

Love Puppy

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THINK and then RE-THINK!



You love your dog, and do everything absolutely right for him, your main goal, beside the hugging and loving stuff, is to keep him safe and healthy. One of the things you do right is to keep a collar with identification information on your dog at all times in the event he gets lost. It turns out that might not be such a good idea. And it is never fun to talk about tragic accidents, but sometimes it is important to think, and re-think, an important subject. Collars can be an accident waiting to happen. The stark truth is dogs die by strangulation every day due to their collar getting stuck in unpredictable positions. Collars can get hung up on anything: carpet, knobs, furniture and any other freak accidental situation you can't even imagine. And let's not forget about the tag you carefully designed with your contact information so a good Samaritan can tell you they found your dog. Common sense tells you this a very good idea, but they can tragically get caught on not even thought of objects. And there is the infamous rabies tag that is actually required by law. This might be one law you might want to break. Just think about it, then decide.



Bella is home being dearly loved by her family in South Carolina who are waiting for a new baby to come home.

Dog Collar Danger is Real!

It is best to not leave a collar on your dog while you are not home. Collars should only be worn with supervision. Collar strangulations injure and kill an estimated 26,000 dogs a year. Microchip!!!

A Story About the Room

This pet mom was a firm believer in dogs wearing a collar with ID until her dog's collar got caught between the wires of his crate. Now, understand, the dog was not in the crate he was lying beside it. When it happened, he freaked out! Thank goodness they were home to hear his panicked screams and frantic sounds from pulling against his crate; he was chocking himself. It took two people to free him from his collar; the mom and her husband had to cut the collar off of him. From that day forward, he never walked into that room again ~ ever.

Everyone is taught that angels have wings. The lucky ones of us find that they have four paws.



In Honor of Ryder, We Share This Story

There were once two Labrador retrievers, Ryder and Skyrah, who were very adored members of their family, then the day came when there was tragically only one. Their mom had been out and when she entered the house she instinctively knew something was wrong, very wrong, with her dogs. Seeing them, she screamed, ran to her dogs and unbuckled their collars. She shook Ryder and repeatedly said, "Wake up, Ryder, wake up." But it was too late. The mom took Skyrah outside, held her, and kept telling her, "It's not your fault," while simultaneously continuing to scream in anguish, realizing she was experiencing every pet parent's worst nightmare. Ryder and Skyrah were siblings who enjoyed being each other's best friend. They were most likely enjoying play time, as dogs often do, and had gotten their collars twisted and caught together. They panicked and Ryder suffered collar strangulation. Ryder went over the *Rainbow Bridge* leaving us with a very important message ~ what is the best way to use a collar and protect your dog at the same time?