

# THE GPS GAME

Finding the best GPS device for your dog

## Picking A GPS Device For Your Pet

When it comes to pet safety, many people are looking toward the technological advances in GPS tracking for animals. Wish you had a “Find My iPhone” for your pup? We’ve got you covered. After an abundance of research, we at S.A.M. have created a breakdown just for you about the brands we trust and those we simply do not. We put in the time, so you don’t have to. Go have fun with your pup instead!



### WHISTLE

Whistle is a rechargeable GPS device designed to fit any collar. The charge only takes 2 hours and will last for 7 days. Whistle’s features include: an easy-to-use app, activity and health tracking with recommendations, safe zone alerts for when your pet wanders outside a customized safe area, GPS service via AT&T, and water resistance.



### THE AKC LINK COLLAR

The AKC Link is a rechargeable collar attachment designed for dog and cat tracking. It can attach to almost any collar, but the recommendation is use of the AKC collar, which is included in the package. AKC Link’s features include: an easy-to-use app, temperature alerts, health tracking, GPS service via AT&T, water resistance, customized alerts and extras.



### TILE

Tile is a tracking device designed for lost items. Tile is easily attachable to any pet collar, but is limited to a usage range of 100 ft. The range is listed as best used at about 30 feet. Tile is battery powered and must be replaced once a year. Tile’s features include: water resistance, find your phone mode, and a 1-year warranty.



### TRACKR

TrackR is a tracking device designed for lost items. TrackR is easily attachable to any pet collar but also has a limited range of about 100 feet. Walls and furniture can limit the range further. TrackR’s features include replaceable batteries, a “crowd locate” feature which uses other TrackR users to find things, Alexa pairing, and an item ringer.

## The Nitty Gritty: A Comparison

Our recommendations are 1) Whistle then 2) The AKC Link depending on your needs. We DO NOT recommend using Tile or TrackR for your pets, but they may be very useful for your keys. For your perusal, we've included a breakdown of features between Whistle and The AKC Link.

*For additional info, please visit the companies' respective websites (listed below in "Customer Service").*

Features	WHISTLE	THE AKC LINK
COST	\$79.95 Subscription plan options: \$9.95/month billed monthly \$7.95/month billed annually \$6.95/month billed biennially	\$179 - \$199 Subscription plan options: \$9.95/month billed monthly \$7.95/month billed annually \$6.95/month billed biennially
WARRANTY/ GUARANTEE	90-day money back guarantee	30-day money back guarantee 3-year limited warranty
GPS SUPPLIER	AT&T	AT&T
WATER RESISTANT	✓	✓
CUSTOMIZED ACTIVITY TRACKING	✓	✓
RECHARGE TIME	2 hour charge for 7 days of battery life; Notifications for low battery in need of charge	4 hour charge for "full battery life"
TRAINING FEATURES	Activity recommendations	Light and sound for clicker-style training
PET POISON HELPLINE	✗	Includes access to AKC's Pet Poison Helpline
SAFE ZONES	Set customized "safe zones" via the app Receive notifications when dog is out of safe zone	✗
COLLAR PLACEMENT	Fits any collar	System includes a collar; New collars free of charge as your dog grows
CUSTOMER SERVICE	<a href="http://www.whistle.com">http://www.whistle.com</a> 855-999-0471 Online chat system with email "ready to chat with you" notifications	<a href="http://www.linkakc.com">http://www.linkakc.com</a> 888.300.6608 Instant messaging online help