



# Free Korean Dogs

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## SAFETY EQUIPMENT PROTOCOL:

The safety equipment protocol is a mandatory requirement for all Free Korean Dogs adopters (and fosters) for a minimum of the first 12 months of adoption.

### SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS (ACCORDING TO DOG'S SIZE)

|                                | Standard Collar | Martingale Collar | ID Tag | Webmaster Harness | Hands-Free Leash | Standard Leash | GPS Tracker | Harness Safety Strap |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 5kg/12lb & Under               | ✓               | ✗                 | ✓      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✗              | Optional    | ✗                    |
| Between 6kg - 11kg (13lb-24lb) | ✓               | ✓                 | ✓      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✗              | ✓           | ✓                    |
| 12kg/25lb & Over               | ✓               | ✓                 | ✓      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓              | ✓           | ✗                    |

#### Regular Flat Collar

should have an ID tag attached and worn at all times.



**Martingale Collar** makes it more difficult for a dog to slip/back out of. It should be used only during walks.



**Hands-Free Leash** prevents you from accidentally dropping a handheld leash by keeping it attached to your waist at all times.



**Standard Leash** for dogs 12kg/25lb & over with a 2-leash system. One leash attached to harness, the other to the martingale.



**Ruffwear Webmaster Harness** for ALL dogs. It is most secure compared to other designs, which makes it difficult for the dog to slip or back out of.



**GPS Tracker (with 1 year subscription)** allows you to track the exact whereabouts of your dog (in real time) should they become lost.



**ID/Name Tag** should have the dog's name as well as 1 or 2 phone numbers and be attached to the collar.



Consider a collar with an integrated tag. Some dogs find dangling tags annoying and may try to chew them.



**Harness Safety Strap** provides a back-up if the harness or leash clip breaks/detaches.



If the harness or leash clip becomes detached, the dog will still be securely connected to the collar thanks to the safety strap! *\*See below photo for example*

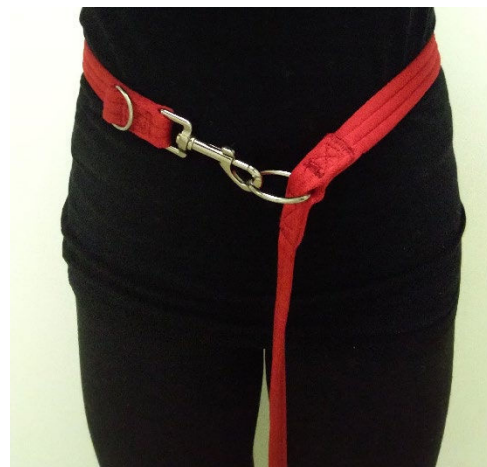
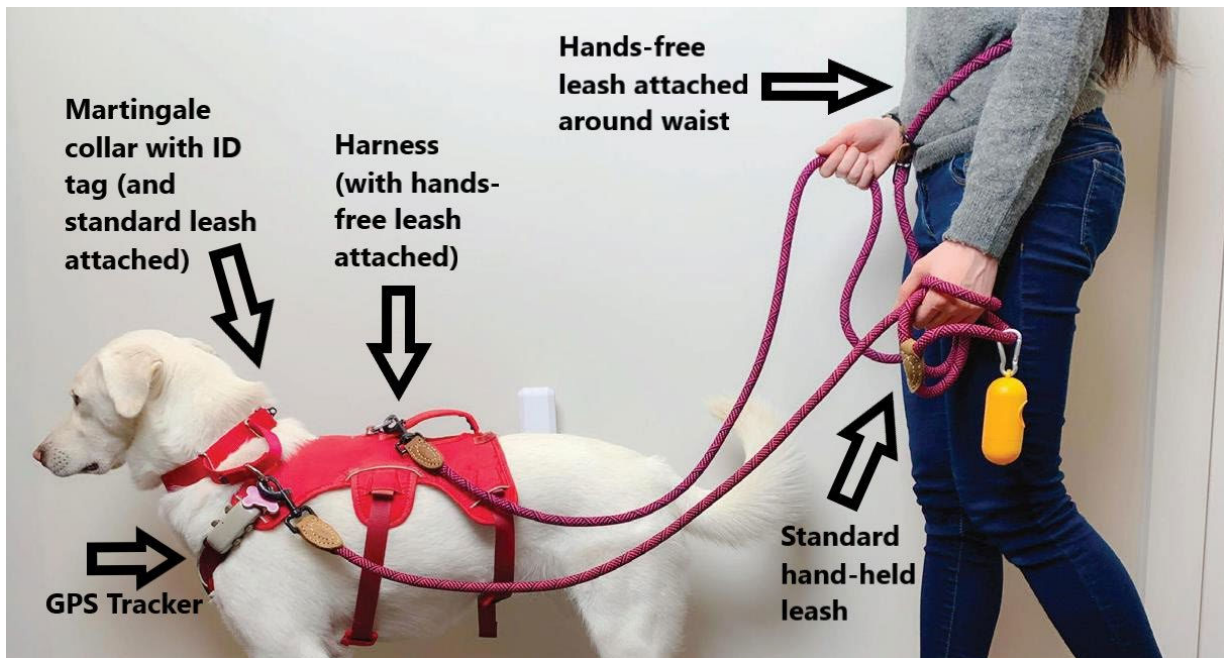
## HOW TO CONNECT A HARNESS SAFETY STRAP (FOR DOGS 6-11kg/13-24lb)



