Prevention mode.

Continuous Status Indicators

During normal operation, the **BATT** and **SHOCK** lights will flash in synchronization with every tone and shock correction respectively. This may be used to visually observe the corrections if you cannot hear the tone.

Using the Collar

Recommended Bark Control Program

Step 1

Start by selecting the Normal Mode, and enable **SHOCK** Correction. (See the Quick Reference section)

With this setting the first detected bark produces only a short corrective tone to get the dog's attention. Subsequent barks produce increasingly more frequent and longer sequential tones and shocks (if enabled) so it becomes more annoying for the dog to continue barking. If however the dog continues to bark because it is frightened or confused, the intelligent processing will shutoff all corrections for 20 seconds to let the dog recover.

Step 2

When the dog is responding well to the training, you may choose to select the Anti-Intruder Mode™. This mode allows the dog to bark when it feels threatened, without receiving a correction.

Most dogs instinctively “rapid-bark” when threatened. This consists of a group of three or more joined barks in one breath. The BT-3 super intelligent Anti-Intruder™ mode ignores any rapid bark group of three or more barks, and allows your dog to respond to an intruder without receiving a correction.

If your dog develops a habit of rapid barking when there is no danger present, go back to Step 1 to break this habit.

Step 3

When your dog is completely broken from the habit of barking, you may try disabling **SHOCK** Correction. The collar will still produce correction tones when a bark is detected, and the dog by now has a strong association of the tone with a shock. So the tone should be enough to snap them out of unconscious barking. Tone-only correction is also less stressful to the dog when an external sound triggers an unnecessary correction. However if the dog ever reverts back to uncontrolled barking, re-enable **SHOCK** Correction.

Recommended Howl Control Program

Note: A dog's howl is not like a bark. It has no definitive length of time or frequency, so it is much harder to distinguish between a howl and a loud noise. It is therefore important that initially you use the Howl-Prevention Mode only in a quiet environment with no loud background noise. We also recommend you disable **SHOCK** whenever using this mode around other dogs or young children who can trigger an unnecessary correction.

Step 1

Start by selecting the Howl-Prevention Mode, and disable **SHOCK** Correction (See the Quick Reference section). With these settings the first detected howl or bark produces only a short corrective tone to get the dog's attention. Continued howling or subsequent barks produce increasingly more frequent and longer sequential tones. For some dogs the tone itself is distracting enough to reduce or even solve the problem.

Observe your dog for the first day or two to make sure a correction tone is only generated when the dog is barking or howling. If unnecessary corrections are being generated then you should not proceed to the next step. Rather identify and remove what ever is producing the loud noise that triggers a correction.

Step 2

When you confirm there are no unnecessary corrections, enable **SHOCK** Correction. Now responses to a howl or bark will consist of tone and shock, starting with very short and mild pulses and progressively increasing to more frequent and intense pulses. If however the dog continues to howl, bark or cry because it is frightened or confused, the intelligent processing will shutoff all corrections for 20 seconds to let the dog recover.

If you ever notice the collar is generating unnecessary corrections when the dog is not howling or barking, immediately remove the collar or disable **SHOCK** Correction, and go back to Step1.

Step 3

When your dog is completely broken from the habit of howling and barking, you may try disabling **SHOCK** Correction. The collar will still produce correction tones, and the dog by now has a strong association between the tone and a shock. So the tone should be enough to snap them out of unconscious howling or barking. Using the tone-only correction is also less stressful to the dog when an external sound triggers an unnecessary correction. However if the dog ever reverts back to uncontrolled howling or barking, re-enable **SHOCK** Correction and go back to step 2.

If your dog has stopped howling but frequently barks, you may want to try the Bark Control program (above) which is less sensitive to external noise.

Training Suggestions

Whenever your dog is with a pack of other dogs, disable **SHOCK** Correction. That way if another dog triggers a correction it is only an audible tone. Re-enable **SHOCK** when the dog is again alone.

