

# Groomers *Helper*®

# STARTER SET Setup Instructions

(The Professional Set is made up of 2 Starter Sets plus an Arm & Clamp Set)

**WARNING:** The Groomers Helper® is a cross-tie restraint system developed to help a pet groomer, veterinarian, vet tech or any other animal handler administer necessary procedures needed without the fear of being able to be bitten because the area in which a bite can occur is reduced significantly. However, please note that careless use may result in the operator entering the area in which the animal may bite and a bite may occur. "The ultimate responsibility for safe animal handling lies with the animal handler". This restraint system should only be used by someone familiar with its operation. Check your equipment regularly and always remember: **ONLY USE AS MUCH RESTRAINT AS IT IS NECESSARY TO CALM AND SECURE THE ANIMAL TO ACCOMPLISH THE TASK UNDERTAKEN AND THEN RELEASE THE RESTRAINT AS SOON AS THE ANIMAL CALMS AND THE TASK IS ACCOMPLISHED AND NEVER LEAVE AN ANIMAL IN RESTRAINTS UNATTENDED!**

## Contents:

1. Patented Groomers Helper® Clamp
2. Groomers Helper® Loop
3. Tether
4. Training Video (VHS or DVD)



These instructions are designed for the groomer to have a quick start with the Groomers Helper®. Please review the Training Video provided for more detailed instructions and safety tips.

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**STEP 1.** Place the Groomers Helper® Clamp around your grooming arm and tighten it at the appropriate height. NOTE: The Groomers Helper® Clamp has been designed to fit square and round grooming arms from 3/4" to 1". The tether (rope) should face the pet and the adjusting knob should face you. If you are right handed the slide button should be to your right. Left handed the slide button should be on your left.



**STEP 2.** Attach the Groomers Helper® Loop to the pet. The loop should fit snugly around the neck. Use the stainless steel cam lock to size down the loop to the back of the pet's neck. You should be able to get two fingers between the loop and the pet's neck. In the event of an emergency such as a seizure you may release the pet immediately by using the quick release buckle on the loop.



**STEP 3.** Spin the loop around and connect it to the top of the grooming arm.



**STEP 4.** Attach the tether to the D-Ring on the Groomers Helper® Loop.



**STEP 5.** Adjust the arm's height so that the pet is standing normally with just a little slack. You can now pull the tether (rope) in gently, bringing the pet closer to the arm and lock the slide button when you reach the desired distance from the grooming arm. The Groomers Helper® pulls the loop away from the pet's trachea, eliminating choking.



At first, use your Groomers Helper® to acquaint yourself with and calm the pet. You may develop a rapport with them by gently pulling in the tether. You will feel that they are pulling back which is their natural instinct. Let them pull back and think they won the "Tug-of-War" before you lock the tether. They usually calm down after the second or third "win" and you are now playing with them. It is easy to now make friends. Most pets respond favorably and calm down when they realize they are in restraints and not fighting you. As the pet calms down you may release more and more, until almost no restraint is needed. For general grooming let the pet just relax with slack in the tether. Only enough slack so they cannot chew the tether.

