



Orthotic and Prosthetic Break In Schedule

Thank you for purchasing a custom orthotic or prosthetic from Walking Paws Rehab. As with any custom fabricated medical device, an initial break in period is necessary before the device can be worn full time **(Full time= 8-10 hours a day, treat it like a pair of shoes). You should never leave your pet in the device for more than 10 hours at a time.** This initial break in period will also give you the opportunity to inspect the fit and function of the new device without the risk of skin breakdown and irritation. Adjustments are normal occurrence with the use of any custom made medical device. We want to ensure that your pet's device is fitting proficiently and sometimes a minor adjustment may be needed. Here are a few simple points we would like to illustrate as your pet starts to use their new device!

1. Initially, this device is NOT to be used full time. Over use of this new device may cause skin irritation, sores or even skin break down. The body must be allowed at least 14 days of gradual adjustment before full day use.
2. It may become apparent, as you increase the length of the wear time, that future fit changes must be made to the device before it can safely be used for extended periods of time.
3. Please trim down your straps. We leave them long for YOU to cut them down to the appropriate length.
4. In order for us to ensure the fit is correct, we need to see pictures and video of your pet in the new device. Please email those to info@walkingpawsrehab.com. Include your first and last name and pet's name in the subject line of the email. We will contact you after we receive the pictures and video.
5. Please do not send the device back to us for an adjustment until we have pictures and video of your pet in the device and we have had a chance to communicate with you. Many times, fit issues come from putting it on wrong. We can solve many of the issues over the phone by just walking you through how to put the device on correctly.

Wearing Schedule for Week 1:

Please note each time you take the device off your pet, please check the leg for any redness on the skin and check inside of the device for any black smudge marks. If you notice either one of these two issues, please take a few pictures and contact us.

3-4 wearing sessions per day. Each wearing session will consist of 1-2 hours

Example of Wear Schedule:

7am to 8am
10am to 11:30am
1pm-3pm
4pm-6 pm

Wearing Schedule for Week 2:

5-6 wearing sessions per day. Each wearing session will consist of 2-3 hours

Example of a Wear Schedule:

7am to 10am
12am to 3pm
4pm-7pm
8pm-10pm