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# 3 in 1 Harness



## Fitting & Use Guide

# Important Safety Information

## Explanation of Attention Words and Symbol in this Guide.

**CAUTION** CAUTION, without the safety alert symbol, is used to address practices not related to personal injury

**CAUTION** **Risk of Serious Injury:** if you're securing a dog in a vehicle, only use this product in the rear passenger seat. This harness has not been crash tested. No dog restraint can guarantee protection from injury or death, but proper use helps reduce the risk. Before using this product, read and follow all of the instructions and warnings.

Do not leave your dog unattended in the car, especially in warmer weather.

Not for tie-out use.



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## PetSafe® 3in1 Harness

The PetSafe® 3in1 Harness is the perfect all-inclusive harness, designed for maximum comfort, adjustability and safety. The 3in1 Harness is a versatile harness that is great for everyday use. The harness can be used as a standard harness and can easily transition to a no-pull solution. It also features a seat belt handle to limit your dog's movement in the car, creating a safer driving environment for the driver, passengers and pet.

Features of the harness include neoprene padded straps for added comfort and reflective nylon for added visibility. Five-way adjustability provides the ultimate fit. Quick-release buckles on the shoulder strap and girth straps make it easy to get on and off your dog.

### Back Leash Attachment

To use as a standard harness, attach your favorite leash to the D-ring on the back of the harness. If your dog typically pulls on the leash, he will likely continue to do so because of the "opposition reflex". Opposition reflex is the reflex that causes sled dogs to pull against pressure.



### No-Pull Leash Attachment

To transition to the no-pull function, attach a nylon or leather 4-6 ft. leash to the D-ring on the center chest strap of the harness. We don't recommend using a retractable leash with the no-pull function, as the constant tension could encourage the dog to pull.



Although the harness may have an immediate impact on your dog's pulling habits, and it may be more manageable to walk him, he may still pull some while wearing it. The harness is designed to redirect your dog from pulling and help achieve a loose leash walk. The front leash attachment reduces pulling by steering your dog to the side and redirects his attention towards you. In addition, the martingale loop provides extra leverage for easy, relaxed control.

To achieve the best results, hold the leash so your dog has enough leash to walk by your side but not enough to forge ahead.

As soon as you feel tension on the leash, redirect your dog's attention to you; you may need to slow down or stop. Once he is back in the desired heeling position, we suggest rewarding your dog with a treat before you start walking again. You may find yourself redirecting your dog quite a bit in the beginning, but with some patience, consistency and rewards (like a favorite treat or toy), he will quickly learn the correct way to walk with you.

Reward your dog often when he is walking politely beside you. Keep treats in a pouch or your pocket for quick access.

Examples of rewards include:

- Small pieces of a favorite tasty treat.
  - Praise! In a calm and pleasant voice, praise for good leash manners; never yell or scold as this may frighten your dog, hindering the learning process.
  - Releasing tension on the leash the instant your dog is walking politely next to you.
- No-pull leash tips:
- No tension and a loose leash = "YES!" and the walk continues. This is the moment to reward your dog with a treat or praise.
  - Tension or a tight leash = "No," and you should gently redirect the dog back into position beside you.
  - Never jerk or yank the leash.

### Use in a Car

When your dog is restrained, he should be able to sit or stand comfortably but will not have full access to roam the car. When restrained in the car, the PetSafe® 3in1 Harness will prevent your dog from interfering with your driving, creating a safer experience. For the ultimate safety of you and your dog, do not restrain your dog in the front passenger seat.

The PetSafe 3in1 Harness has multiple car restraint options designed to allow for the maximum comfort of your dog. Try each to find the best solution for your dog before going for your first car ride.

**Option 1:** Slide the seat belt through the gray seat belt handle, located on the back of the harness, and attach as usual.



**Option 2:** Use the adjustable car control strap included with the harness. Slide the seatbelt through the handle of the car control strap, and buckle the seat belt as usual.



