

Groomers *Helper*®

STARTER SET Setup Instructions

(The Professional Set is made up of 2 Starter Sets)

WARNING: The Groomers Helper® is a cross-tie restraint system developed to help a pet groomer, veterinarian, vet tech or any other animal handler administer necessary procedures needed without the fear of being able to be bitten because the area in which a bite can occur is reduced significantly. However, please note that careless use may result in the operator entering the area in which the animal may bite and a bite may occur. "The ultimate responsibility for safe animal handling lies with the animal handler". This restraint system should only be used by someone familiar with its operation. Check your equipment regularly and always remember: **ONLY USE AS MUCH RESTRAINT AS IT IS NECESSARY TO CALM AND SECURE THE ANIMAL TO ACCOMPLISH THE TASK UNDERTAKEN AND THEN RELEASE THE RESTRAINT AS SOON AS THE ANIMAL CALMS AND THE TASK IS ACCOMPLISHED AND NEVER LEAVE AN ANIMAL IN RESTRAINTS UNATTENDED!**

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2. Groomers Helper® Loop
3. Tether
4. Training Video (VHS or DVD)



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These instructions are designed for the groomer to have a quick start with the Groomers Helper®. Please review the Training Video provided for more detailed instructions and safety tips.

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STEP 1. Place the Groomers Helper® Clamp around your grooming arm and tighten it at the appropriate height. NOTE: The Groomers Helper® Clamp has been designed to fit square and round grooming arms from 3/4" to 1". The tether (rope) should face the pet and the adjusting knob should face you. If you are right handed the slide button should be to your right. Left handed the slide button should be on your left.



STEP 2. Attach the Groomers Helper® Loop to the pet. The loop should fit snugly around the neck. Use the stainless steel cam lock to size down the loop to the back of the pet's neck. You should be able to get two fingers between the loop and the pet's neck. In the event of an emergency such as a seizure you may release the pet immediately by using the quick release buckle on the loop.



STEP 3. Spin the loop around and connect it to the top of the grooming arm.



STEP 4. Attach the tether to the D-Ring on the Groomers Helper® Loop.



STEP 5. Adjust the arm's height so that the pet is standing normally with just a little slack. You can now pull the tether (rope) in gently, bringing the pet closer to the arm and lock the slide button when you reach the desired distance from the grooming arm. The Groomers Helper® pulls the loop away from the pet's trachea, eliminating choking.



At first, use your Groomers Helper® to acquaint yourself with and calm the pet. You may develop a rapport with them by gently pulling in the tether. You will feel that they are pulling back which is their natural instinct. Let them pull back and think they won the "Tug-of-War" before you lock the tether. They usually calm down after the second or third "win" and you are now playing with them. It is easy to now make friends. Most pets respond favorably and calm down when they realize they are in restraints and not fighting you. As the pet calms down you may release more and more, until almost no restraint is needed. For general grooming let the pet just relax with slack in the tether. Only enough slack so they cannot chew the tether.



Tip: If you think the pet might be a biter, pull out the tether on the Groomers Helper® clamp attached to the grooming arm all the way. Open the quick release buckle on the loop. Face the pet away from you while the pet is sitting on the grooming table and sling the loop over the pet's head from behind them and reconnect the quick release buckle behind the pet's head. Attach the tether (rope on the Groomers Helper® clamp) to the "D" ring on the loop behind the pet's head. Swivel the loop around the pet's neck toward the arm so the "D" ring, with the attached tether, is positioned by the pet's throat. While holding the large swivel eye bolt snap on top of the loop slide the stainless steel cam-loc down to the back of the neck and snap closed. Remember to allow for at least two fingers between the loop and the pet's neck. Attach the swivel bolt snap to the eye at the top of the grooming arm and adjust the arm's height so that the pet is standing normally with just a little slack. Never hang the pet with a tight loop! You can now pull the tether (rope) in gently bringing the pet closer to the arm and lock the slide button when you reach the desired distance from the grooming arm. Your hands should have never been in front of the pet's muzzle to be bitten. **NEVER ALLOW AN ANIMAL TO STRUGGLE IN RESTRAINTS. IF THEY DO NOT CALM DOWN RELEASE THEM IMMEDIATELY.**

Pictures of the grooming positions of the Groomers Helper® system may be viewed at www.GroomersHelper.com and are as follows:

1st Position: The Groomers Helper® positioned about three inches under the pet's muzzle. This is the position for general grooming so the pet cannot hang himself. The pet cannot back off, jump off, fall off or tip the table. You are now grooming hands free. You can do the nails of most dogs with one groomer. No more dancers and spinners.

2nd position: By putting the Groomers Helper® by the muzzle of the pet they cannot drop their heads so dematting chest and legs is much easier.

3rd Position: By putting the Groomers Helper® above the pet's head you can quickly muzzle the pet temporarily to remove a matt or eye debris. With the slack out of the rope and the tether locked, while holding both tethers with one-hand slide two fingers and your thumb from the top of the tether down to the bridge of the pet's nose effectively forming a muzzle with the tethers.

Advanced Positioning: The "no grooming arm in front position" for better top knots and beards is attained with the extra arm and clamp set. In the "secured to the arm position" you may secure the pet's head to one side of the grooming arm allowing you to be protected on the other side for cleaning and plucking ears, dematting beards on pets with no muzzle and you can do the nails on the toughest of dogs. This is usually a two-person operation. The tri-tie position for the elderly, blind and deaf dogs. No more head bobblers. This position needs the extra arm & clamp set and a second Groomers Helper®.

No-Sit Position: This is attained with the extra arm and clamp set. Position the table clamps and arms on each side of the pet. The loop can either go around the pet or under the pet. Use the arm protectors (pipe insulation) on the strap to protect the pet's underbelly. Attach the loop to the arm with the welded eye and attach the other end of the loop (the "D" ring) to the Groomers Helper on the opposite arm. Adjust to the height needed.

Cat Cross-tie Position: This is attained with the extra clamp and arm set. Never put the loop around the cat's neck. You may attach the loop either around the chest behind the front legs or over one shoulder and under the other arm. Clamp the grooming loop to the extra clamp and cat crosstie arm positioned on the opposite end of the table from the main grooming arm. Bring the Groomers Helper® down to the table deck so the slide button still operates. You can now hook the tether to the "D" ring on the loop. Open up the quick release and you are ready to crosstie the cat flat on the table so you do not have to scruff him at all times.

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