You can also make your own. Be creative!



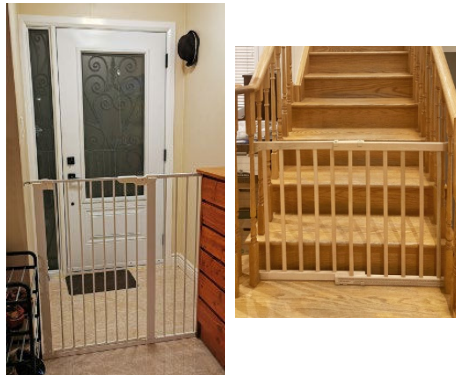
## THE 2 LEASH SYSTEM (REQUIRED FOR ALL DOGS 12kg/25lb & OVER)



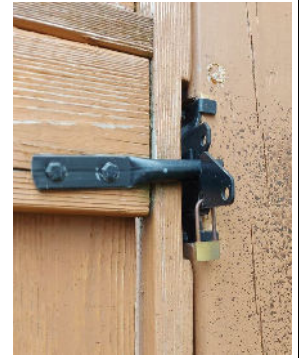


## OTHER SUPPORTIVE SAFETY ITEMS

Install a **baby gate (pet gate/playpen)** at all entry/escape points (ie: front door, back door, side entrances, stairs) of the home to prevent your dog from bolting into the street and getting lost or injured. We recommend a “walk thru” or “step in” style gate.



Use a **lock to secure the backyard gate**. A latch alone is NOT safe. Latches can come loose and allow the dog to push through the gate. Doors may blow open when windy.



Purchase a **car seat belt for your dog** for car transportation.

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

Use a harness and secure the seat belt to the harness's clip. NEVER attach the seat belt to the dog's collar.

## DO NOT PURCHASE THESE ITEMS



### Retractable Leashes

These leashes provide less control, and the thin rope can snap and break, or cut the skin.

### Bungee Leash

The elastic section is often sewed on separately, which makes it prone to breaking apart.

### Leash with a carabiner clip/lobster clasp clip

When a dog pulls on this style clip, it creates a gap at the closing point and makes the clip unsecure.

### Martingale collar with a metal chain

These chains are heavy on the dog's neck, and can get caught on their fur, causing pain and discomfort.