### Car Control Strap Attachment Option 2A:

Attach the car control strap to the D-ring on the back of the harness.



### Car Control Strap Attachment Option 2B:

Attach the car control strap to the O-ring located on the belly of the dog.



### Acclimating Your Dog to the Car Restraint

It may take some time for your dog to get used to being restrained in the car. You can help him acclimate with the use of these tips.

Place the harness on your dog, and let him wear it during normal daily use. Allow your dog to engage in his favorite

activities - including playtime and mealtime - so that he associates a pleasant experience with the harness.

When he is comfortable wearing the harness during his daily activities, you can begin introducing him to wearing the harness in the car. Start with short, 5-10 minute training sessions in a parked car. Ask him to hop in and out of the car a few times, and give your dog treats when he is in the car. Your dog should be able to hop in and out as often as he likes and not feel like he is trapped. You can make your dog more comfortable by bringing in a familiar towel or blanket to sit on.

As he becomes comfortable in the car for longer periods of time, start introducing the seat belt attachment. Attach the seat belt by sliding it through the seat belt handle, and provide lots of treats and praise so he enjoys the experience. Give your dog time to acclimate to the sensation of being buckled in before you begin driving. It is best to do this in several short sessions. If the seat belt restraint makes your dog uncomfortable or restricts his movement too much, use the car control strap.

Take shorter drives at first so your dog can become familiar with traveling while restrained in the car. As he becomes more comfortable, you can take longer trips.

### Running or Jogging With the PetSafe 3in1 Harness

The 3in1 harness is a great harness for everyday use, including running or jogging. We suggest using only the back leash attachment when running. A leash attached to the center chest strap when running could accidentally trip your dog.

Be sure to fit the harness according to the fitting instructions. If your dog begins to chafe, stop using the harness, and consult your veterinarian.

### Unwanted Behaviors on Walks

If your dog is exhibiting other behavior problems on walks, such as excessive barking, lunging, aggression or fearful behaviors, we encourage you to consult with a local trainer, veterinarian or behavior specialist.

### Warranty

Check the harness regularly, especially on growing dogs. Over time and multiple uses the harness may stretch or adjust. Examine the harness for signs of chewing, fraying or damage. Do not leave your dog unattended while wearing the harness. When not in use, safely store the harness. If your dog chews the 3in1 Harness, we will gladly replace it for a small fee. Call (800) 732-2677 for details.

# 3in1 Harness Fitting Step-by-step

**Important:** Throughout the fitting process and during initial use of 3in1 Harness, motivate and encourage your dog with praise and treats. If your dog is especially active, have someone help you by feeding treats while you fit and adjust. Remove the harness to make fitting adjustments. Fit your dog in a quiet, indoor space to

ensure a stress-free and safe environment. Start with all straps fully extended. To achieve a proper fit, your dog should be standing. Dogs may “tense up” during fitting, so check the fit again after the dog has walked in the harness for a few minutes. Readjust as needed.



## 1 Open the Girth and Shoulder Straps



Open all 3 quick-release buckles, and then fit the shoulder strap around your dog's shoulders. The gray seat belt handle should lie flat in between the dog's shoulder blades.

## 2 Adjust the Shoulder Straps



Press your fingers on the lower front of the dog's chest to locate the breast bone.



Adjust the shoulder straps so that the front O-ring is on or above the breast bone. This portion of the fitting is key—proper placement of the O-ring is essential for your dog's comfort, as well as the effectiveness of the no-pull function.

Front O-ring

## 3 Adjust the Girth Straps



Bring the center strap between the dog's front legs, and adjust the girth straps for a comfortable snug fit.

## 4 Adjust the Center Chest Strap



Adjust the center chest strap to a comfortable length. When fit properly, the center strap should be snug and should not hang down off the dog's chest.

## 5 Check for Proper Fit



When fit properly, two fingers should barely fit between the fur and nylon strap. This prevents movement and chafing.

