



## **Taking the Next Step Continued Care for your Pet in a Custom V-OP Device**

By now you and your pet are experts at using your custom orthosis or prosthesis from Orthopets. You have worked closely with your veterinary team to ensure proper fit and function. We hope you have followed recommended wearing and rehabilitation therapy instructions as well for best success. Now is the time to ensure continued success in the device.

Based on specific veterinary recommendations, some pets wear their device for a year or more and some for life. These devices are by veterinary prescription only and, just as with any chronically prescribed medicine, the continued use of the prescription device must be under direct veterinary supervision.

Depending on your pet's condition we recommend at least 2 times per year follow-up care appointments. During these appointments your veterinarian will assess the following:

- 1) Fit of the device
- 2) Condition of the device
- 3) Proper function of the device for current condition of the injury
- 4) Whether the device continues to meet therapeutic goals
- 5) Whether the condition has deteriorated, stabilized, or improved
- 6) Whether new conditions have arisen or whether monitored conditions are in need of medical attention
- 7) Whether further rehabilitation is needed

Recommendations will be made for replacement parts, repairs, adjustments, modifications to wearing schedule, rehabilitation prescription, and so on. The importance of these follow-up care appointments cannot be over emphasized in order to continue your pet's health, quality of life, and successful use of the prescribed custom OrthoPets device.

Please contact Walking Paws Rehab to make a continuing care plan for your pet.