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Thank you for contacting My Pet's Brace. We look forward to helping your dog/patient walk and play comfortably again with the help of a custom brace. An effective custom brace starts with the creation of a well-formed cast taken by a veterinarian or rehabilitation professional.

If the veterinarian or rehabilitation facility does not have the materials to make the fiberglass cast, a casting kit may be ordered from the My Pet's Brace website or by calling 610-286-0018.

## Please follow the process below:

- Step 1: Veterinarian or rehabilitation professional reads the casting instructions below and watches the casting video tutorial at *mypetsbrace.com/training-videos*.
- Step 2: Veterinarian or rehabilitation professional takes a cast of the dog's leg.
- Step 3: Veterinarian or rehabilitation professional completes the Measurement and Diagnosis Form
- Step 4: Pet owner completes Intake Form.
- Step 5: Mail the cast, Measurement and Diagnosis Form and Intake Form to My Pet's Brace in PA (address above).
- Step 6: Once the cast is received, My Pet's Brace calls the purchaser of the brace to take payment and provide the specific date the brace will be completed and shipped from our facility.
- Step 7: Veterinarian or rehabilitation professional fits the brace on the dog. Read the Fit and Care Instructions included with the brace.

All of our braces include a no-hassle 90 day warranty. Because our devices are custom-made and will not fit any other pet, no refunds, returns or exchanges can be offered by My Pet's Brace. Visit our website for more information.

## HOCK BRACE CASTING INSTRUCTIONS



Watch casting video at www.mypetsbrace.com/training-videos.

The casting procedure for a custom brace is a different process than casting for a broken bone, disease or injury.



Have a helper sit on the opposite side of the dog's injured leg. The helper will hold the stockinet and <u>rubber tubing cutting strip</u> with one hand and support the dog from sitting with the other hand underneath the dog's belly. Position the dog in a normal/corrected standing position, with the dog's paw flat on the ground (90° angle). If there is a contracture, cast the leg in the most functional position. There is no need to sedate the dog (unless there are extreme circumstance).



Have a bowl of lukewarm water, a sharp utility knife, a pair of bandage scissors and a marker readily available.



Hold the casting tape underwater for 10 seconds, then squeeze water out three times.



Start the cast by quickly wrapping the tape distally, then cover the entire paw and move up to just below the tibial tubercle. Overlap each layer no more than 2-3 times, cutting off any excess tape not needed.



<u>Length Measurement 3</u> –length of paw, include nails



Mold the tape to conform to bony prominences. Massage the layers together.



<u>Circumference Measurement 1</u> – at middle calf



Use the permanent marker to trace the rubber tubing. Draw several hash marks perpendicular to the rubber tubing line.



<u>Circumference Measurement 2</u> – at hock joint



Use the utility knife to cut the cast off before the casting tape completely hardens (less than 4 minutes). Do not wait too long. Cast will still be a little soft.



<u>Circumference Measurement 3</u> – below hock joint



Remove the rubber tubing cutting strip. Cut the stockinet off with the bandage scissors and remove the cast from the dog's leg.



On the back of the Measurement and Diagnosis Form, take a tracing of the dog's paw while the dog is standing.



Tape or rubber band the cast together without deforming the cast. Write the dog's name on the cast.



Pet owner completes Intake Form.



Complete Measurement and Diagnosis Form and record all measurements in centimeters using a soft tape measure. <u>Length Measurement 1</u> – stifle joint to hock joint



If possible, mail or email a side view picture of the dog while he/she is standing. Take the picture at dog's eye level. Do not take the picture when the cast is on the dog's leg.



<u>Length Measurement 2</u> – hock joint to floor



Mail cast, Measurement and Diagnosis Form, Intake Form and picture to:

My Pet's Brace 3508 East Main Street Morgantown, PA 19543



3) LENGTH OF PAW

(when flat on floor, include nails)

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My Pet's Brace Use Only – Due Date				
□ PA				
☐ CFab				
□ TN				
□ PITT				

## **HOCK MEASUREMENT & DIAGNOSIS FORM**

\*READ INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 1 & 2. THIS IS PAGE 3. THIS PAGE IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VET/REHAB. ON THE BACK OF THIS PAPER, TAKE A TRACING OF THE DOG'S PAW WHILE THE DOG IS STANDING. Date: Owner Name: Breed: Pet Name: Weight: ☐ Male ☐ Female Affected Side/Brace For: ☐ Left ☐ Right Age: Device Requested: ☐ Hock with Joints at Tarsus ☐ Below  $\square$  Add ☐ Hock without Hock Anterior ☐ Hock with Joints at Paw Joints Shell ☐ Hock with Joints at Tarsus & Paw (+ \$150) Diagnosis: Notes/Other Instructions: Clinic Phone: Clinic Name: **Practitioner Name: Practitioner Signature: Brace Color (See Color Chart):** CIRCUMFERENCE MEASUREMENTS ( LENGTH MEASUREMENTS 1) STIFLE AXIS TO HOCK AXIS cm 1) AT MIDDLE CALF 2) HOCK AXIS TO FLOOR cm 2) AT HOCK JOINT 3) BELOW HOCK JOINT

cm



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## **INTAKE FORM**

VETERINARIAN	/rehabilitation	INFORMATION
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VETERINARIAN/REHABILITATION IN Practitioner Name:		Clinic Name:		
Street:				
Phone:				
PET OWNER INFORMATION				
Name:				
Street:				
Phone:		Cell:		
PET INFORMATION Name:	Bro	eed:		
Weight: <u>lbs</u> Age: _				
Diagnosis/Injury:				
DEVICE REQUESTED  Hind Leg: ☐ Knee ☐ Hock	☐ Below Hock			
Front Leg: ☐ Carpal ☐ Below	Carpal 🗆 Elbow			
$\square$ Add Anterior Shell to Hind or Fro	nt Leg (for fractures and o	osteosarcomas)		
DELIVERY INFORMATION  Ship Completed Brace To: □ Vet/Ro  Shipping Method (Shipping Complet □ 3-day □ 2-day □ Next day  Fabrication Time: □ Standard: 7 bus	ed Brace To You/Your Ve	et): UPS Ground	ness days (≈\$40) □	USPS 3-5 business days (≈\$80)
BILLING INFORMATION				
Who To Bill: ☐ Vet/Rehab Facility	☐ Pet Owner			
Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard	☐ Discover ☐ AmEx	☐ Care Credit*		
Credit Card #:  Providing credit card information authorizes also be given over the phone when My Pet's begins once full payment has been received	My Pet's Brace to charge your Brace calls the brace purchase	r card for the brace plu er confirming the cast h	s any applicable shipping nas been received at our f	charges. Credit card information can acility. Production of the brace
Billing Address (if different from about If paying by check-mail check with t				
*If using Care Credit- mail copy of C				
Warranty My Pet's Brace will repair or replace My Pet's Brace will repair or replace one year. Because devices are custo	the plastic superstructur	re and mechanical	hinges for no charge	if they fail from defect within

can be offered by My Pet's Brace. By signing below, I understand and agree to the My Pet's Brace warranty and no refunds policy.

\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet Owner's Signature: