

# Help in fitting your harness

## 1 Begin with the front half and move to the Hip Lift.

Right out of the bag your harness is going to be attached - the front half to the back half and all of the connector straps as well. It may also have become slightly tangled in packaging. It is easiest to start by detaching the two halves.

Once you have determined the front from the back [the large handle is on the front half], slide the front half over your dog's head and get started.

The Hip Lift [back half] of the harness needs to be attached to the front half to keep it from slipping off, which is why we sell it as a total harness. You can use it by itself for brief periods but we don't recommend it, as it could slip and injure your dog.

Call us at 303-477-2201 if you get stuck anywhere along the way but it's fairly easy once you get the front half oriented. These instructions should help and the harness will certainly help both of you.



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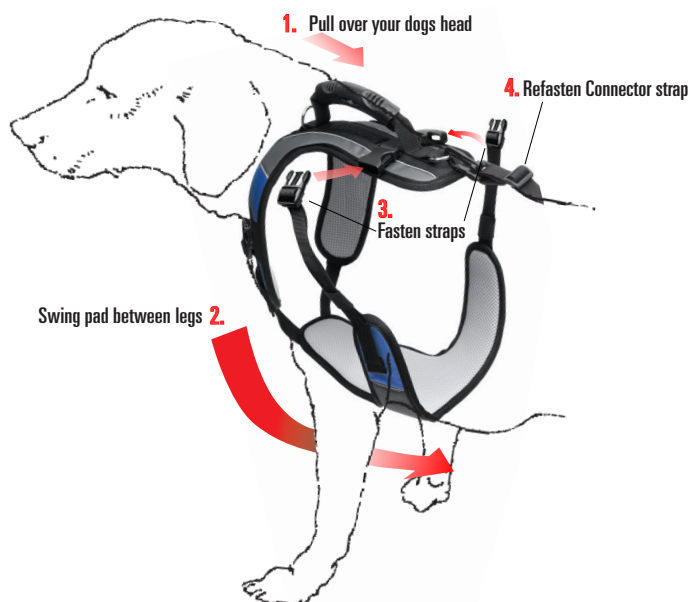
1. Slip the front half of the harness over your dog's head.

2. Swing the bottom "T" shaped pad between your dog's front legs.

3. One at a time lift the straps and fasteners to the top and connect them by inserting the male ends into the female fasteners.

4. Now reconnect the Hip Lift to the front harness by attaching it with the fastener on the connector strap.

5. Now, place the belly band over your dog's hips and center the handle over your dog's spine.



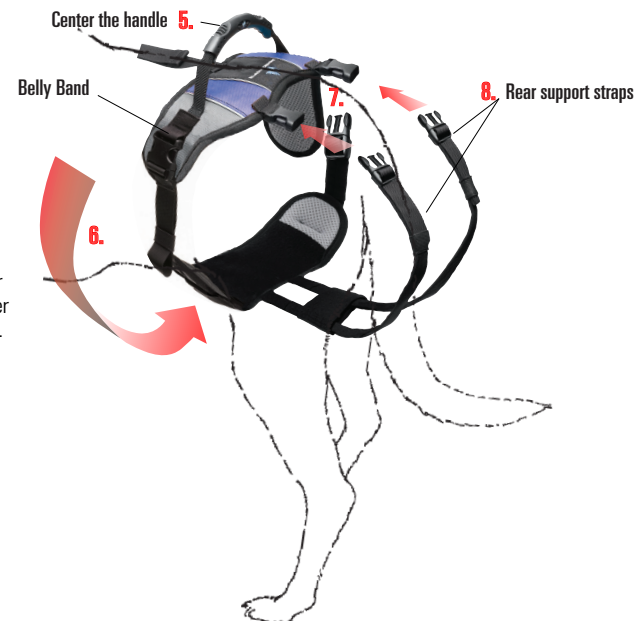
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6. Leaving one side attached let the ends of the belly band drop down on both sides of your dog's waist - now in front of the hind legs wrap the belly band underneath and lift to the opposite side.

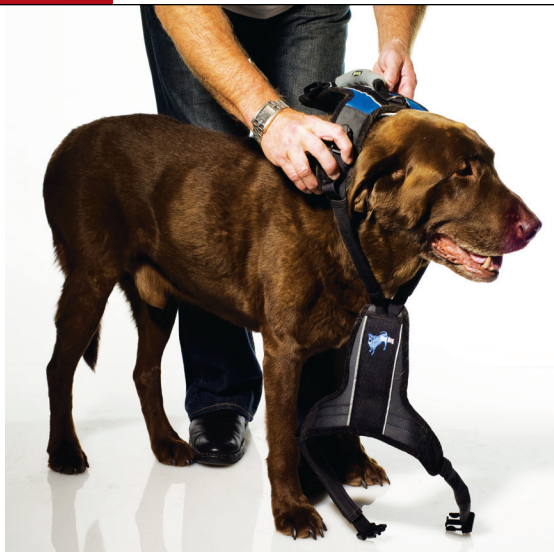
7. Lift the unattached half of the Belly Band up to the opposite fastener and connect. Tighten it down only after the other straps have been connected.

8. Now fasten the two rear support straps by lifting them up and on either side of the tail and connect to the fasteners at the top.

9. You may have to unfasten the rear straps to adjust the pelvic pad. Try to position it directly under your dog's pelvis. The Belly Band, the two straps and the pelvic pad together create a webbing to support your dog.



