



## FSD Policy Regarding the Use of Perfect Pace on Puppies

### Policy:

It is the policy of Freedom Service Dogs (FSD) to provide a Perfect Pace no-pull Dog Halter with a puppy raiser when determined appropriate by the FSD Puppy Development Trainer. This Perfect Pace is to be used for exposure and to condition the puppy to the sensation of the halter on the body.

The Perfect Pace is a training tool that may be utilized by FSD Puppy Development and other Dog Operations Staff to assist with loose leash walking. By sending a Perfect Pace with each puppy/ puppy raiser, there is an opportunity to create positive association through positive conditioning techniques in the puppy raiser home.

This Perfect Pace is not to be used to address or inhibit any behaviors unless specifically directed by FSD Puppy Development Staff. The Perfect Pace should **NOT** be used on the puppy during walks or any other non-FSD-approved exposure activities.

The inappropriate use of a halter can cause both physical harm and a strong aversion to the device. If any volunteer/ puppy raiser is found to have used the Perfect Pace in a non-exposure activity; or if not specifically directed by FSD Puppy Development Staff, **the puppy may be immediately removed from the care of the volunteer/ puppy raiser.**

### Procedure:

#### **Equipment Needed: Kibble, Perfect Pace no-pull Dog Halter (PP)**

#### **The Basics**

1. Show the dog the PP. Treat.
2. Touch the dog's neck and show the dog the PP. Treat.
3. Touch the back of the dog's head with the PP. Treat.
4. Touch the dog's nose with the PP. Treat.
5. Attach the PP around your dog's neck, but like a regular collar – just let the nose loop hang down. Treat. Take it off after 1 second. Treat.
6. Repeat the above, taking it off after 2 seconds. Treat.



7. Feed the dog a treat through the PP (from now on, the treats you give will all be through the nose loop of the PP)
8. Put a bit more of the nose loop over the dog's muzzle. Treat.
9. Leave the nose loop on for a 1/2 second longer. Repeat this step until the dog will allow the nose loop on the face for several seconds. Treat, Treat, Treat the entire time.
10. Put the nose loop on the dog's muzzle and then bring the straps behind the head, without tightening. Immediately release. Give five-10 treats in rapid succession.
11. Repeat the above, keeping the PP on the dog 1/2 second longer each time, until they can do it for several seconds. Treat while you wait.
12. Put the PP on all the way, tightening the straps to be snug, but loose enough the dog can take treats, pant, drink, etc. Treat. Take a step, then take the PP off.
13. Do steps 11 and 12 several times without hooking a leash to the PP
14. When the dog loves putting the PP on, hook the leash to the collar, treat and remove. Repeat several times.

**Only complete the following loose leash walking step if directed by FSD Puppy Development Staff**

15. Walk the dog, taking one step at a time and treat after every step. Slowly progress to treating every few steps and walk further. If directed by FSD Puppy Development Staff, incorporate the clicker and normal loose leash walking protocols while walking the puppy using the PP.

**I have read the above policy and agree to follow the above listed procedures.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_