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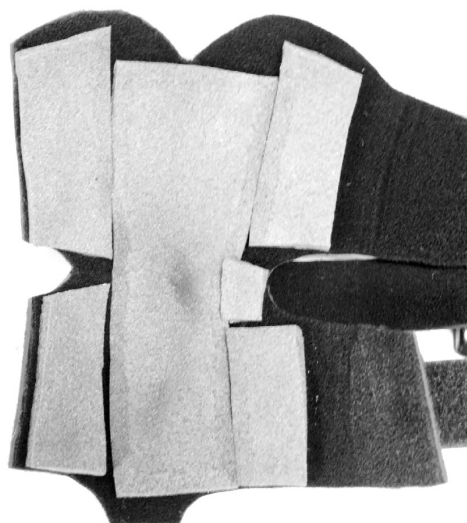
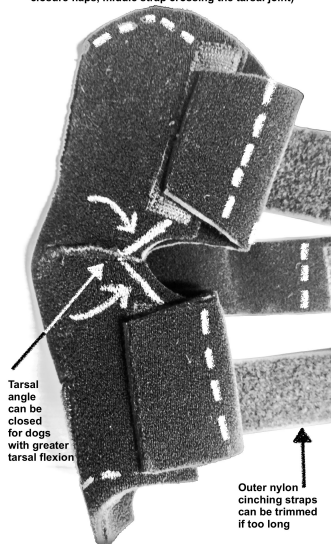
TARSO-FLEX - X

VERSATILE SUPPORT FOR THE TARSUS
for instability, weakness, sprains, luxation, hyperextension, pain

HINDLIMB: RIGHT / LEFT

SIZE: XS / S / M / L / XL

Brace can be trimmed along dotted lines (top, bottom, closure flaps, middle strap crossing the tarsal joint)



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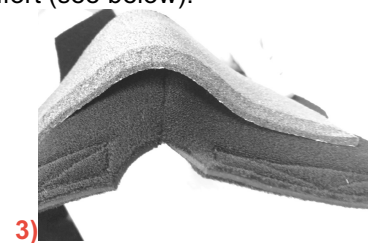
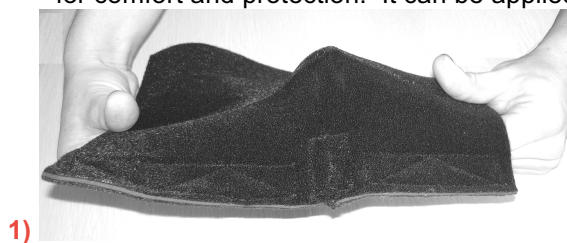
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Tarso-Flex-X brace provides a customized fit and versatile support. **A)** Tarsal angle can be closed for greater flexion at the tarsus, and excess materials can be trimmed for a more intimate fit (along dotted lines). **B)** Foam padding can be added inside the brace for greater comfort. **C)** Nylon Support Straps can be applied for additional support and stability.

Fitting Instructions: Prior to applying, file the pet's dewclaw if present to avoid irritating the limb while the brace is on.

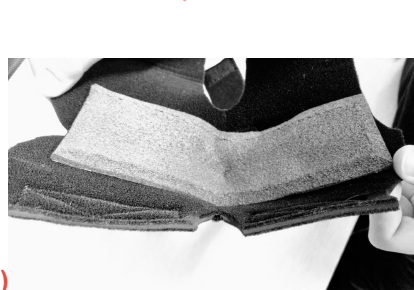
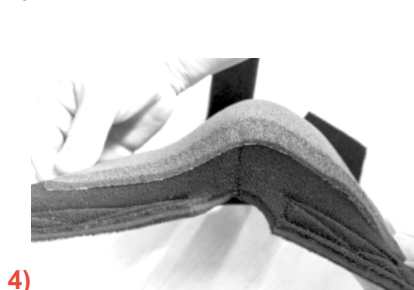
- Fit **Tarso-Flex-X** to the pet and determine if the length is appropriate (proximal and distal). If the brace is too long, trim along the proximal and/or distal ends as needed (see dotted lines **A**). Neoprene material does not fray and can be cut anywhere that does not contain stitching. **If you are going to apply foam padding inside the brace, do not trim excess neoprene closure flaps, neoprene tarsal joint strap, or outer cinching straps yet.**
- **FOAM PADDING FOR ADDED COMFORT.** Self-adhesive foam padding is included. You may opt not to use padding if the pet requires more mobility or will be swimming (e.g., UWTM) with the brace on. Foam padding is added for comfort and protection. It can be applied sparingly or layered for ultimate comfort (see below).



