

Training Guide



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SkyShepherd Training Stages

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Training Stages With Your Dog

Guidelines

Your dog should be at least six months old, weigh 20 lbs, and know the “sit,” “stay,” and “come/here” commands before starting with SkyShepherd. Ideally, your dog should walk well on leash.

For all training sessions: Training Mode on, SkyShepherd app open, phone not in ‘silent’ mode, stay within 20 - 25 ft. of the collar

- When starting each session, **begin well within the Safe Zone**, activate the boundary, and then put SkyShepherd on your dog
- Use the **Rule of Threes** when training in the **Safe Zone** and **First Alert** stages (at least three sessions per stage; three places along the perimeter per session)
- Try to **train and complete multiple sessions daily** for the Safe Zone and First Alert stages, with breaks in between
- For each stage, assess your dog and **don’t move on until your dog is ready** • **Never drag your dog into an Alert Zone**. Instead, guide it on leash in the direction you want and allow it to explore the zone(s) you’re training in each stage. This is why it’s best if your dog walks well on leash before starting training—so it will generally go where you go while on leash
- After reviewing the Training Manual (scan QR Code on previous page), **follow, in order, the stages listed below**.

Foundation Stage

Pro Tip: Reinforce the Safe Zone during each training stage by spending lots of time there, within and between sessions

Teach Safe Zone

- **Set Feedback Mode to “Positive Only”**
- Put your dog on a long 15+ ft leash
- Spend 15 to 20 mins relaxing with it in the Safe Zone
- Praise your dog whenever the Safe Tone sounds
- Let your dog wander, but keep it away from the Alert Zones



Introduce First Alert Zone - Vibration

Stage 1

ProTips:

Dog not getting it?

- Does it...

Know what to do?

- Give immediate guidance when the First Alert sounds

Know where to go?

- Train where the way back is clear

Ignore vibration?

- Move on to Stage 2

- **Set Feedback Mode to "Alert 1"**
- **Put your dog on a standard 6 ft leash**
- Walk with your dog toward the perimeter, and let your dog enter First Alert Zone - Immediately guide your dog back to the Safe Zone as soon as it experiences First-Alert feedback, and don't stop guiding back until you hear the Safe Tone (or 10-15 ft back from where feedback stops if not using Safe Tone)
- Praise your dog when it hears the Safe Tone
- Repeat at different points along the perimeter
- Continue Stage 1 sessions until your dog responds consistently and immediately



Introduce the Second Alert Zone - Low-Stim

Stage 2

Pro Tips:

Always praise your dog right away when the Safe Tone sounds as you re-enter the Safe Zone and spend several minutes there.

- **Set Feedback Mode to “Alert 2”**
- Put your dog on a standard **6 ft leash**
- Walk with your dog toward the perimeter, and let your dog enter the Second Alert Zone. Immediately guide your dog back to the Safe Zone as soon as it experiences Second Alert feedback, and don't stop guiding back until you hear the Safe Tone (or 10-15ft back from where feedback stops if not using Safe Tone)
- Repeat at 3 to 5 different points along the perimeter to complete the session
- Continue Stage 2 sessions until your dog responds consistently and immediately
- You may only need one session of this stage if your dog refuses to go back into Second Alert Zone. If so, move on to the Test Stage

ProTips:

Always praise your dog right away when the Safe Tone sounds as you re-enter the Safe Zone and spend several minutes there.

Reminder:

Turn off Training Mode when you're not using it—your battery will thank you!



