

Refit Guide to BLD's BAH or MSH Girth and Belly Straps



We would like you to measure for a new strap because something was not quite right in the measurements used to make your harness. We want the strap to buckle toward the middle of the adjustment range so you can both loosen and tighten the strap to fine tune the fit. We have two different ways to measure for a new strap; both methods tell us exactly what size strap to make for your dog.

Please note: These methods determine the actual size of the strap which is different than the dog's measurements. It's important the saddle be properly positioned to get an accurate belly strap measurement.



Can you buckle the harness on your dog?

YES: use Option #1

NO: use Option #2

Strap refit option #1:

Use this method if the harness straps can buckle on your dog and fit reasonably well, but there's not enough room for adjustment in the future. You will measure to the hole that fits best. In the photos below, the pencil points to the adjustment hole that best fits.

1. Take note of which hole fits your dog best
2. Take the strap off the harness and lie it flat on a table
3. Measure the strap leather **from the hole that fits best** to the quick release latch. Measure only the leather (not the hardware).
4. Call or email BLD with the strap measurement

Girth Strap:

This girth strap is too large. It fits best when buckled into the tightest hole, which is at 9.5"



Belly Strap:

This belly strap is too small. It fits best on the loosest hole, which is at 22"



Strap refit option #2: measure from buckle to buckle

Use this method if the straps do NOT buckle on your dog. We want to know the distance from the adjustment buckle to the quick release latch when your dog is wearing the harness saddle. The photos below illustrate both the girth (on left) and belly strap (on right).

1. Put the harness on your dog, unbuckle the strap you wish to measure for but leave the quick release latch attached
2. Take a measuring tape and **start measuring from where the leather starts** on the quick release/magnetic latch
3. Bring the measuring tape under your dog in the same position the strap would be located to reach the adjustment buckle on the other side
 - a. Pull the measuring tape snug against your dog's girth/belly
4. Starting at the beginning of the leather on the quick release/magnetic latch, **measure from buckle to buckle** (do not include the hardware in the measurement)
5. Call or email BLD with the strap measurement

Girth Strap:

The girth strap needed in this example is 9 inches



Belly Strap:

The belly strap needed in this example is 18 inches