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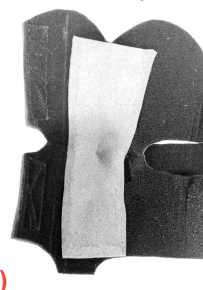
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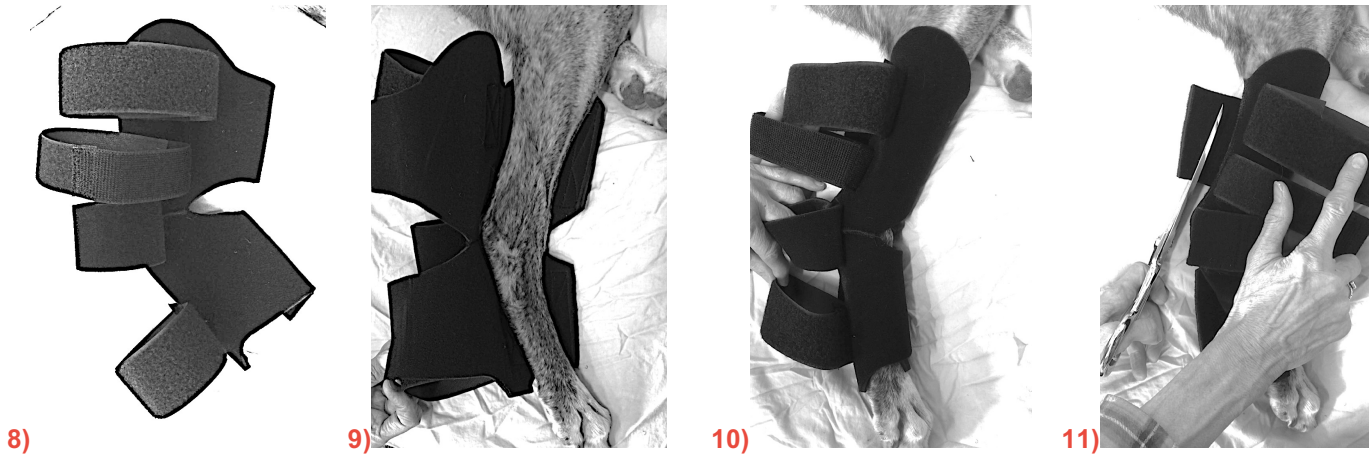


