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DogWatch®

Operating Instructions For DogWatch I-50 and I-50/4 Indoor Systems

Hidden Fence Systems



DogWatch offers four I-50 indoor system models to work with DogWatch AM and FM receivers. The I-50/4 models are designed to be used if you have a DogWatch system next door to you. The same receiver is used for outdoors and indoors.

RECEIVER UNIT COMPATIBILITY CHART

| I-50 Models | I-50 FM | I-50 AM | I-50/4 FM | I-50/4 AM |
|-----------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Receiver Models | R8 | R8 | R8/4 | R8/4 |
| | R7 | R7 | R7/4 | R7/4 |
| | R3000 | AR300 | R3000/4 | AR300/4 |
| | R1200 | AR200 | R1200/4 | R300/4 |
| | R2000 | R300 | R6/4 | AR300m/4 |
| | R1000 | R200 | | |
| | R6 | AR300m | | |

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

- The I-50 Series is intended for pet training only. Do not use this product for any other purpose.
- Please read the DogWatch *Owner's Guide* before starting installation and training.
- Keep the receiver collar and transmitter out of reach of children.
- Never adjust the transmitter while your pet is wearing the receiver collar.
- Unplug the transmitter when the system is left unused for extended periods.
- This product is for INDOOR USE ONLY.

I-50 SYSTEM SERIES

The I-50 series transmitters are designed to radiate a coded radio signal allowing you to protect a specific area or to be used with a boundary wire to protect multiple areas. The I-50 and I-50/4 transmitters operate with DogWatch AM (AR series) receivers. The I-50 FM and I-50 FM/4 SafeLink® transmitters operate with System 3000 receivers (see chart on front page).

POWER

The *solid* green loop indicator light on the FM version and the *blinking* green light on the AM version lets your know that the transmitter is operating. Simply plug the power supply into the transmitter jack labeled "PWR", and set the MODE switch to "INT". (For multiple rooms, see page 4 - *Transmitter with Boundary Wire*.)

MODE

The I-50 series transmitter may be used as a stand-alone unit or with a boundary wire for multiple avoidance areas. The MODE switch allows you to choose your application. You cannot use both applications at the same time. INT allows you to use the transmitter as a stand-alone unit. EXT allows you to use the transmitter with boundary wire.

RANGE

The I-50 series transmitters send a coded radio signal (signal field). You can adjust the distance that the radio signal extends from the transmitter or the boundary wire. Turn the knob to "+" to increase the range and "-" to decrease the range. Always test the signal field before allowing your pet near the avoidance area. **Never adjust the transmitter while your pet is wearing the receiver collar.**

TERMINAL CONNECTIONS

When using a boundary wire, strip and connect one end of the boundary wire to the terminal connections. This is the beginning of the wire boundary system. **NOTE:** Be sure MODE switch is set for EXT.

ADJUSTING THE COLLAR

Collar tightness is critical. All contact points must touch your dog's skin. If not, he will not receive a correction stimulation. A loose collar will also allow the contact posts to rub back and forth on the skin, possibly causing irritation. Use care as over-tightening the contact posts could cause damage to the receiver.

The receiver collar should be removed each day to allow your dog's skin to gradually condition itself to the contact posts. Failure to follow this procedure could lead to skin irritation and possible infections.

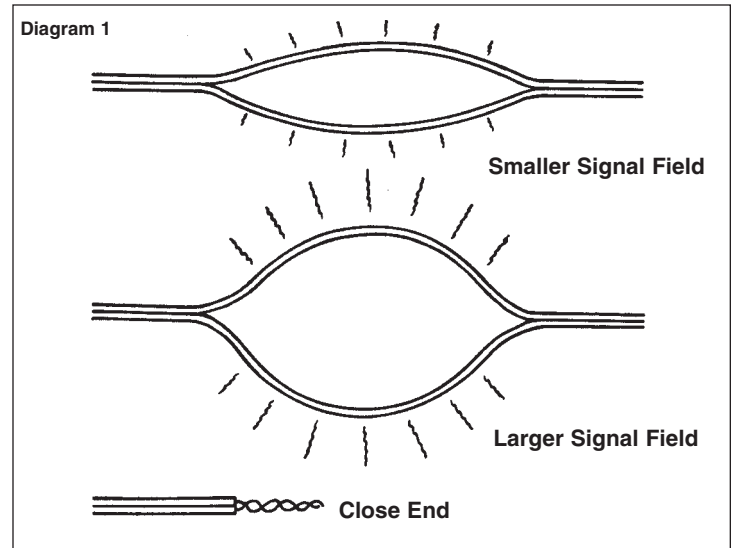
YOUR DOG'S RESPONSE TO STIMULATION

Electrical stimulation has been a safe and effective part of dog behavior conditioning for over twenty years. All dogs respond differently when they feel mild electrical stimulation.

