

## WEAR & USAGE

1. For initial product break-in and to prevent irritation, start treatment durations by utilizing brace for 30 minutes on followed by 30 minutes off. Gradually increase daily.
2. We DO NOT recommend your dog wear the brace 24/7. At minimum, remove the brace during the dog's longest rest time and at night.
3. Your dog may "knuckle over," walking on top of the paw, while wearing the brace. This is normal but should not continue after the first week. If you notice your dog starting to "knuckle over", avoid asphalt or concrete surfaces as this may scrape your dog's ankle. Stick to softer surfaces or grass.

## TIPS FOR A SECURE FIT

1. ALWAYS start from the bottom of the brace and work your way up.
2. The Pen Test: If you can fit a pen between your dog's leg and the brace (without putting ample force) you have not tightened enough. A good fit consists of the hinge with the bend of the knee, bottom part of the brace tight above the hock, and no slippage.
3. If you find the brace is slipping no matter much how you tighten, please contact Animal Ortho Care for assistance.
4. Complete wear and care instructions can be found on our website at [www.aocpet.com](http://www.aocpet.com), including a video on how to fit the brace.



ANIMAL ORTHO CARE

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# Performance

## DOG STIFLE BRACE

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

BEFORE USING THIS DEVICE, PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE. CORRECT APPLICATION IS VITAL TO THE PROPER USE OF THIS DEVICE.

### INTENDED USE

This brace provides a customizable solution for stabilization following injuries and surgery to the knee (stifle); specifically the cranial cruciate ligament (CCL.)

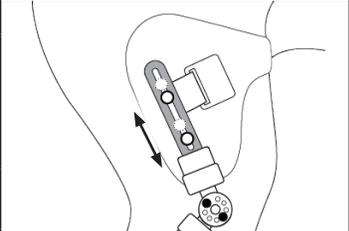
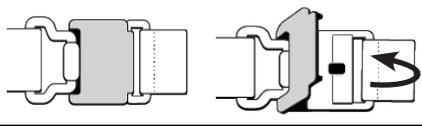
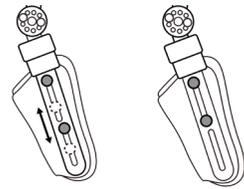
### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

Advice for wearing is advised from a veterinary care provider. Complete wear and care instructions are found on our website at: [www.aocpet.com](http://www.aocpet.com).

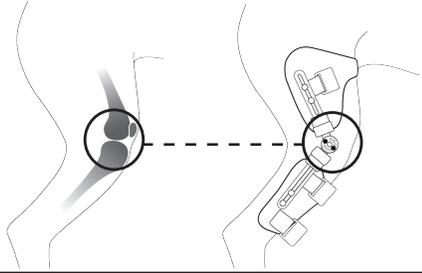
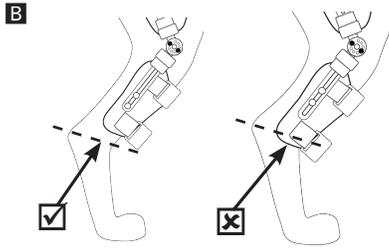
### WARRANTY

Our warranty covers all manufacturing defects in materials and workmanship for a period of one year. This warranty does not cover device failure due to normal wear and tear or improper use.

