

# **Cruciate Care Knee Brace**

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**

Thank you for purchasing an Ortho Dog brace for your dog. For additional help, watch our step-by-step instruction video available online: orthodog.com/article/how-to-knee-brace

### FITTING THE HARNESS



Unbuckle the harness chest strap and slide your dog's head through the neck loop. The square ring should be positioned on top, pointed towards your dog's tail.

Bring the front center strap between your dog's front legs, and slip the long chest strap through the loop at the end.





Connect the ends of the chest strap together and use the slide adjustments to securely fit the harness. Two fingers should fit comfortably between your dog and the harness.

#### FITTING THE BRACE



#### **Butterfly Back Brace**

Position the butterfly back brace over the lower back with the Ortho Dog logo facing up. Open the top webbing strap and slip it through the square ring and connect it to the harness with the Velcro. The lower end of the back brace should sit a couple of inches above the tail.



## **Cruciate Knee Brace**

Open the top and bottom Velcro straps so that the knee brace is flat. Place the open brace over your dog's injured knee so that the Ortho Dog label is facing out and the LEFT/RIGHT tab is facing forward. Pull the mesh tab and secure it around the lower leg. Thread the top Velcro strap through the plastic buckle and pull around the thigh. Clip the connecting straps into the butterfly back brace for a secure fit.



# **Anchor Leg Brace**

Completely open the anchor leg brace and fit it around the opposite leg above the knee, positioning it in the middle of the thigh. Thread the Velcro strap into the plastic buckle and tighten. Clip the connecting straps into the butterfly brace.

# **Adjustments**

Adjust the webbing straps on the knee and anchor braces for the proper length. Secure the clamps on the four webbing straps to prevent slippage. Tighten or loosen the elastic straps on the knee and anchor braces for the correct fit. The brace should be secure, but not binding.

