

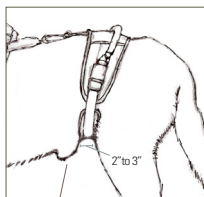
Tips on choosing the correct Hip Lift for your dog

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The Conventional Hip Lift Best fit for the majority of male and female dogs.

The conventional version of the harness has a continuous Belly Band and works very well for all female dogs and the majority of male dogs. Both have two fasteners on the belly band, for easy centering of the Hip Lift, a moveable pelvic pad and padded support straps. **For most male dogs the penis comes out forward of the belly band, allowing them to urinate freely. We recommend this version for most dogs.**

The moveable pelvic pad is made of neoprene and covered with fleece. It should be positioned under the pelvic plate, to provide additional support for the hips and spine. It can be made narrower to avoid irritation and locks in place with Velcro. It can be removed for male dogs with testicles still intact.



For most male dogs the belly band fits **[A]**, in front of the hind legs, just behind the penis.

A. Penis is forward of hind legs 2" to 3" inches



For some however, it starts **[B]**, farther back between their legs. In this case the male version will provide a better fit and more clearance.

B. Penis is further back or even with the front of hind legs



Shortening the length of the harness is done here at the connector band. This can help move the Hip Lift forward or back to help with the fit in front or back of the penis.

The two rear straps are padded with neoprene for the first six inches near the belly band. This is to provide maximum comfort and minimize material between the legs.

Ordinarily we suggest that you center the Pelvic Pad directly under your dogs pelvis. The Pad can be made narrower for dogs with slim hips or can be left off to provide more clearance for intact males. It does provide for more even lifting when it place.

For most male dogs the Belly Band fits in the notch between the front of their hind legs and the back of their penis as it slopes out of their abdomen, as it is shown here. However If it is covering the front of your dogs penis, you will likely need the male version to provide more clearance.

A test you can try is to throw a thin towel rolled up under your dogs waist and if it covers the penis you may need the male version. Just don't use to thick of a towel as it may be too thick and would not be an accurate test.

Tips on choosing the **Male** Hip Lift

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The New Male Hip Lift

The new male version has a “U” shaped opening in the belly band to provide clearance for dogs who need more space and constant support while urinating. These may be dogs who are suffering from severe hip and spine issues like DM [Degenerative Myelopathy] or near paralysis.

The “U” shaped opening allows them to urinate freely - even while being lifted.

However, **it works best for those male dogs whose penis is located further back between their legs.** For those dogs who come out further forward of the belly band, the conventional version would still be our recommendation.

There is no precise measurement to use in determining whether your male dog needs a male version or conventional version other than observing and estimating whether his **penis comes out more forward of his hind legs or further back between his legs.**

Look at his hind legs from off to the side at a 90% angle and if you see just **the tip of his penis it is likely he needs the male version.**

It may require us sending you one or the other version and then a swap may be necessary but a little careful observation may save time and shipping.

Call: 303-477-2201 if you have additional questions and we will do our best to help in the selection process.



Here is the “U” shaped opening that the male version provides for some male dogs. I should point to the front of your dogs body. It has a sturdy construction to provide strength when lifting but it covered with neoprene and fleece to provide total comfort for your pup.

The two rear straps are padded with neoprene for the first six inches near the belly band. This is to provide maximum comfort and minimize material between the legs.

This is a side view of the conventional harness and as you can see the Belly Band is a continuous strap that runs just in front of your dogs hind legs. The penis on most male dogs comes out just in front of the band and allows your dog to urinate without interference.

This is also a good view of the Pelvic Pad. This pad provides extra support for your dogs hips and pelvis. Between the Pelvic Pad, the two straps it Velcro's to and the Belly Band, you have a webbing if you will of straps to lift the entire pelvic plate on a single plane which eliminates stress on joints or tendons.

The pelvic Pad can be made narrower to accommodate dogs who are slimming and it can be moved or taken off entirely to accommodate en tact male dogs.