VSP Avian Restraint Collars and Extensions

Medium Acrylic Collar with one 10” E-collar extension (SKU# 10030)
Large Acrylic Collar with one 11-3/4” E-collar extension (SKU# 10040)

Product descriptions

VSP Avian Restraint Collars are designed to prevent self-trauma from picking or chewing at feathers, feet, wounds, and skin and post-operative lesions. Each lightweight, clear acrylic collar comes with one easy-cut vinyl extension, offering the benefits of a tube collar in combination with an Elizabethan collar. There are two sizes of acrylic collars for birds ranging in size from large conures and cockatoos to large macaws. Most birds acclimate quickly, and the collar may be worn for long periods of time. Sold only to veterinarians or with a veterinarian's oral or written recommendation.

- Two sizes of acrylic collars for larger birds
  Medium: 1-3/8” inside diameter. Fits birds the sizes of large conures and Amazons. Comes with one 10” E-collar extension
  Large: 1-13/16” inside diameter. Fits birds the sizes of larger cockatoos and macaws. Comes with one 11-3/4” E-collar extension

- Prevents self-trauma from picking or chewing at feathers, feet, wounds, and skin and post-operative lesions

- Most birds acclimate very quickly to this comfortable collar

- May be worn for long periods of time without concern of neck irritation

Package contents

- One Medium acrylic collar or one Large acrylic collar
- One 10” vinyl E-collar extension for the Medium size or
  One 11-3/4” E-collar extension for the Large size
- Two short stainless steel screws
- Two longer stainless steel screws and nuts (replacement screws)
- One white plastic rivet

See other side for use directions
**Use directions**

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**Medium/Large acrylic collar**

- **Stainless steel screw**
- **Side rib**
- **Slot**
- **Large flange**

**Use directions**

1. Remove the metal screw already in place from the side rib of the acrylic collar.
2. Separate the acrylic collar halves and place around the bird's extended neck.
3. Place the acrylic collar with the large flange down towards the thoracic inlet, taking care not to trap feathers between the two collar halves.
4. Place the pinky finger between the collar and the bird's neck. If the finger slips comfortably between the collar and the bird, then the collar is the appropriate size for the bird. Adjust so that the collar is not too loose or too tight.
5. Insert the two short stainless steel screws (nuts not needed) by placing them in the larger bored holes on the side ribs of the acrylic collar and into the slightly smaller ones on the other collar half. If the screw does not hold, insert it from the opposite direction.
6. Rotate the collar 360 degrees to make certain no feathers have been trapped between the two halves and the feathers are laying flat against the neck.

**Option #1**

- If the bird reaches around the collar and continues to self traumatize, turn the collar around upside down so the large flange of the acrylic collar is directed cranially.
- If the bird can still reach around the collar, proceed to Option #2.

**Option #2**

- The clear vinyl E-collar extension will need to be added. When using this option, the large flange on the acrylic collar should be down, facing the thoracic inlet.
- With the acrylic collar on the bird, twist the two halves of the E-collar extension in opposite directions and place over the acrylic collar.
- Push the E-collar extension down over the acrylic collar and place it under the two slots at the bottom of the side ribs.
- The outside circumference of the E-collar extension can be customized by cutting off a certain portion around the outside, however do not cut off too much until you determine the correct size needed.
- Close the flaps of the E-collar with clear tape on the *underside* of the collar.
- To prevent the E-collar extension from spinning, line up one of the holes on the large flange with one of the holes on the E-collar extension and insert the white plastic rivet through both holes from the underside of the E-collar extension.
- Note: Some large birds, especially cockatoos, are more likely to require the E-collar extension, because they can reach in and crack the acrylic collar. Observe them carefully and add the E-collar extension immediately upon observing this activity. In these situations, the large flange of the acrylic collar should be turned upside down so it is directed cranially.

**Special precautions**

- Place the bird in an unencumbered cage from which the water has been removed and the perches are high enough off the bottom of the cage so that the bird cannot be caught between the perch and cage bottom.
- Most birds will display awkward head movements, many of them doing head rolling and somersaults in an effort to dislodge the collar. The majority of birds acclimate to the collar within the first several hours after application, however some birds will hold their head and neck depressed for 12 to 24 hours after application.
- It is ESSENTIAL that the bird be admitted to the hospital and observed for a minimum of 24 hours after application, or until it has become acclimated to the collar, is not self traumatizing, and is eating and drinking without difficulty.

_VSP recognizes that through experience veterinary professionals have developed their own expertise in performing certain procedures. The guidelines above are meant only to provide additional assistance._