



**Ultrasonic Pet Trainer**  
-400-174/B

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Ultrasonic Pet Trainer is a small hand-held ultrasonic and audible training device. It is designed to assist you with obedience training and the behavior modification of your dog or cat by taking advantage of the sensitive hearing of your pet in the ultrasonic frequency range.

This small battery operated unit is simple to operate, utilizing a "correction" button and a "positive sound" button. The correction button activates the ultrasonic sound, which is more startling to your pet than yelling or a firm voice command. The positive sound button activates an audible "good dog" sound, which will help your pet understand that it is behaving in a manner that is acceptable to you.

This training device will not disturb your neighbors or other nearby humans.

## OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

You will achieve the best results if you use the Ultrasonic Pet Trainer for training within a range of up to 10m. It is not necessary to point the device at your pet, but for optimal results it is recommended.

- To activate the correction sound, push and hold the button labeled "N".
- To activate the positive sound, push and hold the button labeled "P".
- The Ultrasonic Pet Trainer is designed for long life and reliable operation. Proper maintenance will also help prolong its life and durability. The unit is powered by one 9-volt battery.

Note: Use only 9 volt battery. Do Not use a carbon-zinc or rechargeable nicad battery.

The battery is easily accessible by removing the panel on the back of the trainer. Under typical training conditions, this battery should last up to one year. Due to varying shelf life of batteries, it is recommended that the battery be replaced on an annual basis to help maintain optimal operation. The unit should be stored in a dry place at room temperature.

## CAUTION STATEMENTS

**NEVER PLACE THE TRAINER DIRECTLY NEXT TO ANY PET'S EAR OR YOUR EAR.** The high intensity ultrasonic sound could be harmful to an animal's ear or a human's ear, in the same manner as any loud audible sound would be if held directly against your ear.

Caution: Do not drop unit. Dropping unit may result in damage to transmitter.

**NEVER PUSH THE CORRECTION BUTTON FOR MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE SECONDS.**

The Ultrasonic Pet Trainer is designed to assist in the training of dogs and cats only. **IT IS NOT INTENDED AS A DEFENSIVE OR PROTECTIVE DEVICE AGAINST ANY VICIOUS OR AGGRESSIVE ANIMAL.**

## TRAINING TIPS

Before you begin to train your dog or cat with the Ultrasonic Pet Trainer, please read the following training tips, as described by animal behaviorist Dr. Robert M. Andrysko.

### Create the "dummy equipment" effect.

Before using the Ultrasonic Pet Trainer in any actual training or behavior modification exercise, you need to create the dummy equipment effect, that is, you need to eliminate it as a factor in learning. Another way to describe this effect is as follows. Your goal should be to eliminate, completely, the misbehavior exhibited by your pet. You do not want to achieve a temporary stoppage of the misbehavior. If you do not create the dummy equipment effect, you run the risk of your pet misbehaving until it sees you grab for the trainer. (You may have observed a similar situation when you attempt to grab your dog's collar or attempt to grab the water sprayer to spray your cat).

Thus, your goal is to teach your pet that the "correction" (i.e., the startling ultrasonic sound) comes from an unknown source, and not from you, something you do, or the training device. If you achieve this goal, your pet will learn to avoid the

correction by avoiding the behavior(s) that cause the correction.

To create this dummy equipment effect spend the first three days, at least 30 to 45 minutes per day, holding the trainer, pointing it at your pet, allowing your pet to smell it and see it, etc. In other words, let your pet see you and the trainer together, without any sounds coming from the trainer. It is advisable to remove the battery during this period so you do not accidentally correct your pet.

When it is obvious that your pet does not react to you grabbing for the trainer, or using the trainer in any way, you have achieved the dummy equipment effect.

### Teach your pet what the "positive tone" means.

Before using the trainer to "correct" your pet, you should spend at least 2 to 3 days teaching him the meaning of the positive tone. This training period should immediately follow the dummy equipment stage.

For each of these 2 to 3 days, and for at least 30 to 45 minutes per day, you need to help your pet associate the positive tone with reward and praise. This is accomplished by first pushing the "P" button for approximately two consecutive seconds, releasing this button, and then immediately rewarding your pet with verbal praise, physical praise (i.e., petting) or a small food reward. This praise should last for about 3 to 5 seconds.

Be sure to vary what type of praise you choose to use. This will help prevent your pet from anticipating one specific type of reward.

