



Balto USA Wear & Care

Your new Balto® Brace may feel strange to your pet at first, but over time they will adjust to it. It could take up to two weeks before your pet fully adjusts to wearing the brace. For the best results, use positive reinforcement, such as praise or treats, whenever applying the brace.

Like breaking in a new pair of shoes, your Balto® Brace should first be worn in short increments, increasing daily as your pet builds tolerance and adjusts. It's recommended that you place the brace on your pet for only half an hour (30 minutes) on the first day. Increase wear time by another half hour every day after that. Your pet may wear the brace for up to 12 hours a day and be removed at night (unless otherwise instructed by your veterinarian). During the initial adjustment period your pet may have an awkward gait or kick the braced leg backwards. This is normal and will usually occur on and off for one to two weeks.

Quick Tips:

- Allow up to two weeks for your pet to fully adjust to the brace.
- Wear the brace for 30 minutes a day, increasing 30 minutes each day after that, for up to 12 hours.
- Consult your veterinarian for specific instructions on when, and for how long, your pet should wear the brace.
- Inspect your pet for signs of rubbing or skin irritation. If any are present, contact your veterinarian.
- Remove the brace when your pet sleeps at night.
- The brace should not be worn if your dog is unsupervised.

Washing Instructions:

- Prior to washing, take out the splints and remove any excess hair, dirt, etc. from the brace.
- Carefully hand wash the brace with warm water and a gentle, diluted soap.
- Allow the brace to fully air-dry before reapplying the brace to avoid irritation to your pet's skin.

Brace & Velcro® Maintenance:

- Excessive use, harsh cleaning, or accumulation of hair, dirt, etc. can wear down the materials of the brace.
- Wipe the brace clean after every use and remove excess hair, dirt, etc. from the brace.
- Keep any skin or hair that encounters the brace clean.