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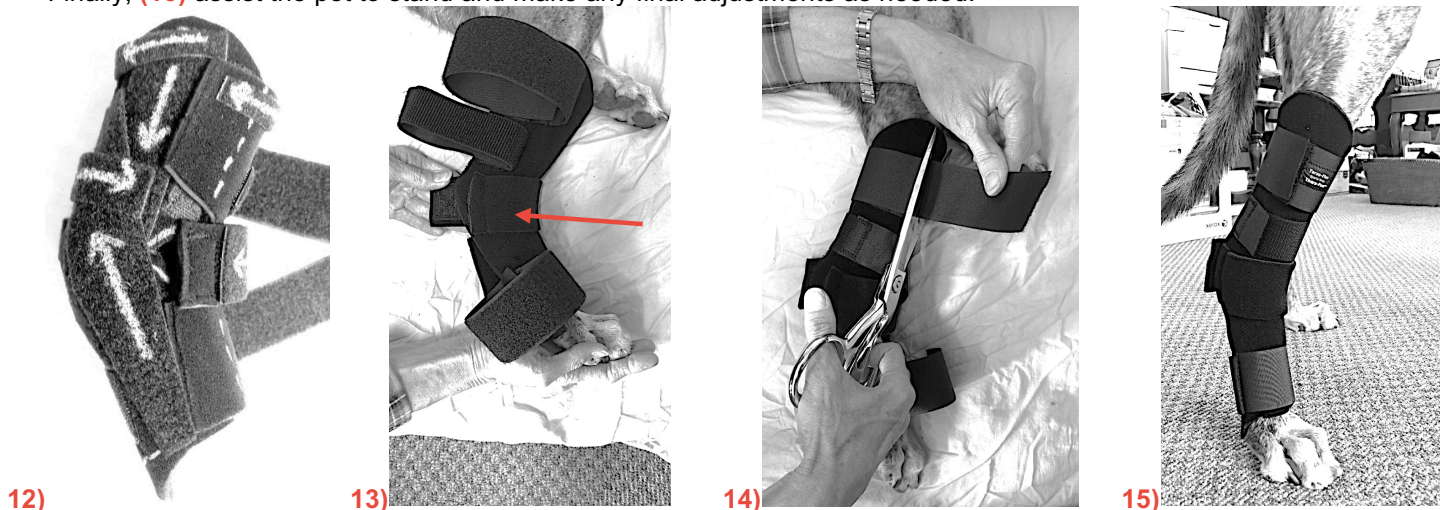
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- To apply padding inside **Tarso-Flex-X**, **(1)** open brace and invert calcaneal point so that it sticks "up". Cut a rectangular piece of padding the length of the brace. This will be applied to the "trough" of the brace. Prior to peeling off the backing, fit the padding to the **Tarso-Flex-X** to check fit. **(2) & (3)** Then, peel off the backing from the proximal end of the padding and adhere the padding to the inner proximal center (trough) of the brace. Hold padding down with thumb and slowly peel the backing off as you affix the padding down all the way to the distal portion of the brace. **(4)** Take care to affix padding well around the calcaneal point. **(5)** Flip the brace back to its original shape, pushing the calcaneal point out. **(6)** Padding can be adhered inside the trough of the brace and **(7)** the medial and lateral sides and bony areas. Make sure not to run padding all the way to the end of the closure flaps (see "X" mark at **(7)**) of the brace to ensure that you are able to overlap and fasten ("Velcro") the brace snugly throughout the limb.

- Once the padding is applied, (8) “velcro” the outer cinching straps back onto themselves to keep them out of the way. (9) Apply the **Tarso-Flex-X** to the pet’s limb. The brace is easiest to apply when the pet is side-lying, with the affected side up and with the tarsus positioned in neutral or at the desired angle. (10) Fasten the brace snugly using the top and bottom closure flaps. (11) Carefully cut off excess closure flap material. **Make sure all desired foam padding is already applied inside the brace prior to cutting off excess closure flap material.**



- NYLON SUPPORT STRAPS FOR ADDED STABILITY.** Nylon Support Straps are included and come as a long roll. They are applied to the **OUTSIDE** of **Tarso-Flex-X** and placed where the pet needs additional stability. You may opt not to use the Nylon Support Straps if the pet requires more mobility. Nylon Support Straps can be used sparingly for light support or can be layered for greater stability. If the pet does require more stability, unroll the Nylon Support Strap material and cut to the required length and width, (12) then apply to the outside of the brace while maintaining the tarsal joint at the desired angle. The Nylon Support Straps will help maintain the set tarsal angle and minimize medial/lateral shift. Nylon Support Straps can also be applied to the brace before applying the brace to the pet. Take care **NOT** to apply the Nylon Support Straps with inside Velcro exposed and in contact with the pet’s limb. This is particularly important at the tarsal joint where notches have been cut out of the brace to accommodate various tarsal angles. Velcro in contact with the pet’s limb can cause irritations and discomfort.
- Then, (13) snugly apply the middle, neoprene tarsal joint strap (arrow). This tarsal joint strap can now be trimmed if too long.
- Now, (14) apply the outer cinching straps and trim off excess nylon ends.
- Finally, (15) assist the pet to stand and make any final adjustments as needed.



To Launder: Wash by hand with warm water and mild detergent. Wring out and let air dry. Foam padding should be replaced every 4-12 weeks depending on length of wear or when matted and losing its adhesiveness.

Final Notes: Additional foam padding and Nylon Support Straps can be purchased separately. If the pet requires immobilization of the tarsus, the **Tarso-Flex-X** brace can be splinted over using thermoplastic splinting material. Use low-temperature thermoplastic material to splint over this brace.

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