

# Hock Fitting & Adjustment Form

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pet Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle: Left / Right

● = Anatomical Joint Center

## 1) Secure straps

- Begin with **bottom** straps. Hold brace against limb and pull straps tight.
  - Make sure these straps are tight before proceeding.
- Secure top straps by holding brace against limb and pulling straps tight.
  - Of these top straps, the bottom strap needs to be tight; where as the top strap can be pulled snug, not tight.

## 2) Check fit when animal is standing

- Observe the bottom edge of brace.
  - This edge should be just above the toes.
  - The back edge should not touch the ground.
- Check strap tightness by slipping a finger between limb and strap.
  - You need to feel resistance while doing this. Tighten straps if loose.
- If your device is articulated at the Hock Joint:
  - The Hock should be just above the edge.

## 3) Initial gait pattern

- It is common for the toes to hit the ground during “Swing through”.
  - Your pet will quickly learn to avoid this while advancing the limb.
- The Hock brace restricts free motion of the hock joint. This will take time for your pet to establish a smooth gait pattern.

## 4) Adjustments\*\*\* Circle any of the following\*\*\*

- Inspect skin condition for any irritation
  - Inside and outside of Hock Joint
  - Top edge of brace
  - Bottom edge of brace
- Is the brace too high on the Tibia?
  - Touching the ground?
- Is device too tight and difficult to apply?
- Is device loose and difficult to tighten?

\*\*\* Use pen, tape, marker, or sticker to indicate the location(s) on device needing adjustments:

- Area of irritation
- Trimming if too long
- Gapping of device
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