Test Stage

- Set the Feedback Mode is set to "Standard"
- Put your dog on a long 15+ ft leash
- Let your dog freely roam on the long leash, and don't force it out of the Safe Zone ■
Observe what your dog does if it leaves the Safe Zone
 - If your dog immediately returns to the Safe Zone after receiving feedback, you can begin off-leash training
 - If it doesn't, head back to the Safe Zone. Complete more training in the first two stages before testing again

Stage 3

Conduct Off-Leash Training

- Make sure the Feedback Mode is set to "Standard"
- Conduct three or more short (15 to 20 min) off-leash sessions
- Watch your dog closely as it roams the boundary
- Call your dog back to the Safe Zone immediately when it experiences Alert Zone feedback and praise it when the Safe Tone sounds
- Conduct off-leash training until you're comfortable with your dog's behavior in response to the feedback

SUCCESS PLAN

- **Make sure Training Mode is on** for all training sessions
- Every dog learns at its own pace--success plan is just a suggestion

DATE ASSIGNED	TASK	COMPLETED ON
	PRACTICE SAFE TONE	
	PRACTICE FIRST ALERT	
	PRACTICE SECOND ALERT	
	CONDUCT LONG-LEASH TESTING	
	CONDUCT OFF-LEASH TESTING	

TRAINING COMPLETE

- Make sure Feedback Mode is set to "Standard"
- Turn Training Mode off
- Train new boundaries with a quick perimeter familiarization

Pro Tip:

Ask your local DogWatch dealer for your success plan



Pro Tip:

Do refresher training as needed



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Consolidated warnings and cautions

SkyShepherd Product Warnings and Disclaimers

- ! Use of SkyShepherd does not guarantee your dog will remain within the boundaries you create. SkyShepherd should NOT be used with dogs known for or suspected of aggressive behavior.
- ! SkyShepherd may not show you the GPS location of your dog if your collar cannot reach the SkyShepherd Yard Monitor. The range for connectivity between the collar and the Yard Monitor depends on terrain interference, but could be up to ½ mile, under excellent conditions.
- ! Keep your device away from fire and do not leave it unattended in high-temperature locations (over 140°F), under direct sunlight, or in a hot vehicle.
- ! SkyShepherd may not provide a reliable signal indoors or across streams, creeks, or other bodies of water. SkyShepherd is for outdoor use only.
- ! SkyShepherd is not intended for use on less than 1 acre of land or on any plot of land not wide enough to provide effective alert zones for your pet.

WARNING: SkyShepherd does not produce a physical barrier. Don't use SkyShepherd if your dog poses a danger to other people or pets.

CAUTION: Always remove SkyShepherd from your dog before allowing your dog indoors. GPS signals are not reliable indoors and may provide erroneous feedback to your dog while wearing the collar indoors. SkyShepherd is for outdoor use only. Best is to turn your boundary off when you bring your collar indoors, and turn it back on when going outside again.

CAUTION: Your dog will not automatically know how to use SkyShepherd. You will need to train your dog by the method outlined in the Training Guide for SkyShepherd to be effective.

NOTE: Some computers turn off power to the USB charging ports while in sleep mode. Be aware of this when planning your charge if your USB cable is plugged into a computer instead of the wall adapter.

WARNING: SkyShepherd uses a lithium battery that requires special attention and care. Failure to follow proper care protocols may result in fire, explosion, chemical burn, electrolyte leak, injury, and shortened battery life.

WARNING: Dispose of SkyShepherd properly by calling your local waste service. SkyShepherd's lithium battery requires special handling.

WARNING: Always keep batteries away from flammable substances (especially when charging).

WARNING: Keep your device away from fire and do not leave it unattended in high-temperature locations (>140°F/60°C), under direct sunlight, or in a hot vehicle. The operating parameters for the SkyShepherd battery are between -4°F (-20°C) and 140°F (60°C). Exposure to conditions outside these temperatures can shorten battery life and cause unpredictable outcomes in battery performance and device operation.

CAUTION: Charge your SkyShepherd with the provided charging cord and wall adapter. If you need a replacement cord or wall adapter, contact Safe Retrieve customer support at support@skyshepherd.com or call 1-844-SKY-SHEP (1-844-759-7437). Ideally, charging should occur in temperatures between 32°F (0°C) and 113°F (45°C). Do not charge SkyShepherd in a hot vehicle or direct sunlight.

