First, learn how to set static correction

When training your dog to understand his SpotOn fence, static correction should be your last resort. You won’t need to use static correction right away but it’s good to understand how it works, and how to find the right level for your dog when you are ready to introduce it.

- Select collar settings. Turn static correction on.
- Set to level one, test it, and see if he notices. If not, repeat at incremental levels.
- You’ll know your dog feels it when you see him move his ears, scratch the collar area, or shake.
- If your dog barks, freezes, or acts anxious, it’s too high. Lower the level by one.
- Follow these steps instructions until you find the right level of static correction for your dog.

Step 1: Learn the tones & boundary.

Now that you’ve created your fence, you’re ready to train your dog to understand the boundary.

1. Make sure your dog is wearing the collar with the antenna facing up.
2. Put your dog on a six-foot leash, and make sure you’re inside your fence and activate it.
3. Turn off vibration and set the correction level to zero.

4. Start at the center of the containment area and slowly walk your dog to each landmark along your boundary. When you hear the alert tone, playfully encourage your dog to follow you back to the center area and reward your dog with a quick game or small treat.

Continue working your way along the boundary, moving back to the center when you hear the tone.

**PRO TIP**
You should be able to hear the tones playback on your phone in real time.

5. After a few days of practice, you can introduce the warning tone, which your dog will hear after moving past the alert tone. When you hear the tone, playfully encourage your dog to follow you back to the center area and reward him. Practice for a few days until he gets the hang of it.

6. Introduce static correction by setting the static correction to level one.

   a. Bring your dog to the fence boundary and allow him to trigger the alert tone. If he responds by going back to the center, offer a reward for making the right decision.

   b. If your dog ignores the alert tone, allow him to trigger the warning tone and attempt to leave the boundary. If your dog feels the static correction and then moves back to the center of the yard, reward him.

   c. If you think he didn’t feel it, turn the level up by one and try this whole exercise again until he does not attempt to move past the warning area.
NOTE

It may take a few tries to find the correct level of static correction. If you notice that your dog barks, freezes, or acts anxious, lower it by one level. Practice this for a few days and your dog will be closer to living life unleashed.

Step 2: Proof the boundary

Now that you’ve introduced your dog to the boundary, and he understands the tones and static correction, it’s time to test him with distractions.

While your dog is still on a long leash, have someone tempt your dog to go outside the fence.

1. If your dog tries to investigate, but stops and moves back to the center after hearing the alert tone, reward him with a treat.
2. If your dog ignores the alert tone and moves past the warning tone, allow him to approach the boundary line and use the leash to direct him back to you.

Practice until your dog no longer tries to leave the fence.

Step 3: Observation

Before leaving your dog alone in the yard, you’ll need a few days of observation to ensure he understands his boundaries. Remove the leash and allow him to practice while you’re close by.

When you feel confident he gets it, you and your dog are free to start living life unleashed.

Running into trouble? We are here to help.

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