

# Did You Know Collars Can Kill?

Collars, as a rule, are a good thing. They hold the tags that let people know dogs belong somewhere and have families. But collars that get caught—on fences or in another dog's mouth—can be collars that kill.

Thousands of dogs die or are injured every year from collar accidents.

Common hazards include:



Play biting



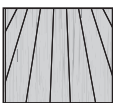
Heating and cooling vents



Fences



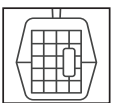
Shrubs and branches



Deck slats



Furniture and cabinet hardware



Crates and kennels

**Protect your dog. Educate yourself on collar safety.**

## Consider these safety tips:

- Remove collars when crating or boarding. Check daycare and kennel facility policies.
- Choose collars wisely. Not all collars fit all situations. Consider quick-release or breakaway collars, or opt for a harness. Avoid chain “training” collars.
- Look for opportunities to live and “play naked” (without collars). Remove collars when dogs are home alone, especially if you have more than one. Play biting is the top-reported collar accident.
- Supervise your dogs so you can help if they get into trouble. Keep an emergency kit handy with tested tools to cut off any collar. Kit should include a bolt cutter and industrial-strength scissors.
- Microchip your dogs. Collar or no collar, this will increase your chances of being reunited if they are lost or stolen.

**Strangulation accidents happen.**

**Keep your dogs safe.**

**Being aware of the dangers is the first step to prevention.**



**Be aware. Be prepared. Be inspired.**

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