Likewise whenever your dog is going into a noisy, or banging environment, disable the **SHOCK**. If you find over time that this environment does not trigger any correction tones, you may choose to leave **SHOCK** Correction enabled.

Fitting the Collar to Your Dog

- A. For the collar to properly apply the corrective shock stimulus, it is very important that the electrodes make good contact with the animal's skin. Fur between the electrodes and skin can greatly reduce the amount of stimulus transmitted to your dog. For this reason, we recommend that you shave the fur under your dog's neck where the electrodes contact the skin.
- B. Two sets of Shock Probes are included with the BT-3; a long set for thick haired dogs, and a short set for short haired animals. The probes screw on to threaded studs in the bottom of the collar. Use pliers if necessary to loosen or tighten the probes. Periodically check to make sure the probes are still tight.
- C. Place the collar around your dog's neck with the housing at the bottom.
- D. Fit the strap snugly but not so tight as to restrict breathing or cause harm to the neck.
- E. Make sure both electrodes are in good contact with your dog's skin. Use of a little skin lotion on your dog's neck will improve contact. If necessary change to the longer Shock Probes.
- F. Once you have determined the proper fit, mark the strap and cut off the excess length.

Installing / Replacing the Battery Pack

The replaceable battery pack installs at the bottom of the unit, between the Shock Probes. Note that there is a small tongue on the battery pack that lines up with a groove in the collar casing. This is to ensure that the battery pack is installed correctly. Line up the tongue with the groove and push firmly. You will hear two clicks as the battery pack snaps into place. To remove the battery pack, squeeze together the two finger tabs on each side of the battery pack and pull it out of the casing.



Replacement **B-3V8** battery packs are available at www.hightechpet.com. This popular battery is also used with other High Tech Pet products.

Battery Life

The custom 8-cell battery pack will last two about months when few corrections are generated, and about two weeks during the initial training when a lot of corrections are generated.

Battery life is extended if you disengage the battery when it is not being used. To do this squeeze together the two finger tabs on each side of the battery pack and pull it out of the casing about 3/16 inch. Friction will retain the battery in the disengaged position as shown here.



Engaged (tab is in)



Disengaged (tab is out)

When the battery is disengaged, pressing the **TEST** button will produce no tone or status lights.

PART 5 – IMPORTANT CAUTION NOTICES

Dogs are Unpredictable: Because individual dogs have unique temperaments, there is no way of knowing how your dog will react to its introduction to the training program. For your safety and your dog's, initial training must take place using a training lead so that you keep complete control over the situation. Also realize that an aggressive animal could turn against the handler upon receiving the shock stimulus. Therefore, if you feel your dog has an aggressive behavior or has ever exhibited evidence of such behavior, we strongly suggest that you consult a certified animal behaviorist before using this product as a training aid.

Skin Conditions: A small percentage of dogs may experience a skin condition called pressure necrosis, also known as contact dermatitis, caused by the pressure of the two probes against the same place on the dog's neck for an extended period of time. This condition causes an infection, creating irritation and sores. We recommend you check your dog's neck often to ensure that no such condition is evident. If your dog has a history of sensitive skin, eczema, skin allergies or rashes we recommend that you do not use an electronic collar. If you do observe a skin irritation, take your dog to a veterinarian who may prescribe a local ointment to clear up the condition. Bear in mind that it is not possible for the shock stimulus emitted by the collar to directly damage your pet's skin. The electrical current output is simply too low to cause burning, or any other type of cellular, skin or organ damage. The stimulus excites nerve receptors only.

Neurological Conditions: In extremely rare cases, animals may have neurological disorders such as epilepsy. You should be certain that your dog does not suffer from such a disease before using any type of sonic, or shock stimulus training collar. Also, make sure that your dog does not suffer from heart disease or any other chronic condition and be assured that your pet is in generally good health before using this product.

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