## WHERE TO PURCHASE SAFETY EQUIPMENT

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Tractive GPS</b>                   | All FKD adopters are eligible to receive a <b>FREE Tractive GPS</b> when purchasing a <b>1 year subscription</b> . Promo code to claim will be provided once adoption is finalized.  |
| <b>Ruffwear Harness</b>               | Ruffwear Webmaster harnesses are available at <a href="#">See Sawyer</a> (ON) and <a href="#">Discover Dogs</a> (BC). <b>FKD adopters receive 10% off their order</b> . Promo code will be provided once adoption is finalized.            |
| <b>Collar to Harness Safety Strap</b> | Available from various merchants on <a href="http://www.etsy.com">www.etsy.com</a> . We recommend <a href="#">this one</a> , or search for others using “dog safety strap” or “collar to harness safety clip”. You can also make your own. |
| <b>Hands-Free Leash</b>               | We recommend the <a href="#">RC Pet Active Leash</a> or <a href="#">Smoochy Poochy Handsfree Leash</a> .   |

**\*\*If you are unable to source these items, please connect with FKD to explore local options we may know of. Please also see our [FKD Amazon Store](#) for a list of safety equipment and other general products that are used, loved, and recommended by the FKD community. 100% of all commission earned is reinvested towards helping us support the needs of dogs in our care.**

**ALL Free Korean Dogs adopters are required to comply with the safety equipment/protocols outlined in this document for a MINIMUM of the first TWELVE (12) months of adoption**

- Adopters must register their dog's microchip at [www.24petwatch.com](http://www.24petwatch.com) (*registration is FREE*) and register their dog with their local municipality.
- Remember to inspect all safety equipment on a regular basis to ensure everything is in working order and free of any faultiness, wear and tear, etc.

**For the First 24-48 Hours of Arrival**

- DO NOT take the dog outside for any walks or excursions. Only potty breaks are permitted.
- DO NOT take the dog outside if they express any fear. Use pee pads instead.

**For the First 2-4 Weeks**

- Take only short walks around the neighborhood. Take the same route every time to allow your dog to become comfortable and familiar with their new neighborhood.
- When approaching the front door, say "go home" and reward them. Positive reinforcement helps them associate home with positive experiences.
- Gradually build up to longer walks until your dog grows in confidence and has bonded with you.
- If your dog is nervous outside, or afraid of putting on their leash/harness, DO NOT force the situation. Instead, acknowledge their fears and advocate for their comfort and safety. Forcing them will worsen the situation.

**DO NOT - For the First 2-4 Weeks**

- DO NOT force your dog into the harness or force them outside if they are showing signs of fear.
- DO NOT take your dog on any car or public transportation excursions unless you need to go to the vet. Car, trains, and subway rides can be stressful for dogs who are still adjusting.
- DO NOT host guests in your home, or take your dog to visit family and friends in their homes.
- DO NOT take your dog to visit dog parks (including fenced in dog parks) or doggy day care.

**For the First 6 Months**

- Establish clear rules and boundaries with your dog to establish a leadership role and discourage the development of dominant, aggressive, or resource guarding behaviors. For example, do not allow your dog free access to the sofa or bed unless invited. Dogs who do not know the rules will make up their own.

**DO NOT – For the First 6 Months**

- DO NOT stick your face in your dog's face until you know they have settled and you are aware of their triggers.
- DO NOT play tug of war with your dog if they display any signs of possessiveness. This may induce resource guarding related aggression.

**For the First 12 Months**

- Take all necessary precautions to ensure your dog does not escape. This includes complying with all recommendations/requirements discussed during the home visit.
- DO NOT use a long leash or attempt recall training in an open field.
- DO NOT allow anyone under the age of 16 to walk your dog, even under supervision.

\*\* While these safety precautions may seem extreme, they have been developed from our experiences in far too many cases where dogs have escaped from what appeared to be adequate safety equipment/protocols, or have escaped/become injured from owners who did not advocate for them and pushed them too quickly. We do not want this to happen to your dog and want to be proactive in keeping him/her safe.

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