VSP Avian Restraint Collars and Extensions

X-Small Acrylic Collar with one 6” extension (SKU# 10010)
Small Acrylic Collar with one 6” extension (SKU# 10020)

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 in small birds. 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 small cockatiels to small conures. 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 smaller birds
  X-Small: 1” inside diameter. Fits birds the size of cockatiels and comes with one 6” E-collar extension
  Small: 1-1/8” inside diameter. Fits birds the size of small conures and comes with one 6” 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 X-Small acrylic collar or one Small acrylic collar

• One 6” vinyl E-collar extension

• Two white plastic rivets

• Two small stainless steel screws and nuts (replacements for white plastic rivets should they wear out)

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X-Small/Small acrylic collar

Plastic rivet  Side rib  Slot  Large flange

Use directions
1. Remove the white plastic rivet 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 plastic rivets through the holes from either direction. Make sure the end of the rivet is pushed through to the end of the rivet jacket after insertion
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 upside down so the large flange on 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 of 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 is perforated at three 8 mm increments for easy cut-off and sizing customization – 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

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.