



# Mobility Support Harness

## Pricing & Measuring

#### **Mobility Support Harness (MSH) includes:**

- Harness saddle with straps <u>custom made</u> to fit your dog's measurements
- Folding rigid brace handle, custom made to <u>desired height</u> up to 8" tall (taller handle available with upgrade)
- Three D-rings on the back of harness for attaching accessories
- Great Fit Guarantee: fit adjustment if necessary within 4 weeks of delivery
- Lifetime warranty for materials & workmanship, excellent customer support
- Lots of options available to meet your needs

#### Standard size, \$425

For most dogs 60-90 pounds, with a girth size of 26-33 inches (if your dog is under 60 pounds, consider the Basic Assistance Harness)

#### Extra Large size, \$450

For dogs 90-150 pounds, with a girth size of 33-40 inches (also recommended for some breeds with deep chests weighing 85 pounds or more, such as GSD's and Dobermans)

#### Giant size, \$525

For dogs 140-200 pounds, with a girth over 40"

Need help with sizing or choosing the right options? Don't hesitate to ask! We'll listen to your needs to be sure you get the right equipment. Don't worry, we'll review all the measurements and details to assure you we have all the details we need for a properly fitted harness that meets your needs.

Please see next page for options & accessories
 See measuring guide on Pages 3 & 4

#### **Available Options for the BLD MSH:**

Choose from these upgrade options to customize the harness to meet your needs. Must be selected when order is placed, as these options are built into the harness.

#### TALL handle upgrade: \$30

Required for brace handles 9" or taller, up to 14" maximum. Includes upgraded support bars on saddle and heavier gage metal for handlebar. (Please know that the physics of tall handles will apply more torque and pressure to the dog. Harness must have tall support bars to accommodate handles of 9" or more.)

#### Ergonomic Handle Grip upgrade:\$50

\*Highly recommended!

Z- shaped grip allows for a more natural hand and arm position. Choose left or right hand.

#### Pull-Rings: \$25

For people with limited dexterity who have trouble grasping a small knob, pull-rings can be added to make it easier to operate the handle folding mechanism. (Cannot be retrofitted.)

#### Sheepskin padding on belly strap: \$15

Optional padding on rear belly strap is recommended for short coated or sensitive dogs. (All other parts of the harness come standard with sheepskin.)

Other, please let us know if you need any special accommodations. Some requests require a quote.

#### **Accessories:**

#### Extra set of knobs:\$6

\*Highly recommended!

Removable knobs hold the handle onto the harness. Keep an extra set handy just in case. Choose: set of 3 low-profile black knobs or set of 4 of self-locking wing nuts

#### Pull Strap: \$25

Adapt your harness for pulling & forward momentum to add extra functionality. Adjustable strap clips onto the d-rings on the harness.

#### **Guide Handle: \$45**

Flexible leather handle for leading and momentum. This sturdy handle offers excellent communication and feedback. Angles back for proper leading or momentum contact. Mounts to harness with quick-release buckles, includes Velcro stabilizers. Sturdier than the standard pull strap. Made to your desired length. (Not easily removable.)

#### Cape/Vest: \$55 standard size, \$59 XL/Giant

\*Highly Recommended!

Specially designed for the BLD harness to hold essentials like ID, money, phone, treats, medicine, cleanup bags, etc. Has 2 pockets, reflective stripes, and Velcro on the top to accommodate the Velcro patch listed below. **Choose RED or BLUE.** 

**ID Patches & Badges:** various designs and phrases; see website or call for available designs.

#### Banner Badge, \$25

\*Highly recommended!

Our special 2-sided badge that spans the handlebar (fits handles over 4" tall, up to 10" wide)

#### Double Patch/Leash badges, \$18-20

3" round 2-sided badges Velcro onto leash, strap, or side of handlebar

#### Clip on 2-sided badge, \$25

3" round patch clip to attach to a d-ring on harness

#### Velcro Patch, \$10

Hook Velcro-backed patch for cape, 2.5"x5"

**MSH Replacement Parts are available:** This harness has been designed with interchangeable straps for the greatest flexibility; perfect for adapting a harness to fit a new dog or user. You may order replacement parts any time you need them. Brace handles are replaceable if the harness is built to accommodate the height you need.

