



**Havahart**<sup>®</sup>

Caring Control for Pets and Wildlife

**5165 Bark Stop Collar  
Training Guide & Owner's Manual**

# OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS



## **BEFORE YOU BEGIN...**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*Take time to read these instructions and view the enclosed DVD.* Dogs bark for many reasons. They may be annoyed by a nearby animal, they may join in with other dogs who are barking, or they may simply want your attention. To condition your dog to stop excessive barking, you need to reduce or eliminate the stimuli causing this behavior. This is why we have created the Havahart® Bark Stop Collar. The collar administers an initial low level stimulus on the first bark. If barking continues, the unit will deliver corrective stimulation at the level you have selected. By setting the appropriate level of correction, this negative reinforcement will correct and control nuisance barking.

### **EXPECTATIONS**

The Havahart® Bark Stop Collar effectively and safely uses electric stimulus to help train your dog. The first time your dog receives a correction, normal reactions may be surprise, yelping, or jumping. These reactions will decrease as he becomes accustomed to the collar. You should notice improvements in your dog's barking during the first week of training. Once your dog is trained, continue to place the collar on your dog to help control barking in those situations where barking is unacceptable.

**NOTE:** This Bark Stop Collar is powered by a NIMH (nickel metal hydride) battery. This high quality type of battery does not suffer any memory loss after repeated recharges. It will take a full charge every time you recharge it for two hours. You can expect a battery of this type and quality to last many years under normal use. In addition under normal use conditions you can expect the battery to hold a charge for many days. It is recommended however that you keep the battery fully charged by keeping it on the charger whenever it is not in use. This assures peak operation.

*The Havahart® Bark Stop Collar comes ready to use, preset at Level 1 from the factory.*

### **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

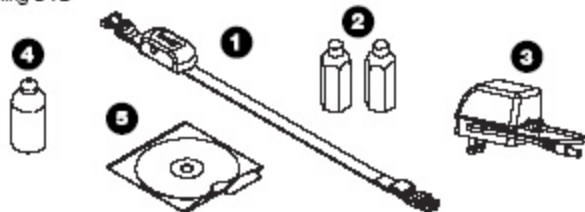
To protect your dog and yourself, please observe the following precautions:

- Only use the Havahart® Bark Stop Collar on healthy dogs. Consult your veterinarian before using the collar if your dog has health problems.
- Check collar fit weekly for tightness to ensure most effective use.
- Check dog daily for skin irritation, and never leave collar on for more than 12 hours at one time. Always clean the probes and area around the probes on the dog.

- Before you leave your dog alone with the collar on, be sure he is used to the correction and that he does not overreact.
- Always use the lowest stimulation possible to train your dog. On small dogs (less than 10 lbs.) use Level 1.
- To ensure your dog associates the correction with his barking and not with another animal or human, be sure he is not responding to another animal or human the first 3 to 5 times the dog receives the correction. An example of a good first situation in which your dog should receive the correction is in response to a doorbell.

## A. CONTENTS OF THE HAVAHART® BARK STOP COLLAR

1. Waterproof Collar Receiver
2. Stimulation Probes – (2) sets: (2) short probes for short-haired dogs (included on collar) and (2) long probes for dogs with longer or thicker coats. The short stimulation probes come installed on the receiver from the factory. The long probes are supplied separately in this carton.
3. Battery Charger – Plug into any standard household outlet when the collar needs to be charged.
4. Vibration Probe - (2) probes: (1) for short-haired dogs (included on collar), (1) for long-haired dogs. The short vibration probe comes installed on the receiver from the factory. The long probe is supplied separately in this carton.
5. Training DVD



## B. FEATURES

1. Responds only to noise and vibration from your dog's bark.
2. 10 Levels of Correction – *Comes Ready to Use, Preset at Level 1*
3. High Quality Rechargeable NIMH Batteries
4. LED light on the receiver indicates low battery and level of correction selected.
5. UL Listed Components Included

## C. OPERATION OF UNIT

1. **Introducing the Collar:** Before you begin to train with the Havahart® Bark Stop Collar, you should first accustom your dog to a deactivated system. Place the properly fitted collar (see Section C, point 5 on page 4 of this manual) on the dog with the collar in the OFF mode. Allow your pet to wear it continuously for a minimum of two separate but back to back 12-hour sessions (over the course of two days). Allowing this adjustment period will deliver better learning as your pet will not become collar-wise. A collar-wise pet learns quickly that it only has to change it's behavior when the collar is on its neck.

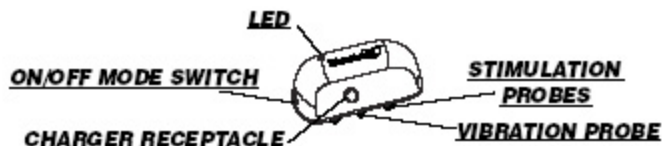
## 2. Charging the Collar:

**Initial Charge:** Charge the unit before use of the product. Initial charge will take up to 10 hours and all subsequent charges should take two hours to completely charge the battery.

