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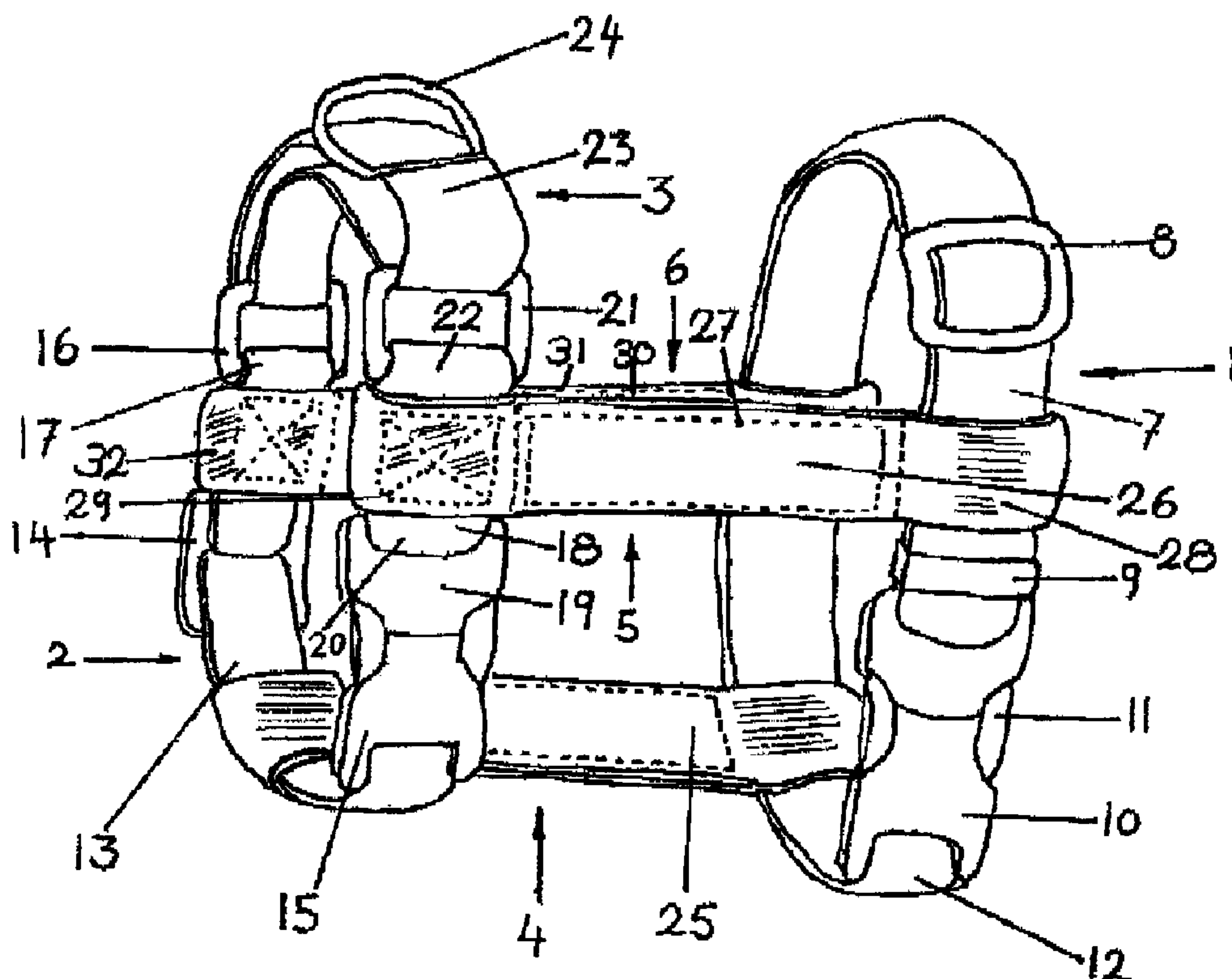
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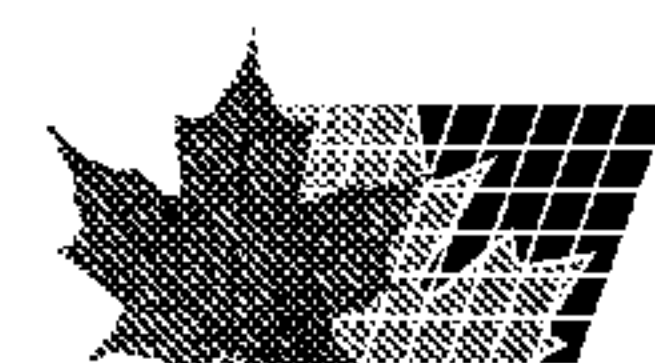
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(57) Abrégé/Abstract:

