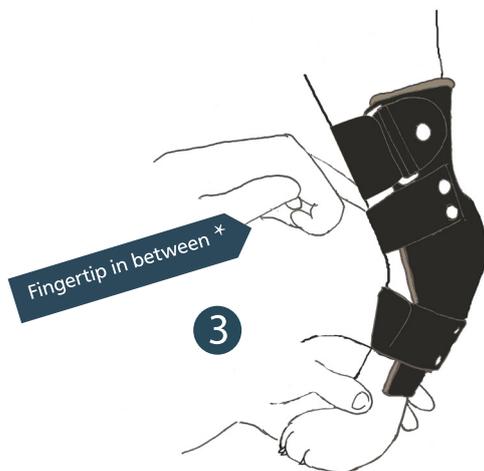
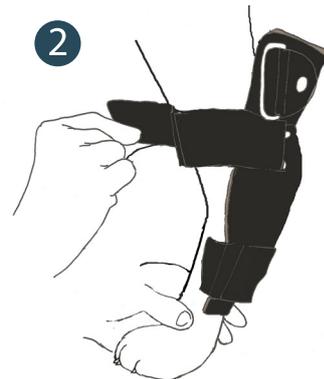


Fitting Template Hock Orthosis, Rigid

1. Place the leg in the orthosis and put it inward until it stops. Make sure that it fits properly and is in the correct position. The widest part on the tarsal joint must meet the widest part of the orthosis at the joint.



2. Start tensioning the straps from the middle, alt. if there is none, start with the lowest one. The straps should be tightened so that they gently hold the orthosis against the leg, but not too tight so that it stops the circulation. You should just be able to fit a fingertip under the band.



3. Cut the pads so that they do not go outside edge to edge when the strap is tightened. When straps fit well, grab the orthosis with one hand and grasp the leg proximally. Check whether there is movement and if the leg moves in the orthosis. The soft parts will move, but the leg shall be in place in the orthosis.

*Applies to all bands.

4. To investigate how the orthosis affects the gait, the orthosis will allow movement without internal or external rotation of the orthosis or the leg.
5. Make sure that the leg does not abduct/adduct at the gait.

Thoroughly check for swelling or if any chafing occurs the first days to have a secure fitting of the orthosis. At the beginning of the orthotic treatment the orthosis should be removed and checked to avoid chafing and other problems. This should be done frequently in the beginning, but may subside after 3-5 days of use. If possible, the orthosis should be used for 2-3 hour periods at the beginning and, if required increase the time one bit at a time. This ensures that the introduction will be positive and successful. Always be present when the dog is testing the orthosis in new activities, such as climbing stairs.

Contact us at exuding wounds, if it begins to smell or if other problems occur. It is always easier to treat complications noticing early, so contact us at skin irritations, if possible before it becomes a wound or drainage of fluid.

The orthosis always affects the gait. Does it seem uncomfortable for the patient? If the animal licks, bites or is not using the leg, please contact us. Be aware of changing behavior, for example, if the mood is not as it used to, or if the animal does not want to eat. Contact us if you have questions!

We recommend a return visit to the clinic 7-10 days after the fitting of the orthosis. This is to evaluate how the treatment is going and make a new gait analysis of the gait cycle when the dog is more comfortable and accustomed with his orthosis. The orthosis will be used primarily when the dog walks or is active unless the vet tells you otherwise. If the dog has the orthosis on when it lies down, chafing can occur easily. If problems occur, please contact us at Scandi Orthopedic.

Clean the orthosis with soap and water. Keep the Velcro clean for best adhesion.

NOTE! Inform the dog owners about Scandi Orthopedic AB. They must contact us for questions regarding the orthosis use and for problem solving.

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