## How to apply your harness



**Step 1** Using just the front half of the harness, pull it over your dogs head. The large handle should now lie on the top of your dogs shoulders. Make final length adjustments to straps after the whole harness is on.



**Step 2** Pull the bottom T-shaped panel through your dogs front legs, then pull the side straps up and fasten them into female fasteners at the top. Make sure the bottom is far enough back to give clearance to front legs.



**Step 3** After fastening the straps into the two top female connectors you are ready to make adjustments to all of the straps on the front half of the harness. Additional strap length comes tucked into the neoprene sleeves - pull them out to tighten and tuck them back to neaten the look.



**Step 4** Now connect the Hip Lift to the front by clipping it to the "O" ring. Connect one side of the belly band and wrap it under your dogs waist, lift unfastened end to top and connect. Center belly band with side straps.



**Step 5** Pull the 2 bottom straps back through the hind legs, lift them up and fasten them at top to fasteners above the tail. Now position the pelvic pad between the legs and under the pelvis. You're now ready for final adjustments.

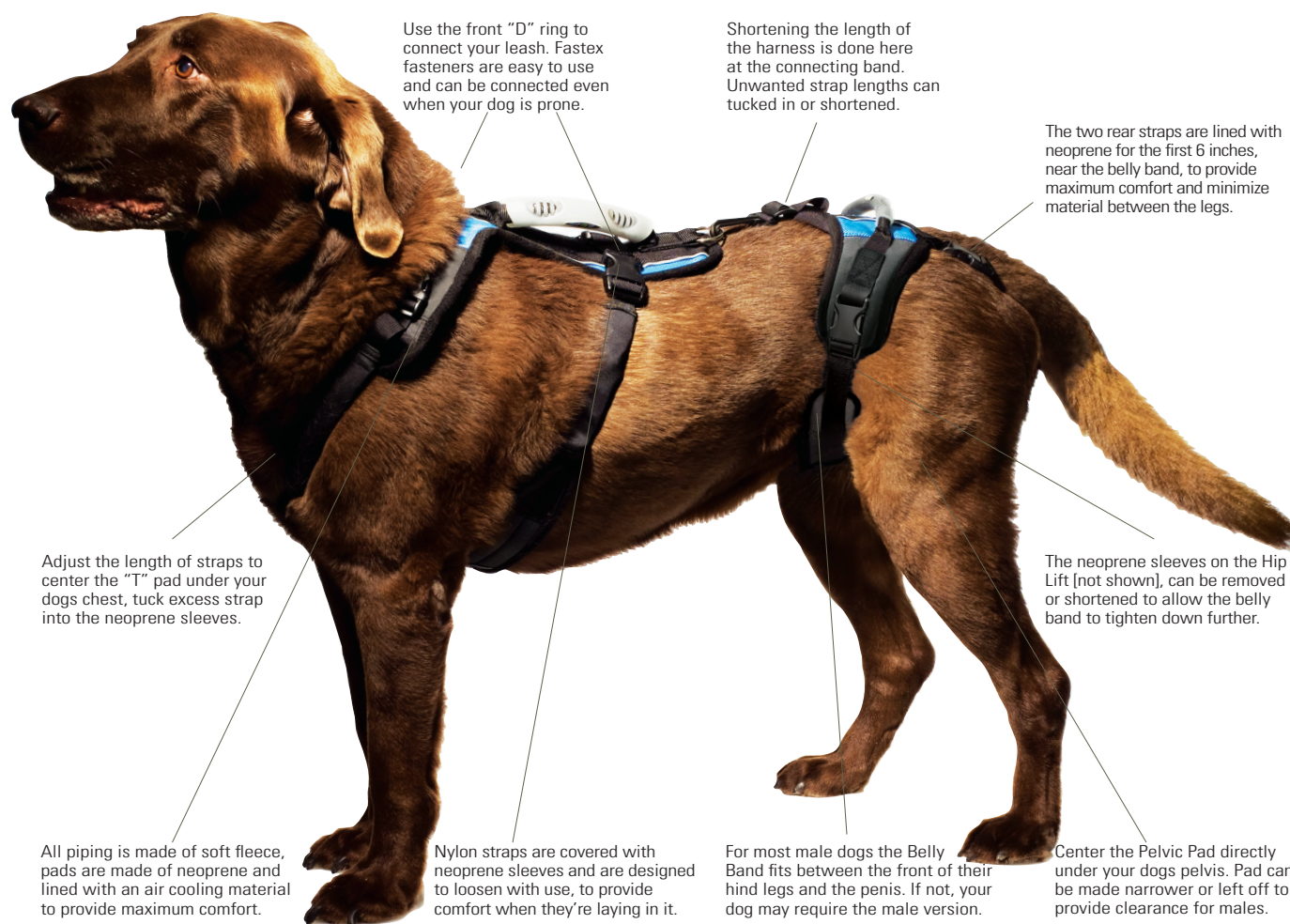


**Step 6** Tuck extra straps into neoprene sleeves, tighten straps so that they are snug - not tight. If you need to make the Hip Lift half of the harness tighter you can compress the neoprene sleeves or shorten them altogether. If you need to remove them completely, trim them, being careful not to cut the straps.



## Tips on fitting your harness

If your harness is on correctly it should look like this!



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