This stage of the training process is complete when it becomes obvious that your pet is anticipating reward when it hears the positive tone.

### Using the "negative" tone

After you have taught your pet to anticipate reward after hearing the positive tone, you may start to use the negative tone (the "N" button) to correct your pet.

Be sure to incorporate the following when training your pet with the negative tone.

- As soon as your pet begins the earliest sign of exhibiting a misbehavior - press the "N" button. For example, if you want to teach your dog to stay off the couch, press the "N" button as soon as he puts one paw on it, do not wait until he is completely on the couch.
- Hold the "N" button down until your pet stops the misbehavior. However, you should never hold the button down for more than two consecutive seconds. If your pet has not stopped the misbehavior after two consecutive seconds of "correction", release the "N" button and press it again for no more than two consecutive seconds. Continue this procedure until the misbehavior has stopped.
- After the misbehavior has ceased, count out two seconds and then push the "P" button, for two consecutive seconds, to reward your pet. After releasing the "P" button, reward your pet in some other fashion (Note, you do not have to follow the use of the "P" button with reward every time. You should follow with reward approximately every 3 to 5 times, to help your dog maintain the concept that the "P" tone does mean reward).

### General training tips

Work on eliminating one misbehavior at a time. If you attempt to work on more than one misbehavior at a time, you run the risk of your pet not being able to associate the correction with any one misbehavior.

If you have more than one pet in the family it is possible that a pet you are not training will hear the training "sounds" or "tones". This will not have an adverse effect on the pet that is not in training. This pet will probably always be exhibiting a different behavior when it hears the sounds; thus, it will not associate the sound with any one behavior.

If any pet in your family reacts to the training tones or sounds by hiding or acting fearful, do not panic. Also, do not attempt to "bribe" your pet out of this hiding or fearful behavior. It is best if you ignore this pet until it "comes out" on its own. Once it does you should then praise it.

Your pet should be at least 6 months old before you begin training.

Only let family members that you feel are old enough and/or responsible enough use this training device. This device is a training tool and not a toy!

The Ultrasonic Pet Trainer was designed to eliminate those dog or cat misbehaviors that are exhibited in close proximity to the pet owner (within 10 metres). These misbehaviors are of a wide variety and can include any the following:

Dog misbehaviors:

- Jumping on people or furniture
- Excessive noise making
- Digging holes in inappropriate areas
- Scratching on doors
- Excessive licking, chewing or scratching of body parts
- Chewing on inappropriate items
- Jumping from place to place while in a car
- Not responding to obedience commands

Cat misbehaviors:

- Getting on furniture
- Scratching furniture
- Excessive noise making
- Excessive licking, chewing or scratching of body parts
- Chewing inappropriate items

**DO NOT USE THIS TRAINING DEVICE IN AN ATTEMPT TO CORRECT, REPEL, OR ELIMINATE ANY FORM OF AGGRESSIVE OR BITING BEHAVIOUR.**

### **Specific training tips**

This training device is only as good as the person who is using it. So be sure to incorporate the following into your training plan.

Carry the Ultrasonic Pet Trainer with you at all times. You never know when you will need it. You will notice that it comes equipped with a clip that can be used to attach it to your belt or your pocket. Some owners tie a string on this clip and then wear the device around their neck, like a necklace.

As soon as your pet starts the earliest sign of a misbehavior, push the "N" button for two consecutive seconds. If your pet continues the misbehavior, push the "N" button again for another two consecutive seconds. Continue this until the pet completely stops the misbehavior.

As soon as the misbehavior has stopped, silently count out two seconds and then push the "P" button. Praise your pet if it is convenient for you and if you have not done so for the last 3 to 5 times you have pushed this button. It is important that you wait for at least two seconds after the misbehavior has stopped before you praise your pet - this prevents your pet from associating the praise with the misbehavior.

It is important to correct your pet every time it misbehaves. If you only correct it 80% or 90% of the time, you will never eliminate the misbehavior. If you can correct your pet 10 or 15 times in a row you will probably never see the misbehavior again. However, if you correct it only 9 out of 10 times, you run the risk of your pet learning that it can occasionally "get away" with the misbehavior.

It helps to "set your pet up". In other words, if you can produce a situation that causes your pet to misbehave, you can be prepared to correct and reward at the proper times. By setting up situations you are "guaranteeing" yourself success.

Do not let your pet into a situation in which it has a history of misbehaving unless you are there to supervise and are prepared to train appropriately.

Please keep this manual for future reference.