



Free Korean Dogs

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Safety Equipment Protocol

All adopted or fostered Free Korean Dogs **MUST** be supported with the following safety equipment/protocol:

For dogs under 6 kg (13 lbs)	For dogs, 6kg~12kg (13-26 lbs)	For dogs over 12kg (26 lbs)	Rationale & Additional Info:
1. FKD recommended harness	1. Ruffwear Webmaster harness	1. Ruffwear Webmaster harness	Dogs cannot back out of this specific harness & collar
2. Martingale collar + collar to harness safety clip	2. Martingale collar + collar to harness safety clip	2. Martingale collar	
	3. A Tractive GPS dog tracker		
4. A “hands-free” waist belt (We recommend the Smoochy Poochy hands-free waist belt)	3. TWO Leashes: > 1st one : hands-free waist belt attached to your waist. > 2nd one : regular, hand- held leash		> TWO leashes to avoid accidentally dropping the hand-held leash. > DO NOT buy retractable or bungee leash, or leash with a push in carabiner type clip.
5. Dog’s name tag with adopter’s phone number & dog’s name			

6. For the first TWELVE (12) months (minimum):

- Use the proper equipment required for your dog’s size (outlined above). This system should always be in place while going outdoors for walks or potty breaks in unsecured areas.
- ID tags must be worn at all times, 24/7.
- Ruffwear Webmaster Harnesses can be purchased from [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) or [SeeSawyerRun](https://www.see-sawyer-run.com)

Ruffwear Webmaster Harness Sizing:

- XS - for dogs from 6~10 kg (43-56 cm girth)
- S - for dogs from 11~24 kg (56-69 cm girth)
- M - for dogs over 25 kg (69-81 cm girth)

7. A Tractive GPS Dog Tracker is required. (Available at www.amazon.ca or www.tractive.com).

- A pre-paid **1 year subscription** for the Tractive GPS Dog Tracker is required (do not purchase a monthly subscription).

8. IMMEDIATELY register the microchip with www.24petwatch.com

- **Please send us a copy of your microchip registration.**
- Please ensure you register your dog with your city and purchase a pet license (check your city website. Registration is required by law).

You must send us proof of your purchase for all required safety equipment items.



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For dogs over 12kg (26lbs)

We strongly recommend this system for dogs of any size who are skittish outdoors.



Martingale collar



Webmaster harness

www.amazon.ca



Now, you are good to go out!

1. Name tag with your phone #
2. GPS tracker
3. Martingale collar
4. Webmaster harness
5. 1 hands free waist belt +
1 regular leash



Collar to harness safety clip



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DO NOT BUY

1. Leash with push in carabiner clip
2. Retractable leash
3. Leash with elastic



A backyard latch is NOT safe.
Please use a lock!

Install a baby gate & use a dog seatbelt



Always use a 2 leash system for entering/leaving the car. Ensure one leash is always secured to you or the car **BEFORE** releasing the second leash.



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1. You must comply with all safety equipment/protocol listed above. **NO WALKS or NO Excursions** of any kind during the first 24 hours.
2. From day 3 ~ week 4, take him/her for short distance walks only. Use the same route each time to enable your dog to start learning where his/her home is. Use positive reinforcement each time you reach home (e.g. praise and treats). Again, all safety equipment/protocols must be in place.
3. If your dog is comfortable and is growing in confidence, from week 4 you can **gradually** build up to longer walks. If your dog is lacking confidence at week 4 - **DO NOT** push him/her too fast. Continue with short walks using the same route until his/her confidence increases. Small steps that build trust and confidence at the dog's pace are far more effective vs pushing your dog too quickly.
4. Unless you need to go to the vet, **DO NOT** take your dog on any car trips or excursions until he/she is adjusted to living with you. The adjustment period differs with each dog, but we recommend at least 3 months.
5. **DO NOT** use a long leash or begin recall training until your dog has bonded with you fully. **NO** recall training in an open field.
6. **DO NOT** let your children under 15 year old walk your dog.
7. **DO NOT** let your friends, siblings or parents walk your dog for the first 6 months.
8. For anyone walking your dog, she/he **MUST** follow this Safety Equipment Protocol. Use 2 leashes for the first 12 months at least.
9. **DO NOT** play tug-o-war or wrestle with the dog for the first 3 months minimum; this may induce aggression.
10. **DO NOT** stick your face in the dog's face until knowing the dog is settled in and you can trust the dog.
11. We recommend establishing a clear boundary with the newly rescued dog(s). For example, avoid letting the dog sleep on your bed or furniture. It may lead to dominance/aggression/resource guarding behaviors. Consider:
 - o waiting until the dog is settled in (minimum 3 months after arrival); and/or,
 - o adopter having a good comfort level with the dog's personality & energy level etc.

Further, the adopter agrees to take all necessary precautions to ensure that the dog does not escape. This may include, but not limited to:

1. Fitting baby gates to all external doors; and/or
2. Informing family, friends and visitors that the dog **must not** be let outside; and/or
3. Using locks at gates in the garden (latches are not safe).

All Free Korean Dogs are at risk of bolting and Free Korean Dogs is not liable or responsible if a dog escapes.

While these safety precautions may seem extreme, we have sadly experienced far too many cases where dogs have bolted from what appeared to be adequate safety equipment, or have escaped/injured when their owners have pushed them too quickly. **We do not want this to happen to your dog**, we require you to follow the steps to keep him/her safe.