# **5** Things You Must Know Before Buying a Dog Wheelchair

## HOW DOG WHEELCHAIRS WORK

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The Walkin' Wheels dog wheelchair is designed to help your senior or disabled pet get back on their feet. So, your pet gets the exercise they need and back to what's important, enjoying their family. It's never too early to get your dog a wheelchair. If your dog is stumbling, losing their balance or tiring easily it's time to consider a wheelchair. It's true that many wheelchair dogs are paralyzed or suffered a traumatic injury but, that's not the case with every dog. Many wheelchair dogs still walk on all four paws and even stand on their own. The Walkin' Wheels provides support, allowing your dog to stand upright and get the exercise they so desperately need. Even dogs that can still move their back legs, benefit from using a wheelchair!

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## 1 HOW DOG WHEELCHAIRS WORK (Continued)

Older dogs who tire easily on long walks or whose joints ache from arthritis or hip dysplasia can greatly benefit from a wheelchair. The wheelchair supports them from underneath, relieving the stress on their joints which allows your dog to walk with ease!

How your dog uses their wheelchair is up to you! Many dogs use the wheelchair every day, while other pets only on days when they need a little extra help.

For dogs recovering from injury or surgery, the Walkin' Wheels can help them get back on their feet faster. A wheelchair can even be a wonderful addition to your dog's rehabilitation program!



## Wheelchairs Help Dogs With:

- Hip Dysplasia
- Arthritis
- (DM)
  Degenerative
  Myelopathy
- Paralysis
- (IVDD) Intervertebral Disc Disease
- Surgical Recovery
- Neurological Issues
- Injuries
- Improve Balance and Stability



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# CHOOSING THE RIGHT WHEELCHAIR FOR YOUR DOG

Choosing the right cart for your dog can be overwhelming. The first step is to determine if your dog is a good candidate for a wheelchair.

- 1. Place towel beneath pet's lower abdomen and lift
- **2.** While supporting your pet's hind end with the towel, slowly walk forward.



# **KEY WHEELCHAIR FEATURES** TO CONSIDER

## Size

Since dog's come in all shapes and sizes, it's important to choose one that can be sized to perfectly fit their needs.

The **Walkin' Wheels**<sup>®</sup> wheelchair is available in four frame sizes, Mini, Small, Medium and Large. And can accommodate pets as small as 2 lbs. and as large as 180 lbs. The Walkin' Wheels wheelchair is fully adjustable with adjustments for width, height, and length. The **Walkin' Wheels**<sup>®</sup> wheelchair frame is constructed of lightweight, durable aluminum. It's light enough for even the smallest dogs to maneuver with ease and durable enough for your dog to hike up a mountain!

Size is especially important when dealing with large breed dogs. Custom carts can be too big or bulky to travel easily with. Some may not even fit into your car! Choose a wheelchair that can fold flat and easily packed.





Small



Large

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## 3 KEY WHEELCHAIR FEATURES TO CONSIDER (Continued)

### Wheels

Choosing the right wheels can be tough. Air tires or foam wheels? Both wheel styles work well and are great for different reasons. You want to select the wheel that's the right fit for your (and your pup's) lifestyle!

**Foam Wheels:** By far the most popular wheel type! They are made of a dense, rugged foam and are very durable. These wheels can't be punctured and will never go flat. They are also durable enough to take on any terrain. Whether on a beach, going for a hike, or taking your daily walk, the foam wheels can go anywhere!

**Air-Filled Tires:** Provide a more natural suspension and are great for active dogs that like to run, hike and navigate over rougher terrain.





### Benefits of a Fully Adjustable Wheelchair

A fully adjustable wheelchair is going to be more versatile, and you might be able to use it for multiple dogs.





The Walkin' Wheels dog wheelchair allows you to easily adjust the height, length and width, allowing you to fine tune the size to perfectly fit your dog! An adjustable cart gives your dog a customized fit without the custom price.

## Will it Adapt to Fit Your Dog's Needs?

Often mobility loss begins with weakness in a dog's rear legs, and as the condition progresses, the dog's mobility worsens over time. In many cases, the weakness slowly works its way up the spine and eventually impacts the front leg strength as well. To ensure that your dog continues to get the support they need, choose a wheelchair that can adapt as your dog's mobility and health needs change.

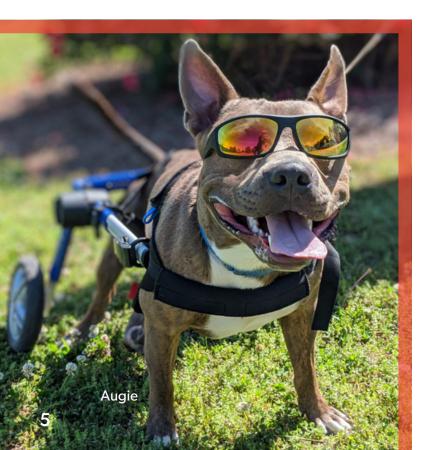
The Walkin' Wheels wheelchair is designed to adapt to your dog's changing health needs. With the addition of the Front Wheel attachment (sold separately), the Walkin' Wheels easily converts from a rear wheel wheelchair into a full support four-wheel wheelchair, giving your dog support in both the front and rear legs when they need it.

# CAN MY DOG GO TO THE BATHROOM IN A WHEELCHAIR?

Yes, your dog can relieve themselves while using their Walkin' Wheels! Both male and female pets can pee and poop freely while using their wheelchair.

Rear leg rings support your pet from underneath, and are positioned for your pet to comfortably relieve themselves. For dogs with a long tail, simply place your dog's tail over the back bar of the wheelchair to keep it from being soiled.

Not only can dogs go to the bathroom while using their Walkin' Wheels, but it may help them to go! Injured and disabled dogs tend to be less active which can impact their internal functions. Once they are in their wheelchair, they are standing upright and moving more. This encourages their body to function correctly and relieve themselves more naturally.



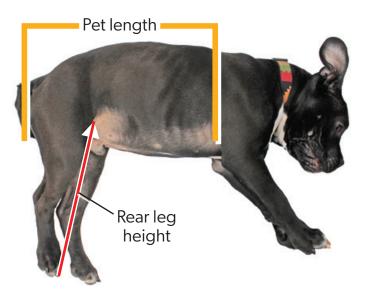
## 5 HOW TO MEASURE FOR A DOG WHEELCHAIR

## 1. Weigh Your Pet

Your dog's breed and weight will determine the size wheelchair frame will best fit their build and size.

## 2. Measure

To size most pets for a wheelchair we need only two simple measurements, the rear leg height and in small pets under 25 lb., their length measurement.



## How to Measure the Rear Leg Height

With your pet laying on their side, measure the rear leg height to the toe pad. Leave their leg with a natural bend, do not stretch or extend the leg.

## How to Measure the Dog's Length

Also known as the armpit to rump measurement, all dog's under 25 lb. need to be measured from the back of the front leg to the end of their body in the rear.

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