

Do you need a NEW or REPLACEMENT leather handle?

Have a harness that fits your dog and a handle that is not the right size?



Basic handle replacement:

- Tell us why the original handle is not right. (Too short? Too long? New dog? New user?)
- Do you know how much taller/shorter you would like your handle to be? Simply tell us! For example, you might say "I would like a new handle 2 inches taller."
- We'll ask you to do a quick measurement of the handle's actual height while your dog is wearing the harness. This will help us verify exactly what you need, and we'll take it from there. Please see the information below for measuring instructions.

Ordering a new leather handle and/or starting from scratch:

- For those with a harness fit to your dog who want to start fresh, please see the next page for instructions

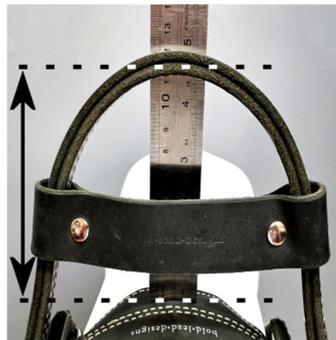
How BLD measures leather handles:

We measure handles from the top of the saddle to the handle grip. The ruler must start on at the base of the top-center D-ring and align with the handle angle. Please keep in mind the dog's width affects the actual handle size. (Note that the top of the saddle is approximately even with the dog's withers when the harness is fit properly.)

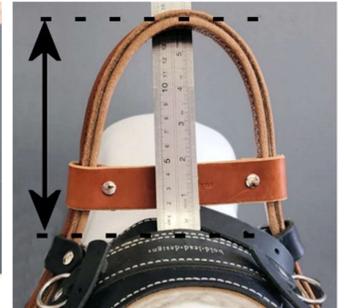
The vertical Balance Handle on a BAH is measured nearly straight up and down, whereas the support handle on either the BAH or MSH is measured with the ruler angled back at a diagonal. This gives us the most accurate information because it matches the natural alignment of the handle from the mounting attachment to the grip. See the illustrations below.



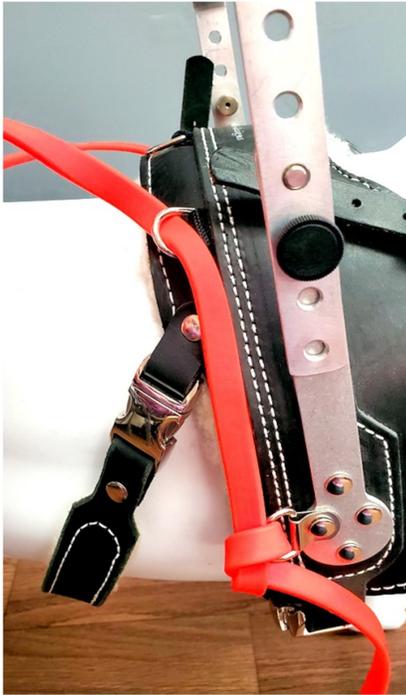
Balance Handle for BAH



Support Pull Handle for BAH & MSH



Measuring for a new leather handle with harness fit to your dog:



A: Support Pull for BAH & MSH



If you have your harness fit to your dog, this is our favorite method to figure out the right height/length for your new leather handle. You can “try out” how you’d like your new handle to feel in your hand and then measure what works for you.

1. Take an **old leash or a rope** and run it through the accessory d-rings on the top of your harness – use the left and right Dees. (If your harness has mouse ear loops on the D-rings, simply put the rope through the leather loop.) The above photos illustrate an orange leash. Tie the rope to the Dees, we use the lower Support-D-rings in the photos above.
2. Hold the rope as you wish to use the new handle. **Pull against it a little as if you were using your new handle**— your dog’s weight will act as an anchor. Adjust the rope until you find the position that feels best for both your hand and balance.
3. Measure from the base of the center D-ring (see top right photo) to your grip. (Be sure the measuring tape is at the same angle as the handle.)
 - A. For a **Support Pull** handle, measure at a slight angle as shown in picture A. This handle will be 8.5 inches long.
 - B. For a BAH **Balance Handle**, measure straight up (vertical), as shown in picture B. This handle will be 7 inches long.

B: Balance Handle for BAH



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