

If your whippet wears a collar around the house, for daily wear we recommend flat nylon 'breakaway' collars with nylon fasteners. Whippets play roughly with each other, and the breakaway latch is a safety measure in case a tooth is caught in a collar. Unfortunately we've heard many stories of dogs of all breeds badly injured or killed when one became tangled in the other's collar.

For outings we use very wide, flat lead-and-collar combinations called 'sighthound leads.' Even the best-trained whippet may lunge to the end of the lead when he sees 'prey' (anything small and fast moving!) and the wide collar stops his progress without injuring his throat. A martingale construction keeps the collar from tightening to the point of injury without allowing him to slip out when it's loosened.

Never use a metal choke chain on a whippet. Be sure to keep an ID tag on your whippet at all times, and we recommend tattooing and microchipping in addition to collar tags.