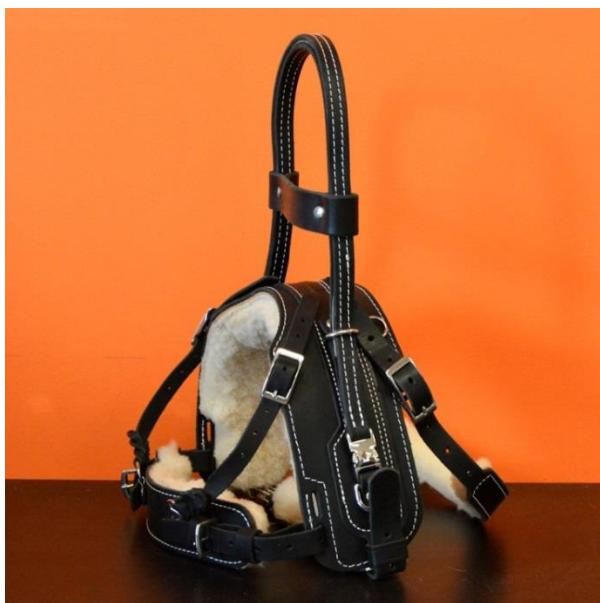


# Measuring Instructions

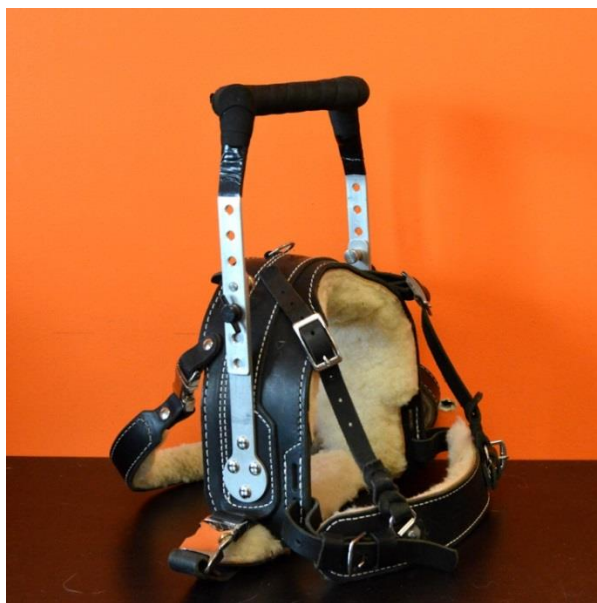
for custom service dog harness:

Balance Assistance Harness

Mobility Support Harness



**Balance Assistance Harness (BAH)**



**Mobility Support Harness (MSH)**

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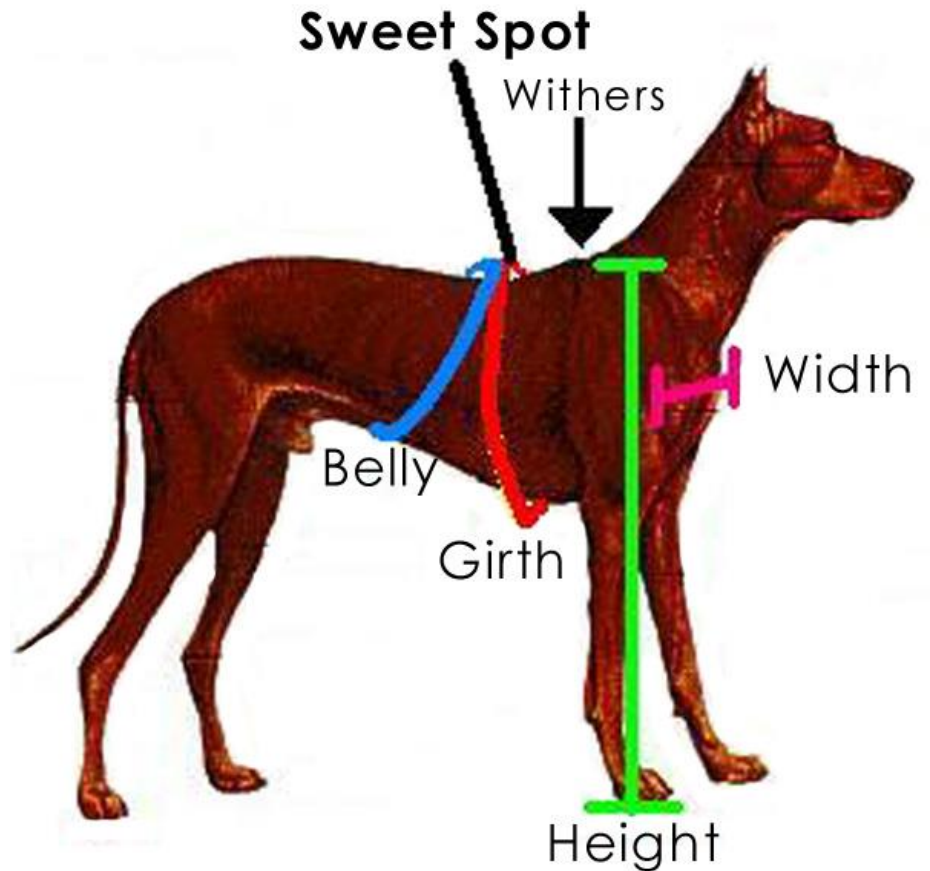
**Watch a video:** <https://boldleaddesigns.com/measuring/>

This is the abridged document with measuring information only. Please refer to the complete information document for details, pricing, and options.