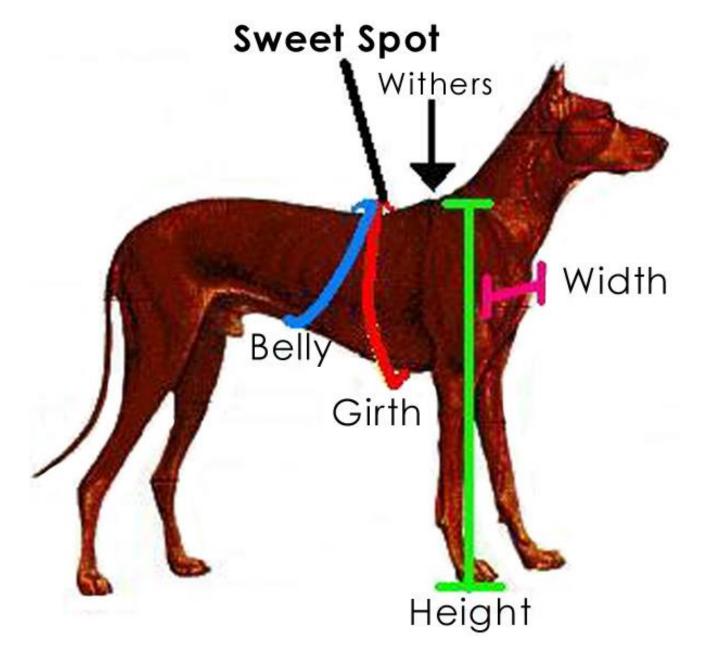
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### Harness Measuring Guide

#### How to measure dog for BLD Mobility Support Harness:

We require specific measurements to make your harness fit perfectly. Please follow the instructions on the following pages and provide measurements when you place the order.

#### **Dog Measuring Diagram:**



See Step Two for instructions.

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#### Tips before you measure:

- You may want a friend to help you.
- Watch a video about how to measure on the website!
- The dog and user do NOT have to be together to measure!
- Measure the <u>harness user</u> to determine the correct handle height.
- Please don't guess the handle height, as it will be made to measure for your harness.
- Measure the dog according to the diagram & directions.
- Make each measurement 2 or 3 times for accuracy. Each time may give you different results; this is normal -- don't panic. Average the numbers.
- Be sure you provide the **dog's name**, **breed and weight** for reference.
- Your harness maker will review your details and will ask if there are any questions.
- Please let us know if there are any special considerations we should note for your order.
- Provide these measurements at the time of your order—you can call us, or email us directly. There is not a form on the website, as we like to be in personal communication with you! We will follow up to be sure we get all the info we need to make your harness.
- Please note that delays in receiving measurements will delay your harness order, as we cannot start work on the harness without these important details.
- <u>Don't panic, we're here to help!</u> Really, don't worry—the straps are adjustable and we'll be sure you get a perfect fit.

#### Step one: Measure for the handle:

- Have the person who will be using the harness **stand wearing normal shoes, and allow arm to hang naturally at his/her side.** Be sure the person is balanced and comfortable.
- With the arm relaxed **measure from the bend in the wrist** to the floor.
- Wrist measure minus dog's height equals the handle measurement. See step two for measuring the dog's height. (If your dog is taller than your wrist, we will make a 2-3" handle for you.)
- This method is the most accurate. If you require a different handle measurement, please indicate when you order.

#### Now, measure the dog...

#### Step two: Measure your dog:

- Measure multiple times for accuracy.
- Have the dog stand square and balanced.
- Use a cloth measuring tape or a string. For accurate measurements, keep the measuring tape snug.
- The withers are where the dog's shoulder blades stick up.
- Locate the "<u>sweet spot</u>": this is where the dog's back begins, <u>just behind</u> the withers.
- Please use the diagram on page 3 for reference.
- Provide dog's name, breed, and weight along with the following:
- 1) Measure **height** from withers to the floor (lay a book across the shoulders if you like).
- 2) Measure the **girth** from the "sweet spot" around the <u>deepest</u> part of the dog's chest.
- 3) Measure the **belly** from the "sweet spot," around the soft part of the belly, at a <u>diagonal</u>. Be sure the tape is pulled up snugly BEHIND the dog's rib cage (flanks) and then back to the "sweet spot." (Do not measure the dog's waist.) Boxy dogs may not have a tuck behind the ribcage, just measure the best you can.
- 4) Measure the **width** straight across the FRONT of the dog's chest. This is easiest with a regular flat ruler. Sit in front of your dog, and hold the ruler in both hands across the dog's <u>breastbone</u>. Slide your fingers in until you are touching each side of the dog's shoulder bones. (Imagine that your dog is squeezing through a tiny doorway; what is the narrowest space he can squeeze his shoulders through?). This measurement determines the width of the handle. The handle must be the same width as the dog to fit correctly.

#### How to order:

You may order **online**, call to place your order by **phone**, or **visit** the workshop in person. You can even **mail** the following <u>order form</u> with a check. Whatever works for you is just fine!

We accept all major credit cards, PayPal, checks, and money orders.

<u>Call or email us with your measurements</u> so we can be sure to have all the details.

Thank you very much! We look forward to making your new harness.

#### Confused? Have questions? Don't worry. We're here to help.

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