

Below is a list of equipment and methods which are deemed Aversive, by ABTC, and should not be used in training animals. NB This list is not exhaustive, but is indicative

EQUIPMENT

Mainly dogs

- Pet corrector – emits a hiss of cold air
- Dog stop – emits a high-pitched sound
- Remote controlled spray collars
- Automatically triggered spray collars
- Antibark collar – emits spray directed onto dogs' skin (including new product jet master)
- Choke chain/collar (whether metal 'chain' or any other material)
- Influencer collar (sometimes known as ATC) a form of choke collar designed to sit high on a dog's head to put pressure on the sensitive area just below the ears
- Prong collar/Pinch collar
- Electric collar/Shock collar – remote or automatic
- Training discs when used to startle or as a missile
- Pet 'training' mat/Scat mat
- Electronic shock/radio fence (sometimes termed 'freedom fences')
- Liquid sprays/water pistols – water, lemon juice or others

Equids

- Whips
- Crops
- Spurs
- Twitch
- pressure halters
- Lip chains
- Chifney bits

Cats

- Crush cages
- Electronic shock/radio fence
- Declawing (illegal in UK)
- Laser pens - which can cause great frustration as they cannot catch the 'prey'
- Spikes on walls/fences – used to stop cats gaining access to properties
- Liquid sprays/water pistols – water, lemon juice or others

METHODS

Dogs

- Loud noises eg rattle cans/bottles/Chains/keys
- Throw stick/chain
- Strong smelling substances eg smelling salts/ bite back
- Pinching – ears/feet/toes

- Hitting
- Stepping on dog's feet
- Kneeing in dog's chest or body
- 'Alpha roll'/pinning
- Hard jerks on collar and/or lead

Equids

- Chasing and driving them away

Cats

- Scruffing

Rabbits

- Scruffing
- Trancing (where the rabbit is held on their back to induce temporary paralysis)

All

- Any manhandling that causes pain, discomfort or fear
- 'Flooding' - a technique where the animal is exposed to a maximum intensity anxiety-producing stimulus/situation immediately. Exposure to the stimuli happens for a fixed period of time and escape is not permitted.
- Kicking animal's body or head
- Biting (of animal)