An apparatus, that includes a first strap, in the form of a loop, which is adaptable to extend around the bottom part of the neck just above the shoulders of an animal such as a dog. A second strap, in the form of a loop is adaptable to extend around the upper portion of the dogs' neck, just below the jaw and fitted behind the ears of the dog. The second strap is inter-connected with a third strap, by means of two ring-like devices. The third strap, formed as a loop, includes a ring for leash attachment. The first strap and the second strap, are connected by a strap that adapted to be positioned in front of the dog's throat. The first and the second straps are also connected with two more straps, that are adapted to be positioned along each side of the dogs' neck.



ABSTRACT

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A second strap, in the form of a loop is adaptable to extend around the upper portion of the dogs' neck, just below the jaw and fitted behind the ears of the dog.

The second strap is inter-connected with a third strap, by means of two ring-like devices. The third strap, formed as a loop, includes a ring for leash attachment.

The first strap and the second strap, are connected by a strap that adapted to be positioned in front of the dog's throat.

The first and the second straps are also connected with two more straps, that are adapted to be positioned along each side of the dogs' neck.

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Technical Field

This invention relates to a device to aid in the training of an animal such as a dog.

Specifically, the device of this particular invention is in the form of two collars that are inter-connected with three band like devices to ensure proper fit.

Background:

Animal training collars have traditionally been in existence for many years, for the purpose of training and restraining animals such as dogs.

Typically, such collars consist of a strap like or chain like structure that is placed around a dogs' neck.

Most dog training methods involve the use of a collar to be placed high around a dogs neck, since this is the more sensitive area and to tug on the leash that is attached to the said collar to apply pressure to the dogs neck area to let the dog know to change its' immediate behavior.

However, many of such devices fail to ensure a good fit on many animals and therefore, tend to move further down to the lower part of the dogs neck to a less sensitive area therefore rendering any tugging on the leash that is attached to the said collar, as useless.

Thus, the need exists for a device which can be used effectively to train an animal without it moving to the lower part of the neck and, that it stays fitted, to apply the proper and humane correction by applying adequate pressure around the dogs' neck area, by means of use of the present invention.

Disclosure of the Invention:

It is thus an object of the present invention to provide a animal training device which may be used to train an animal, such as a dog with a proper fit being maintained throughout use.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide a collar like training device that includes one strap that fits around the bottom part of a dog's neck and a second strap that fits around the top portion of a dog's neck which is interconnected in a unique fashion.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a collar type training device as above which includes at least one leash attachment point, to improve the control of the dog by the trainer.

These and other objects of the present invention as well as the advantages thereof over existing prior art forms, which will become apparent from the description to follow are accomplished by the improvements herein after described and claimed.

The present invention, an Animal Training Device, includes a first loop (1) having two ends and adapted to extend around the lower part of an animals neck area, such as a dog. A second loop (2) is adapted to extend around the upper part of the animals neck. A third loop is inter-connected to the second loop by use of two ring-like devices.