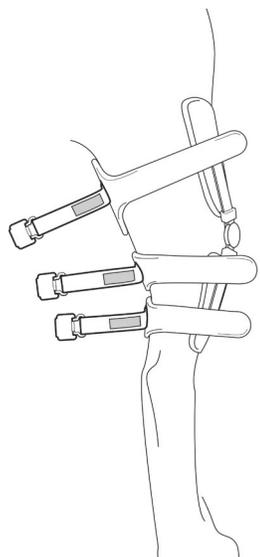
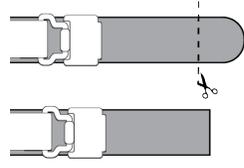
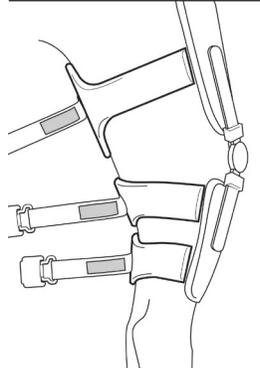
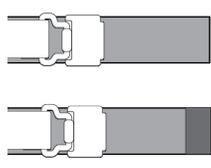
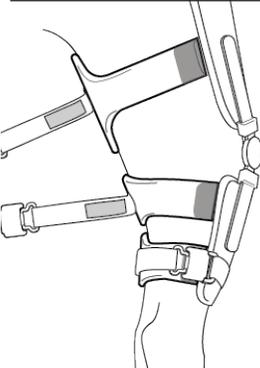
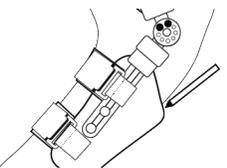
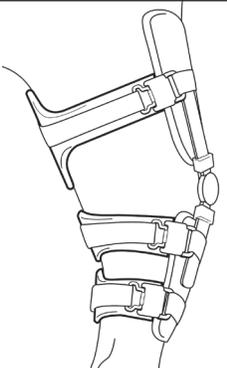
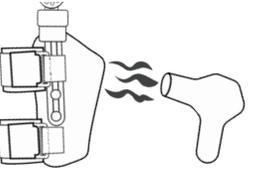
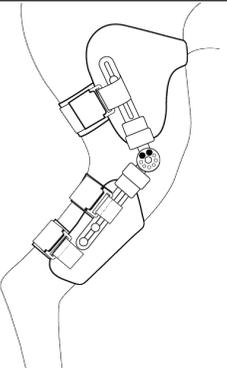
First, watch the fitting video located on our website at [aocpet.com/pages/instructions](http://aocpet.com/pages/instructions).  
Please read the complete instructions before applying the brace.

FIDLOCK® MAGNETIC CLOSURE SYSTEM		ADJUSTING THE HINGE LENGTH	
Open or close using top flap.			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both lower and upper extensions of the hinges can be independently adjusted to accommodate variations in limb length.</li> <li>To adjust, remove all four set screws (two on each side), slide vertically to desired length. Re-tighten screws.</li> </ol>
			
THE HINGE RANGE OF MOTION			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The most common fitting issue is the length of the Tibia/Lower Shell. The length of the Tibia/Lower Shell can be shortened by relocating the screws to the upper slot of the upright, as shown. To lengthen, relocate the screws to the bottom slot of the hinge upright.</li> </ol>
	<p>The hinge has a range of motion that is preset. Please <b>DO NOT</b> adjust the range of motion unless instructed by your veterinarian.</p>		

### PROPER BRACE ALIGNMENT

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open the Fidlock® Magnetic Closures and place your dog's leg into the brace.</li> <li>Align the center of the brace hinge with the bend of the knee (the bump on both sides of the knee joint) <b>A</b>.</li> <li>When the hinge is aligned with the knee, the bottom edge of the brace must sit above the dog's hock <b>B</b>. Several adjustments may be needed in order to achieve the correct length. Follow the "Adjusting the Hinge" instructions to obtain the correct hinge length.</li> </ol>	
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### FITTING INSTRUCTIONS

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The foam padding straps beneath the Velcro® serve as a barrier to protect your dog's leg from Velcro® rubbing and irritation. The padding straps are designed so they can be trimmed to best fit your dog. Working from the bottom strap to the top, pull each of the Velcro® straps off the foam padding so that both pieces can be moved independently.</li> </ol> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While fitting the brace to your dog, incrementally trim the foam padding straps as you go ensuring you don't trim too much early in the fitting process. For some dogs, most or all the strap may need to be trimmed and removed. The straps should be trimmed so the end of the strap meets the edge of the brace when tightened. The padding and straps should not overlap.</li> </ol>  	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once you have trimmed padding down, cover raw ends of the strap with edge tape (included) to prevent fraying. Start from the bottom and conform the padding by compressing down the sides of the brace to your dog's leg. Close the Fidlock® Magnetic Closure, tighten the Velcro® strap and wrap the strap around the brace.</li> </ol>  	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repeat process for the top part of the brace.</li> </ol> <p><b>SNUG FIT</b> If you can get a pen in between your dog's skin and the strap, then you need to tighten more. It is most important that it is snug at the hock area. The brace <b>MUST</b> fit snug to prevent slippage and to ensure proper fit. For some dogs you may need to wrap the bottom Velcro® strap around your dog's leg twice.</p>  	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If after tightening, there is still a gap between the knee and brace, remove the brace from the dog and heat this area for 5 to 7 minutes by using a blow dryer or wrapping it in a heating pad. Reapply and compress the area against the leg, readjust the straps, and wait for it to harden while continuing to compress the area.</li> </ol>  
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