Some dogs may demonstrate little, if any, reaction, while others may yelp and/or jump back. Some dogs "freeze." Do not try to comfort him after he receives electrical stimulation or you will reinforce his anxiety.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- Adjust the collar and test the battery regularly.
- Keep the contact posts clean.



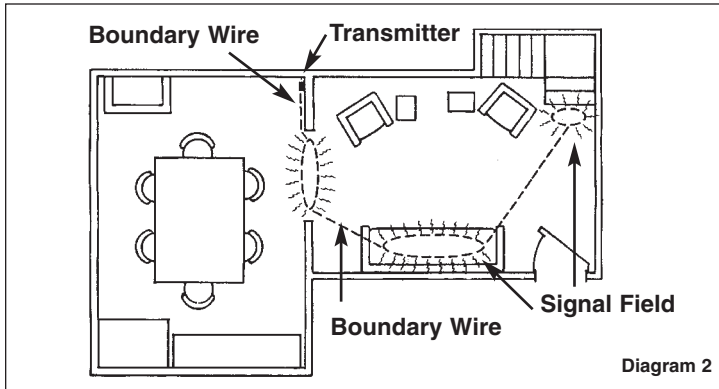
INSTALLATION

I-50 Series Transmitter

When using any of the I-50 series transmitters as a stand-alone system, simply place the transmitter in the center of the area you wish to protect. The transmitter will radiate a radio signal field which can be adjusted up to 8 feet in diameter. The size of the signal field is adjusted using the range control. **NOTE:** Be sure the MODE switch is set to INT.

I-50 Transmitter with Boundary Wire

When using any of the I-50 series with boundary wire, place the MODE switch to the EXT position. Connect one end of the boundary wire to the transmitter terminal connectors.



Signal Field

To create a signal field using the boundary wire, you need to separate the two halves of the wire. The range of the signal will depend upon the distance the two halves of the wire are from one another. When the two halves are next to one another, there is no signal field. As the two halves are separated, the signal field will increase. (See diagram 1) The boundary wire must form a continuous loop for there to be a signal field. To accomplish this, you must splice the final ends of the boundary wire together.

NOTE: The boundary wire carries a harmless radio signal. You do not need to worry about an electrical shock when separating and splicing the boundary wire. The power indicator light will not go on if you have not closed the boundary loop or if you have a broken boundary wire.

PLANNING

The boundary wire allows you to isolate specific boundary areas within your house. Carefully plan the installation of your boundary wire and follow these general guidelines.

- All wires should be placed so that they do not interfere with normal household activities. Placing the wires beneath carpets, along baseboards, and beneath counters is recommended.
- Carefully plan the location of the boundary wire as it may emit a very slight radio signal which could activate the receiver collar if your pet were to lie directly on top of the wire.
- Do not install boundary wires next to baseboard heating units as the heating units could pick up the radio signal.

TRAINING

Philosophy and Basic Rules

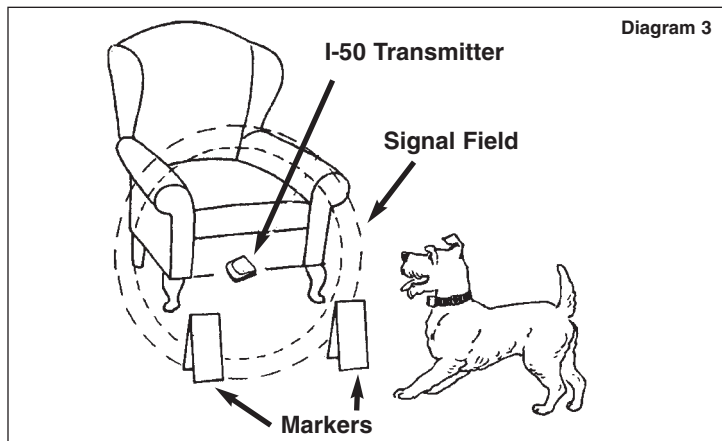
Understanding the philosophy behind “avoidance training” and following the rules during training will ensure that you and your pet get the most from your system.

