

## Dog-Safe Hands-Free Leash Instructions

Adjust the belt to fit low and snuggly on your hips - this will provide the best stability with dogs that pull hard or unexpectedly. The belt can be worn with the snaphooks on the left or on the right, depending on your personal preference – just turn the belt "upside down" to put the snaphooks on the opposite side. If your dog walks on your left then wear the belt with the snaphooks on the left; if your dog walks on your right then wear the belt with the snaphooks on the right.

The leash has four rings located along its length, a handle at one end, and a snaphook at the other end for attachment to your dog's collar or harness. Attach the ring that is looped through the handle to one of the snaphooks on the belt (you can use either snaphook). This "safety" ring should remain attached to the belt at all times to prevent your dog from pulling the leash out of your hands and getting away. Use the other rings to adjust the length of the belt as explained below.

With just the safety ring attached, the leash is six feet long. The leash can be quickly shortened to 4, 3, or 2 feet by attaching one or more of the other rings to the second snaphook on the belt. When shortening the leash, do not skip any rings. For example, to shorten the leash from 6 feet to 2 feet, attach the 4-foot ring first, attach the 3-foot ring second, and attach the 2-foot ring last. To lengthen the belt, reverse this sequence.

For initial leash training, keep the leash short. As your dog's leash-walking skills improve, you may increase the length. For "potty" breaks, use the 6-foot setting.

## **SAFETY TIPS:**

- Make sure the belt's quick-release buckle is securely fastened before attaching your dog to the belt.
- To decrease the chance of accidental unhooking of the safety ring from the belt, do NOT attach the other rings to the snaphook that is holding the safety ring.
- When you shorten the leash do NOT skip any rings. This will keep the looped lengths of unused leash as short as possible, and will decrease the chance of getting your knee caught in one of these loops and causing a fall.
- To decrease the chance of accidental falls when walking up or down stairs, walking on icy surfaces, or walking in other areas with hazardous footing, disconnect the leash from the belt and hold the handle in your hand.
- In an emergency situation that requires disconnecting yourself from your dog as quickly as possible, just remove the belt by squeezing the button on its quick-release buckle.

## **Product Liability Disclaimer:**

No warranty of any kind, expressed or implied, is made regarding the safety of the Dog-Safe Hands-Free Leash. The buyer assumes all risk and liability resulting from the use of this product.

## **General Warranty:**

Blue Dog Training & Behavior LLC will repair or replace any Dog-Safe Hands-Free Leash that has failed due to defects in materials or workmanship within one year from date of purchase. Failures resulting from natural wear and tear or chew-through by exuberant canines are not covered by this warranty (replacement leashes and belts are available for purchase).

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