

# Leave the Retractable Leash at Home This Fall!



## **Retractable Leashes Hinder Training**

Dogs that are properly leash trained should not pull their owner, but walk steadily, with little leash slack. Retractable leashes counteract correct walking by allowing the dog to pull *you* to their desired location instead.

## **Retractable Leashes Give Dogs Too Much Freedom**

Because retractable leashes can extend up to 25 feet, there is a greater chance for dogs to explore uninvited areas, people, or other animals, with less owner control.

## **Retractable Leashes Give Owners Less Real Control**

The hard, plastic handles on retractable leashes are awkward and cumbersome. They do not give owners enough room to get a tight grip, making them easy to drop. The loud crash of the plastic handle can scare dogs, making them run farther away from you.

## **Retractable Leashes More Easily Cause Injuries**

As dogs gain momentum, the cord extends until the owner hits the brake button. At high speeds, an abrupt jerk can cause muscular neck sprains, cervical disc herniation, and even tracheal tears. The thin nylon cord can also cause severe friction burns, cuts, and strangulation to both pets and owners if they get tangled in the moving line.



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