The third loop also includes a ring for the purpose to attach a leash like structure. A first strap (4) is positioned between the first and second loops, which will be situated along the front part of the dogs' neck area following the throat, one end of the first strap, having a loop which slide-ability receives the first (1) loop. The remaining end of the first strap having a loop which slide-ability receives the second (2) loop.

A second strap (5) is positioned between the first (1) and second (2) loop following the sides of the dogs' neck. One end of the strap (5) is fixed to loop 2. The remaining end of the strap (5) having a loop which slide-ability receives the first loop (1).

A third strap (6) is positioned between the first (1) and second (2) loop following the sides of the dogs' neck area, opposite of strap (5). One end of the strap (6) is fixed to loop (2). The remaining end of the strap (6) having a loop like structure which slide-ability receives the first loop (1).

It is the adjustability of the first loop and second loop in conjunction of with the slide-ability of strap (4), allowing the device to be fitted to the dogs' neck.

A preferred exemplary animal training device made in accordance with the concepts of the present invention is shown by way of example in the accompanying drawings without attempting to show all the various forms and modifications in which the invention might be embodied, the invention being measured by the appended claims and not by the details of the specification(s).

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Brief Description of the Drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an animal training device made in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the animal training device shown in place on a dog.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the animal training device shown from the front.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the animal training device shown from the top.

Preferred Embodiment for Carrying out the Invention.

A collar type device which may be utilized to train an animal that is primarily intended to be used in conjunction with the training of a dog as shown in Figure 2, but, it should be understood that it could be used in conjunction with other types of animals. However, the discussion herein, will be based on its' use with a dog.

The device includes a lower neck strap indicated by the number 1 and an upper neck strap generally indicated by the number 2. Strap 2 is connected to itself with a strap formed as a loop indicated by the number 3.

Strap 1 and strap 2 are connected by a bottom strap, generally indicated by the number 4 and two side straps indicated by the number 5 and 6.

Lower neck strap 1 is preferably in the form of a loop of flat, flexible, band-like material such as polyester, nylon, leather or webbing like material generally indicated by the number 7. For the purpose of this description it will be referred to as webbing.

A conventional slide adjuster 8 is provided on one end of webbing 7, which enables the user to adjust the size of the lower neck strap 1.

During the assembly of lower neck strap 1 the webbing 7 is fed through the slide adjuster 8, then through a slide loop indicated as number 9. Subsequently, receiving one end of a conventional locking clasp generally, indicated by the number 10. The webbing 7, is then fed back through the slide loop 9 and then through the slide adjuster 8 subsequently forming a small loop which is attached to the webbing 7, for example by stitching, gluing, riveting or other methods of fastening.

The remaining end of the webbing 7 is provided with a loop 12 that will receive the second half of the locking clasp.

A conventional locking clasp 10 includes side tabs 11 which, when depressed, allows the clasp 10 to be opened for ease of positioning strap 1 on the dog. It is also possible to use another conventional locking device such as a buckle, button(s), snap(s) or clasp(s).

The upper neck strap 2 is also generally in the shape of a loop like structure and preferably made of flat, flexible, band-like material such as polyester, nylon, leather or webbing like material generally indicated by the number 13. For the purpose of this description it will be referred to as webbing.

During the assembly of the upper neck strap 2 the webbing 13 is fed through the slide adjuster 14, then through one end of a conventional locking device indicated by the number 15.

The webbing 13 is then fed back through the slide adjustor 14 forming a small loop which is attached to the webbing 13, for example by stitching, gluing, riveting or other methods of fastening.

To continue the assembly of loop 2 the webbing indicated by the number 18 is fed through the second half of a conventional locking device indicated by the number 19, forming a small loop indicated by the number 20 which is attached back to the webbing 18 by means of stitching, gluing, riveting or other method(s) of fastening.

The remaining end of the webbing 18 is fed through a ring-like device indicated by the number 21 forming a small loop indicated by the number 22 which is attached back to the webbing 18.