- Your pet does not intuitively know that he or she is not welcome in every signal area of your home.
- You must learn to communicate with your pet. Be aware that pets are especially sensitive to your attitude and mood. Stay “upbeat” during a training session so he will be more receptive to the training.
- Reward and reinforce good pet behavior.
- The system relies on classic “avoidance training” techniques, where your home is divided into safety and avoidance zones. If your pet advances toward an avoidance zone, he will receive an audible warning or cue. He will soon learn that when he advances further toward an avoidance zone, the audible warning or cue is quickly followed by a mild electrical stimulation or correction – an unpleasant but safe, experience. As training progresses, your pet will learn to stay away from certain areas that he associates with the audible warning. When the training is complete, your pet will stay away from the avoidance areas without needing to hear the audible warning or experience the correction.
- Do not comfort your pet after it receives a correction as you will be reinforcing anxiety. Bring your pet into the safety zone and praise.
- Even though you consider your pet a friend, effective training depends on your being the leader and pet being the follower.
- Be consistent! Do not break the training rules, even on special occasions when you are tempted to allow your pet into a boundary area “just this once”. Make sure all family members follow the rules.

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

Before you start training, ensure that the transmitter and boundary wire are installed and that the receiver collar is adjusted properly.

1. Place markers on the edge of the boundary area – the zones in which the receiver collar picks up a radio signal. Markers serve as visual clues for your pet (see Diagram 3).



2. Play with him in the safety zone for several minutes. Attach a leash to your pet's regular collar and walk him around inside the safety zone. Approach a boundary area, shake a warning marker in front of him, and firmly say, "Watch out!" or "Careful!"
3. Walk your pet near a boundary zone and allow him to walk between the warning markers. As he crosses into the boundary area, he will receive an audible warning and an electrical stimulation. Immediately call out, "Watch out", and pull your pet back from the avoidance zone. Return him to the safety zone and play with him for a few minutes to reinforce the idea that there is a safe zone and there are areas to avoid.
4. Again, allow your pet to approach a boundary zone. If he hears the audible warning and retreats to the safety zone, reinforce the behavior with praise and affection. If your pet fails to stop at the audible warning and receives an electrical stimulation, say "Watch out" as he approaches the avoidance zone. Use the leash to pull him back to the safety zone before he crosses completely into an avoidance zone.

Your pet will quickly learn not to go near the boundary areas. Each time you set up a new boundary area, be sure to retrain your pet.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Frequently Asked Questions

Receiver

Why is my dog not getting a correction? Test the receiver by placing the test light on the contact posts and holding the receiver next to the transmitter or boundary wire. Replace the battery if necessary. Be sure the battery is inserted correctly. Ensure that the contact points on the receiver collar actually touch your pet's skin; tighten the collar as required. Make sure that the battery cap is facing downward when your pet is wearing the receiver unit.

Transmitter

If the power is on, should the unit light be blinking? If you're using the AM version, the green power light will blink. On the FM version, the Power light is a steady green light. Make sure that the power supply transformer is securely plugged into the wall outlet and that both the power supply plug and the boundary wire are correctly connected into the transmitter. Adjust the Range +/- switch. It may be set on too narrow a range, allowing your pet to get too close to a boundary area before receiving a warning. Check your MODE setting. **Never adjust the transmitter while your pet is wearing the receiver collar.**

Wiring

Why isn't the green light on? Check the Power. (Page 2.) If your unit is wireless, be sure it is set appropriately to "INT" and that it is plugged in to an outlet. If your unit is connected to a boundary wire loop you may have a broken boundary wire. Make sure that the boundary wire is connected to "EXT" and that the boundary wire forms a continuous loop. If the boundary is broken or disconnected, the loop light will go out. To test for a break in the loop, move the switch from EXT to INT and if the green light comes on, you have a break in the boundary loop. Contact your dealer.

For replacement batteries and collars, see your authorized DogWatch Dealer, visit our web site at www.dogwatch.com or contact us at 800-793-3436.

IMPORTANT!

The use of any battery other than a battery authorized by DogWatch Inc. can cause erratic operation of the receiver or could cause permanent damage. The use of any unauthorized battery will void the warranty on the receiver.