CAUTION: Do not leave your SkyShepherd in an area where an animal (including your dog) may chew on it.

CAUTION: Do not attempt to tamper with, open, or in any way disassemble your device. It is designed to be self-contained, and nothing about the device is meant to be user serviceable. The only authorized owner modifications are attaching and detaching a suitable collar strap and installing appropriate contact points.

NOTE: Safe Retrieve does not partner with any commercial supplier of USB-to-auxiliary charging port adapters, and cannot guarantee, nor be held liable for, the inhibited performance or any resultant damage caused by the use of any third-party adapters.

NOTE: Do not start training your dog with SkyShepherd until you have achieved a basic level of obedience training together. Your dog should know and obey the commands Here (Come), Sit, and Stay both on leash and off leash before you introduce SkyShepherd to your dog.

NOTE: Your dog should be at least 20 lbs. and six months of age before starting training.

NOTE: SkyShepherd's patented contact grid communicates with the nerve endings in your dog's skin. Its miniaturized contact points distribute pressure and allow for an effective interface without skin irritation. Even so, a small percentage of dogs have extra-sensitive skin. Others might have a sensitivity to the rubbing action of the collar strap or the device on their skin. To avoid sensitivity issues, check your dog's neck area and clean SkyShepherd regularly. (See Care and Handling).

WARNING: Every dog is unique in its response to SkyShepherd. Before use, consult with a certified trainer and a veterinarian to ensure your pet is suited for behavioral training with SkyShepherd. Pay close attention until you know how your dog responds to SkyShepherd. Do not use SkyShepherd with dogs suspected or known to be aggressive.

WARNING: Only use the SkyShepherd device on dogs that have been properly trained. Even properly trained dogs using the SkyShepherd device could leave Safe Zone and endanger themselves or others. Safe Retrieve LLC cannot and does not guarantee that even a properly trained dog will stay within the Safe Zone. You are responsible for your dog at all times.

CAUTION: Always remove SkyShepherd from your dog before allowing your dog indoors. SkyShepherd is for outdoor use only. The GPS unit may not receive reliable signal indoors.

NOTE: In Out Zone, three static stimulations of equal intensity are given when the dog initially departs the boundary perimeter. If Extended Shepherding is not enabled, no further feedback will be given until the dog returns to Safe Zone, where it will hear Safe Tone. Once the dog has reentered Safe Zone, zone-appropriate SkyShepherd feedback will resume if the dog leaves Safe Zone again.

NOTE: As your dog becomes more confident in Safe Zone, it will require less praise when hearing Safe Tone. After a while, too much praise could become counterproductive. Continually assess your dog's response to praise, and taper praise as appropriate.

NOTE: Because Safe Tone is so important for positive reinforcement, confirm that you can hear Safe Tone before placing SkyShepherd on your dog. Verify that all zone feedback is functioning properly and that you can hear Safe Tone when you reenter Safe Zone. If you are using Training Mode, you may want to consider putting in one ear bud so only you can hear the sounds the app is mimicking from the collar. Do keep one ear-un-budded so you can hear your environment and listen for your dog. When using Training Mode, make sure the SkyShepherd app stays open (turn-off auto lock screen in your phone settings, if necessary, and don't navigate away from the SkyShepherd app), you're within 20 ft of your dog to maintain Bluetooth connection, and your phone is not on silent mode.

NOTE: Each zone's feedback includes a tone; the two Alert Zones and Out Zone also include a sensation. Make sure you are familiar with the tones associated with each zone. The tones will let you know what feedback the device is giving to your dog. You can also use the Training Mode feature of the app, which mimics your collar's feedback within the SkyShepherd app (must be connected via Bluetooth).

NOTE: The chemicals in some flea and tick treatments may damage SkyShepherd's plastic.

NOTE: SkyShepherd is generally waterproof, so washing the device with mild soap and water will not ruin it. SkyShepherd does not float, though.