To form the final loop of the upper neck strap 2 it is connected to itself with a strap formed as a loop indicated by the number 3.

The loop 3 is preferably made of flat flexible, band-like material such as polyester, nylon, leather or webbing like material(s). The following materials could also be used: chain-like devices, rope or cable-like devices. For the purpose of this description it will be referred to as webbing.

One end of webbing indicated by the number 23 is fed through ring 21 and subsequently through ring 16. Both ends of webbing 3 overlap each other, receiving a ring-like device, indicated by the number 24 that is fastened by the over-lapping ends to each other by stitching, gluing, riveting or other method(s) of fastening.

Strap 1 and strap 2 are connected by a bottom strap 4 and two side straps indicated by the number 5 and 6.

Strap 4, 5 and 6 are preferably made of flat, flexible, band-like material such as polyester, nylon, leather or webbing-like material(s).

During the assembly of strap 4 the webbing indicated by the number 25 is wrapped around the webbing 13 of the upper neck strap 2 forming a loop allowing the strap to slide for a proper fit.

The other end of strap 4 the webbing 25 is wrapped around the webbing 7 of the lower neck strap 1 forming a loop allowing slide-ability. To secure both ends of strap 4 the webbing 25 are overlapped and stitched, glued, riveted or fastened in any other way that still maintains the slide-ability of both loops.

During the assembly of strap 5 the webbing indicated by the number 26 is wrapped around the webbing 13 of the upper neck strap 2 just below ring 21. The other end of the webbing 26 is wrapped around neck strap 1 just above the slide loop 9. Both ends of webbing 26 over-lapping each other and for example stitched together as indicated by the number 27, leaving a loop 28 around strap 1 for slide-ability.

The loop indicated by the number 29 is fastened to the upper neck strap 2 by way of stitching, riveting, gluing or any other method(s) of fastening.

During the assembly of strap 6 the webbing indicated by the number 30 is wrapped around the webbing 13 of the upper neck strap 2 just below ring 16.

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CLAIMS:

1. An animal training device comprising of a first strap forming a loop adapted to be positioned around the lower part of the animals' neck area, a second strap forming a loop adapted to be positioned around the upper part of the animals' neck area that is interconnected with a third loop, a first strap connecting said first and second loops and are adapted to be positioned in the front of the animals neck along the throat area, and a second strap connecting said first and second loops and adapted to be positioned on the side of the animals neck area, a third strap connecting said first and second loops and adapted to be positioned on the opposite side of said second strap of the animals neck.
2. The training device of claim 1 further comprising at least one means of attaching a leash to the training device.
3. The training device of claim 2, wherein one said means for attaching a leash is provided by a ring.
4. The training device of claim 1 wherein said third loop includes a ring for attaching a leash like device.
5. The training device of claim 1 wherein said first loop includes an adjustment means for selectively modifying the size of the loop.
6. The training device of claim 1 wherein said second loop includes an adjustment means for selectively modifying the size of the loop.
7. The training device of claim 1 where in said first loop includes a locking clasp like structure which selectively opens or closes said first loop.

8. The training device of claim 1 wherein said second loop includes a locking clasp which selectively opens or closes said second loop.
9. The training device of claim 1 wherein said second loop comprising of a strap having a loop formed at each end thereof receiving a ring at each said loops which receives third strap forming a loop of said claim 4 thereby interconnecting the second loop of claim 1.
10. The training device of claim 1 wherein said first strap is provided with a loop at each end which slide ability receives said first loop and second loop at each end.
11. The training device of claim 1 wherein said second strap is provided with a loop at one end which slide ably receives said first loop, the other end being fixedly attached to said second loop.
12. The training device of claim 1 wherein said third strap is provided with a loop on one end which slide ability receives said first loop the other end being fixed attached to said second loop.
13. The training device of claim 9 wherein said third loop includes a ring for attaching a leash like structure.
14. The training device or claim 9 wherein a leash can be attached to a ring.

