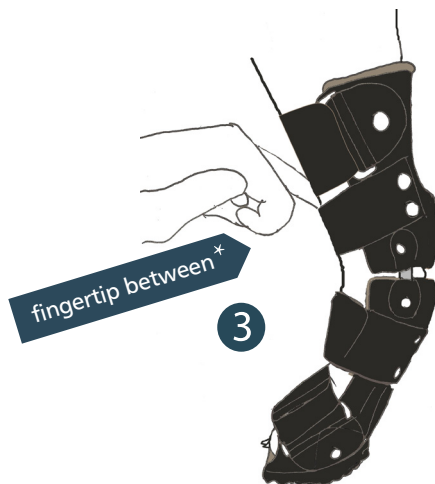
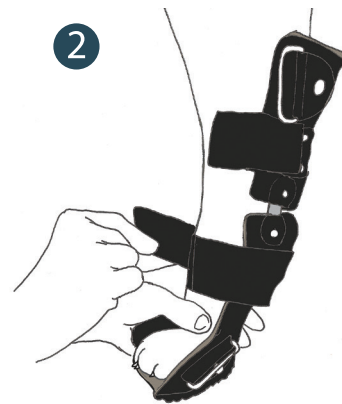
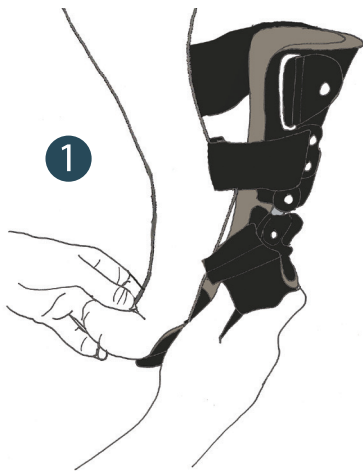


## Fitting Template Articulated Carpal and Rigid Metacarpal for 24/7 use

This orthosis has two layers of padding, one fixed and one loose. When the animal is using the orthosis around-the-clock, use the supplied neoprene sock and remove the loose layer of padding. The loose layer is only used in cases when the orthosis is not used around-the-clock. In these cases the orthosis fits without the neoprene sock.

1. Hold the paw in an upwards angle and slide it into the orthosis until stop. Place the paw and the leg in the orthosis, the claws should be right at the plastic edge of the orthosis. The toes should be inside the orthosis. The plastic edge should not load the joint of the toes.
2. With the thumb grip still on the paw, begin fastening the middle strap, followed by the lower and finally the top strap. The straps should be tightened so that they firmly hold the orthosis to the leg but not as tight as to where it stops blood circulation. A fingertip should just fit under the strap.



3. Cut the pillows so that they are inside the edge when the strap is tightened. When the straps are well fitted, grip the orthosis with one hand and grip the leg proximal. Feel if there is movement and the leg moves inside the orthosis. The soft tissue should move but the bones should be firmly in place in the orthosis.

\*This applies to all straps.

4. To assess how the orthosis affects the gait; the orthosis should allow movement without external or internal rotation of the orthosis or leg.
5. Make sure that the leg does not abduct / adduct when walking.

Carefully examine for swelling or chafing the first days of use for a safe trying out of the orthosis. Remove the orthosis often in the beginning and check for chafing and other problems. If possible, use the orthosis in periods of 2-3 hours in the beginning and increase the usage time incrementally. This assures a successful introduction. Always be present when the dog tries the orthosis in new activities, such as climbing stairs.

Contact us if exuding wounds, odours or other problems occur. It is always easier to treat complications that are noticed early, so let them know if there are skin irritations, preferably before it has become 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 revisit to the clinic 7-10 days after trying on the orthosis. This so to evaluate the progress of the treatment and make a gait analysis now that the dog is more used to and comfortable with the orthosis. Unless the veterinary has prescribed otherwise the orthosis should be used mainly when the dog is walking or is active. Chafing can occur if the dog is wearing the orthosis when it's lying down. Contact us at Scandi Orthopedic if any problems occur.

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

Inform the pet owners about Scandi Orthopedic AB. They shall contact us for questions regarding the use of the orthosis and for problem solving.

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