# How to measure for your BLD MAH or MSH harness:

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

## Dog Measuring Diagram:



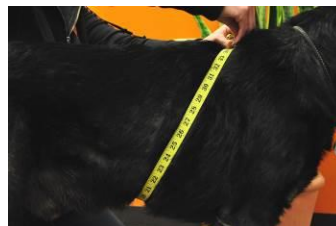
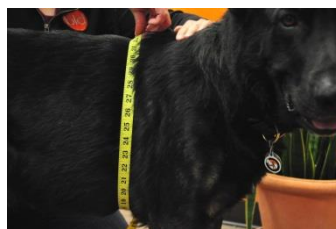
## Tips & Hints

- Read through the directions below! There's a worksheet on the back page.
- You may want a friend to help you.
- **Watch a video about how to measure on our website!**  
<https://boldleaddesigns.com/measuring/>
- The dog and user do NOT have to be together to measure!
- Measure the harness user to determine the correct handle height.
- Please don't guess the handle height, as is made to order for your harness.
- Measure the dog according to the diagram & directions.
- Please let us know if there are any special considerations we should note for your order.
- **Take each measurement 2 or 3 times for accuracy.** Each time may give you different results; this is normal -- don't panic. Just average the numbers.
- Provide all measurements at the time of your order—you can call us, or email us directly. Please note that delays in receiving complete order information will delay your harness order, as we cannot start work on the harness without these important details.
- **The harness specialists at BLD will review all of the details and will contact you if we have questions about your order or measurements. We may make recommendations based on the measurements you provide. Please accept our experience and suggestions for the most functional equipment options.**
- Don't panic, we're here to help! Really, don't worry—the straps are adjustable and we'll be sure you get a perfect fit.

## Measure the dog:

- Have the dog stand square and balanced when taking all measurements.
- Use a cloth/tailor's measuring tape or a string for measuring around your dog's body.
- Use a flat ruler for the width.
- For accurate measurements, be sure your dog is standing! Keep the measuring tape snug.
- The **withers** are where the dog's shoulder blades stick up.
- Locate the "sweet spot," this is where the dog's back begins, just behind the withers.
- Please use the **diagram on page 21** for reference.
- Watch a video at: <https://boldleaddesigns.com/measuring/>
- Use the worksheet on the back page (p. 24) to record the numbers.

- 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 deepest part of the dog's chest
- 3) Measure the **belly** from the "sweet spot," around the soft part of the belly, at a diagonal.
  - Be sure the tape is pulled up snugly below the back of the dog's rib cage, where the ribs curve up towards the dog's belly, and then back to the "sweet spot." (Do not measure the dog's waist.)
  - Boxy dogs may not have a visible tuck behind the ribcage, just measure the best you can. (Remember we will let you know if anything doesn't look right.)
- 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 breastbone. Touch each side of the dog's shoulder bones, at the widest part; measure this distance.
  - **Tip:** have your dog squeeze through a doorway; measure the door opening.
  - This measurement determines the width of the handle and size of the breastplate. The handle must be the same width as the dog to fit correctly.



**Tip: Use a door!  
Measure door opening.**



**Width:  
Measure across dog's chest.**

## Measure for the handle:

Measure the person who will use the harness, measuring the hand they will use on the harness, while standing in regular shoes. Please take two sets of measurements.

### A: Wrist to ground:

for MSH rigid metal support handle

1. **Stand while wearing normal shoes.**
2. Be sure you are balanced and comfortable. No slouching or exaggerated posture
3. **Allow arm to hang naturally** at your side. (Don't bend or straighten, your arm, just be relaxed)
4. **Measure from the bend in your wrist to the floor.**
5. Repeat! Move around, shake out your arm and measure a few times for accuracy.
6. Subtract the dog's height to determine handle measurement. If the dog is taller than the person's wrist, then we'll make a 2-3" handle.

**Wrist measurement A:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Minus dog's height: - \_\_\_\_\_  
Handle height/length A: = \_\_\_\_\_

### B: Hand to ground:

for all leather handle options

1. **Stand while wearing normal shoes.**
2. Be sure you are balanced and comfortable. No slouching or exaggerated posture!
3. Hold a pencil in your hand (or similar object to represent a handle) the way you wish to hold the harness handle.
4. Allow your arm to relax, with elbow slightly bent.
5. **Measure from the pencil to the floor.**
6. Repeat! Move around, shake out your arm and measure a few times for accuracy.
7. Subtract the dog's height to determine handle measurement. If the dog is taller than the person's hand, then we'll make a 2-3" handle.

**Hand measurement B:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Minus dog's height: - \_\_\_\_\_  
Handle height/length B: = \_\_\_\_\_

**HINT!** Tape a piece of paper to a wall. Stand with your shoulder touching the wall. Use a pencil to mark the paper at the **hand** and **wrist** heights. Then, measure the wall from the ground to the marks.



# MSH or BAH

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## My Harness Worksheet

Questions to ask BLD:

### Dog's Measurement worksheet:

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age\* \_\_\_\_\_

Weight \_\_\_\_\_

1) Height \_\_\_\_\_

2) Girth \_\_\_\_\_

3) Belly \_\_\_\_\_

4) Width \_\_\_\_\_

Notes on what I'd like to order:

### Handle Measurement worksheet:

Person's name \_\_\_\_\_

Child who will grow? Check if yes

Wrist measurement A: \_\_\_\_\_

Minus dog's height: - \_\_\_\_\_

Handle height/length A: = \_\_\_\_\_

Hand measurement B: \_\_\_\_\_

Minus dog's height: - \_\_\_\_\_

Handle height/length B: = \_\_\_\_\_

Notes:

\* Remember dogs must be mature and sound. See important notes on page 2 of the information document.