

## How to introduce the head halter

- Head halter's are a tool to aid in loose leash walking, but are not to be used as a crutch
- Our Future Dog Guides should be walking 50% head halter and 50% flat collar



### To introduce the head halter

- Begin by luring pups nose through the nose hole, do not force the head halter on
  - (3-4 days, 2-3 time daily)
- Once pup is comfortable maneuver their nose through the nose strap we can clip it around their head, ensure to be rewarding frequently to avoid fusing
- To create an even stronger positive association we will be using the head halter at meal times for about a week

### Second phase

- Begin using the head halter in busy environments, this will help distract puppy
- Start with small time increments and gradually increase
- If pup tries to remove or fuss with the head halter, quickly grab their attention and take 2-3 steps before rewarding
- Again, practice this step for about a week

### Final phase

- Again, continue in high distraction areas, this last step can be difficult as the pressure when pulling is coming from under the chin instead of the neck
- This is why it is important your pup has a foundation of loose leash walking, if they pull, the head halter will cause them more discomfort and can lead to a negative association

### Trouble-shooting

- If your pup is not a great eater, set up multiple training sessions throughout the day with yummy treats
- If your pup runs away when the head halter come out, take a step back in training
- Never leave a head halter on an un-supervised dog (ie; in the car, under a table)
- Once they learn how to get it off, they will continue. So be firm in the beginning about them not fussing