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

Similar to breaking in a new pair of shoes, your Balto Brace should first be worn in short increments, increasing daily as your pet builds tolerance. 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, until you reach the **maximum 12 hours** per day. **If there is any irritation or skin break-down, discontinue use for one full day.** The brace should not be worn during bedtime; after all, you wouldn't wear shoes to bed.

Your dog may place their foot incorrectly, or **"knuckle,"** during the first 15 minutes of wearing the device. Knuckling for any longer may indicate a pinch point. If this occurs, please contact your veterinarian or KVP for assistance.

During the initial adjustment period, your dog may favor a leg or kick the braced leg backwards. This is normal and will usually occur on and off for **one to two weeks**. Please contact KVP if this behavior lasts for longer than two weeks.

QUICK TIPS

- Allow up to **two weeks** for your pet to fully accept the brace.
- Wear the brace for **30 minutes** a day, increasing 30 minutes each day after, for up to **12 hours**.
- Consult your veterinarian for specific instructions on when, and for how long, to wear your brace.
- Remove the brace when your pet sleeps at night.
- Inspect your pet for signs of rubbing or skin irritation. If any are present, contact your veterinarian.
- Excessive use, harsh cleaning, or accumulation of dirt or hair can wear down the materials of the brace.
- The brace should **not** be worn if your dog is unsupervised, in a crate, and/or sleeping/overnight.

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- Excessive use, harsh cleaning, or accumulation of dirt or hair can wear down the materials of the brace.
- Wipe the brace clean after every use, and remove excess hair/fur from the brace.
- Keep any skin or fur that comes into contact with the brace clean.

WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

- Prior to washing, take out the metal stabilization rods.
- Hand wash the brace with warm water and soap.
- Allow the brace to fully air dry before reapplying the brace.