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#### Helping Pets Live Happier Lives

We look forward to helping your dog/patient walk and play comfortably again with the help of a custom brace. An effective brace starts with the creation of a well-formed cast taken by a veterinarian or rehabilitation professional.

If the veterinarian or rehabilitation facility does not have the materials to make the fiberglass cast, a casting kit may be ordered from the My Pet's Brace website or by calling 610-286-0018.

#### Please follow the process below:

Step 1: Veterinarian or rehabilitation professional reads the casting instructions below and watches the *Knee Brace Casting Tutorial* video at *mypetsbrace.com/casting-videos*.

- Step 2: Veterinarian or rehabilitation professional takes a cast of the dog's leg.
- Step 3: Veterinarian or rehabilitation professional completes the Knee Brace Order Form.
- Step 4: Mail the cast and Knee Brace Order Form to My Pet's Brace in Morgantown, PA (address above).
- Step 5: Email a side view picture of the dog standing to info@mypetsbrace.com.
- Step 6: Once the cast is received, My Pet's Brace calls the purchaser of the brace to take payment and provide the specific date the brace will be completed and shipped from our facility.
- Step 7: Veterinarian or rehabilitation professional fits the brace on the dog. Read the Fit and Care Instructions included with the brace.

Braces are fabricated in 5 business days and include a no-hassle 120 day warranty. Because our devices are custom-made and will not fit any other pet, no refunds can be offered by My Pet's Brace. Visit our website for more information.

## KNEE BRACE CASTING INSTRUCTIONS



Watch *Knee Brace Casting Tutorial* video at <u>www.mypetsbrace.com/casting-videos</u>. The casting procedure for a custom brace is a different process than casting for a broken bone, disease or injury.



Have a helper sit on the opposite side of the dog's injured leg. The helper will hold the stockinet and rubber tubing cutting strip with one hand and support the dog from sitting with the other hand underneath the dog's belly. Position the dog in a normal/corrected standing position, with the dog's knee NOT flexed more than 10 degrees. There is no need to sedate the dog (unless there are extreme circumstance).



Have lukewarm water, a sharp utility knife, a pair of bandage scissors and a marker readily available.



Hold the casting tape underwater for 10 seconds, then squeeze water out three times.



Start the cast by quickly wrapping the tape from just below the hock to as high as possible medially in the groin. If the cast is too short, we will be unable to use the cast. Overlap each layer no more than 2-3 times, cutting off any excess tape not needed.



Mold the tape to conform to bony prominences. Massage the layers together.



Use the permanent marker to trace the rubber tubing. Draw several hash marks perpendicular to the rubber tubing line.



Use the utility knife to cut the cast off before the casting tape completely hardens (less than 4 minutes). Do not wait too long. Cast will still be a little soft.



Cut the stockinet off with the bandage scissors and remove the cast from the dog's leg.



Mail cast and *Knee Brace Order Form* to:

My Pet's Brace 3508 East Main Street Morgantown, PA 19543

### THE LEG WILL NEED TO BE RECAST IF IT IS NOT FORMED CORRECTLY

### Accepted

- Leg is extended
- Cast is high as possible in the groin
- Casting tape is fully adhered to itself
- The measurements of the dog's leg closely match the same measurements of the cast
- Eg: Inside of groin to knee center <u>of dog</u> = 16 CM
- Eg: Inside of groin to knee center <u>of cast</u> = 14 CM

#### Rejected

- Leg is flexed
- Cast is not high in the groin
- Casting tape is coming apart
- The measurements of the dog's leg do <u>not</u> closely match the same measurements of the cast Eg: Inside of groin to knee center

of dog = 16 CM Eg: Inside of groin to knee center of cast = 7 CM

Too Short





Record measurements on the *Knee Brace Order Form* in centimeters using a soft tape measure.

Tape or rubber band the cast

cast.

together without deforming the

cast. Write the dog's name on the

<u>Length</u> measurement 1 – inside of groin to inside of knee center



<u>Length</u> measurement 2 – inside of knee center to inside of hock center



Email a side view picture of the dog while he/she is standing. Take the picture at dog's eye level. Do not take the picture when the cast is on the dog's leg.