**Subsequent Charges:** Charge the unit anytime the LED rapidly blinks red. Rapid blinking occurs in a pattern of two quick blinks, a five second pause, followed by two quick blinks and so on. Subsequent charges should take two hours to completely charge the battery. *On a charged unit, the LED will blink red at an interval of one time every three seconds.*

3. (A) To Turn Unit ON, use a small pointed item, like a pin or the end of a paper clip, to depress the operational button. Button is located at end of unit and is slightly inset. Depress button and hold for about five seconds. Solid red LED light appears, goes off, blinks one time, and then solid red LED lights again. Release button. Unit buzzes. Unit is now ON.

(B) To Turn Unit OFF, use a small rounded tip pointed item, like a ballpoint pen, to depress the operational button. Press the button and hold it depressed. The LED will blink once and go off. Continue to hold the operational button depressed for five seconds, there will be a short LED blink and then the LED comes on and stays on. At that time release the button, the receiver will emit a buzzing sound and the LED will go out. The collar is now in the OFF mode.



## 4. Setting Stimulation Levels:

Remember, your collar is preset to Level 1 from the factory. When using the Bark Stop Collar on a dog for the first time, start at Level 1 and change the level as needed until the dog responds appropriately.

**To change factory setting:** With the collar in the ON mode use a small rounded tip pointed item, like a ballpoint pen, to depress the button. The LED will come on, release the button and then immediately press the button again the number of times equal to the level at which you want to set the collar. The LED will light each time you press the button. Continue to observe the LED. After two seconds the LED will come on, go off and then blink rapidly the number of times that represent the level it is now set at. The LED will go off and then it will repeat the cycle coming on, going off and then rapidly blinking the number of times that represent the level it is now set at. This confirms that your instructions have been received. The LED will now revert to signaling battery mode by blinking once every three seconds if it is fully charged. The stimulation level setting is retained in memory and will stay in place whether the collar is ON or OFF.

This setting of the stimulation level is quite simple once you are used to it. As an example, if you wanted to change from the preset factory Level 1 and go to Level 3 you would begin by making sure the receiver is in the ON mode. The LED blinks once every three seconds in the ON mode indicating the battery has a good charge. Start by depressing the button. The LED will come on, release the button and then immediately press the button again three times watching that the LED blinks each time you press the button. You are done. Continue to observe the LED to confirm that you have set it at Level 3. After two seconds the LED will come on, go off and then blink rapidly three times. The LED will go off and then it will repeat the cycle coming on, going off and then rapidly blinking again three times. This confirms that you have set the collar to Level 3.

- 5. Fitting the Collar:** Use the short probes for short-haired dogs and long probes for thick or long-haired breeds. Position the collar high up on the neck of your pet underneath the chin, with all three probes facing upward touching the pet's skin. Make sure all probes, including the vibration probe, maintain contact with the skin. Adjust collar to fit snug but not tight. You should be able to slide one finger between the pet's coat and the bark collar. The correct fit is very important because most training failures are caused by the probes not making direct contact with the skin. Remove collar, trim excess, and melt end using a small flame to prevent fraying. Remember, for growing dogs, check collar size weekly and adjust when necessary. Allow enough nylon for the collar to grow with your dog. Never leave the collar on for more than 12 consecutive hours a day.
- 6. Tightening Probes:** Always tighten stimulation probes with rubber washer between probes and strap. Hand tighten as far as you can. If needed, use pliers or wrench to go one turn further. Do not over tighten. The vibration probe should be installed by hand. Always use rubber insulators to keep probes tight and provide insulation during damp conditions. The rubber insulators are necessary to maintain the waterproofing.

## **D. TROUBLESHOOTING**

Contact Woodstream Customer Care at 1-800-800-1819 ext 450 between 8-5 EST Monday through Friday to request assistance.

- If you are unable to turn the collar on after the proper amount of charge time has been allowed to charge the battery call Woodstream at the above number.
- If the collar appears to be working but not delivering a correction to your pet, check the fit of the collar and length of the probes. (see section "Fitting the Collar") Remember all of the probes need to be in contact with the pet's skin to deliver correction.
- If you are having difficulty setting a desired correction level that you want turn the collar off. Reread the entire section on Setting Stimulation Levels. Turn the collar on and start fresh. If this still does not work call Woodstream at the above number and a Customer Care representative will work directly with you.
- If the collar appears to be correcting your dog inappropriately when it is not barking immediately remove the collar and call Woodstream at the above number.

## **E. TOOLS REQUIRED**

- Pliers or wrench for changing stimulation probes
- Scissors to cut collar

## LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

Woodstream warrants that this product will be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use for 1 year from the date of original consumer purchase.

Within 30 days of the original consumer purchase, this product is covered by Woodstream's 30-day money back guarantee. If you are not satisfied with the performance of this product, you may return it with the original receipt to the place of purchase for a full refund.

After 30 days and during the initial 12 month period Woodstream will, at our option, repair or replace the defective part(s) for a \$15 processing fee. Shipping costs to our facility are not covered by the Warranty. A copy of the original receipt showing the place and date of purchase must accompany the returned item. Please contact Woodstream for a Return Authorization Number (RGA), 800-800-1819, before returning the product to Woodstream. Products without an RGA number will be refused.

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Use the following address when returning product via UPS or U. S. mail:

WOODSTREAM CORPORATION  
69 NORTH LOCUST ST.  
LITITZ, PA 17543

ATTN: CONSUMER CARE DEPARTMENT  
RGA# \_\_\_\_\_

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