Email to: info@mypetsbrace.com



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# KNEE BRACE ORDER FORM

READ INTRUCTIONS ON PAGES 1 & 2. THIS PAGE IS TO BE COMPETED BY THE VET/REHAB. EMAIL A SIDE VIEW PICTURE OF THE DOG STANDING TO INFO@MYPETSBRACE.COM.								
Pet Name: Breed:				Weight:	lbs			
Gender:  Male  Female  Neutered/Spayed	1	Age:	Affected Side	e/Brace For:				
Body Condition Score: $\Box$ 1 (Too Thin) $\Box$ 2 $\Box$ 3		☐ 4 □ 5 (Ideal)		7 🗆 8 [	$\exists$ 9 (Too Heavy)			
Diagnosis:		Notes/Other Ins	,					
		Cast Taken While Dog Is:  Standing Laying Down						
Length Measurement In CM								
Inside of Groin to			Inside of Knee Center to Inside of Hock Center:					
Inside of Knee Center:	7	Inside of Hock C	enter.	-				
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Brace Color (See Color Chart):								
Clinic Name:				Date:				
Street:	City			State:	Zip:			
Phone:	Ema	il:						
Practitioner Name (Print):		Practitioner Signature:						
Owner Name (Print):	Owner Name (Print): Owner Signature:							
Street:	City	: State: Zip:						
Phone:	Email:		il:					
Warranty: My Pet's Brace will repair or replace straps, liners, pads, buckles or soling for no charge within 120 days after you receive the brace. My Pet's Brace will repair or replace the plastic superstructure and mechanical hinges for no charge if they fail from defect within one year. Because devices are custom-made for each patient and will not fit any other animal, no refunds, returns or exchanges can be offered								
by My Pet's Brace. <u>By signing above</u> , I understand and agree to the My Pet's Brace warranty and no refunds policy.								
Fabrication Time:    Standard: 5 business days    Expedite: 2 business days - additional \$150/brace								
Ship Completed Brace To:  Pet Owner  Vet/Rehab Facility								
Shipping Method (Shipping of completed brace to owner/vet)								
USA: UPS Ground – Free	2 D	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Next Day*	*Fees Apply			
	UPS 2-5 business days ( $\approx$ \$40) UPS 1-3 business days ( $\approx$ \$45)							
International: □ UPS 2-5 business days (≈\$90) □ UPS 1-3 business days (≈\$110)								
Who To Bill:       Pet Owner       Vet/Rehab Facility         Stars Credit Card Number Fac Future Charges (Streng (Densire)):       Ves       Ne								
Store Credit Card Number For Future Charges (Straps/Repairs):       Yes       No         Credit Card:       Visa       MasterCard       Discover       Amex       Care Credit       Scratchpay								
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Card Number:Exp Date:Security Code:Providing credit card information authorizes My Pet's Brace to charge your card for the brace plus any applicable shipping charges. Credit								
card information can also be given over the phone when My Pet's Brace calls the brace purchaser confirming the cast has been received at								
our facility. Production of the brace begins once full payment has been received.								
Billing Address If Different From Above:								
If paying by check – mail check with this form and the dog's cast								



## **COLOR CHART**

### **Solid Colors**

White	Tan	Yellow	Orange
Light Pink	Neon Pink *only for dogs under 130 lbs	Red	Teal
Green	Dark Green	Purple	Light Blue
Royal Blue	Navy Blue	Brown	Black

### **Patterns**

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Zebra* *background can be any solid color, ie zebra on neon pink	<b>Pirates*</b> *pirates can be any solid color, ie green pirates	Sugar Skulls (background is navy)	Yellow/Orange Swirl
MAR MI	A BOOK		
Pink Camo	Purple Splash	Sharks	Starry Night
Blue Swirl	Graffiti	Green Raindrops	Tie Dye
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Wood Grain	Red/Brown Dog Hair	Leopard	Woodland
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Camo	Carbon Fiber	Cosmos Flags	

Colors may appear different in person. Choice of colors are subject to change depending on availability.