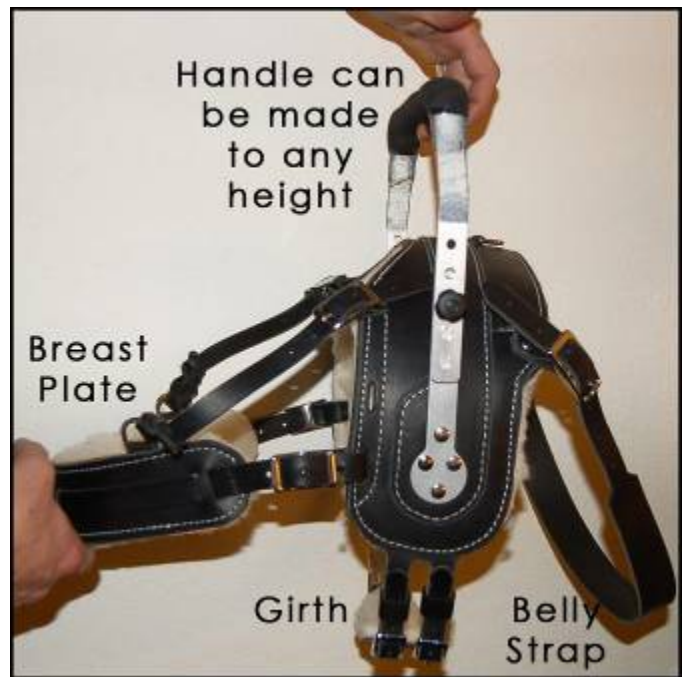


Service Dog Designs

by Bold Lead Designs, llc

Mobility Support Harness

This special harness offers brace and balance support for people with impaired mobility so they can walk with the assistance of a service dog.



Service Dog Designs' Mobility Support Harness is crafted to provide balance for support people with impaired mobility. We have designed our harness with the dog's physical structure and movement in mind, then added features to make it user friendly. Guided by a veterinary orthopedic surgeon, this harness is designed to allow the dog to move, breathe, and work unencumbered by the equipment. Our harness does not wobble or shift, making it most ergonomic and stable balance harness available. User-friendly features make this harness extremely functional and truly accessible. Each harness is individually made to fit the dog and person; customization is available.

This packet of information contains lots of great details about this unique harness. Please call or email me should you have any questions. I hope to hear from you soon!

--Katrina Boldry

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Brace & Balance Support for walking:



This service dog harness is designed for use by people with mobility and balance impairments who are able to walk with assistance. This harness may be the perfect mobility device for people with a variety of neurological conditions or injuries that affect balance and motor skills. It should be considered durable medical equipment that can allow an individual with impaired mobility to live a more independent life.

Our Mobility Support Harness is engineered for optimal stability and safety to offer the user confidence and freedom. Each component of our harness is designed to stabilize the support handle and be comfortable for the dog.

The harness is designed to allow the user to:

- lean on the dog for support
- use the dog for bracing
- lean away from the dog for counterbalance
- use the dog for assistance with forward movement (with an optional pull strap)
- easily dress and undress the dog
- adjust the handle to the perfect height

This well-balanced and properly fitted harness does not roll side to side or tip forward while in use (anymore than the dog's natural movement). The low center of gravity helps the user to feel secure as the dog assists with balance and mobility support. This harness can be adapted for occasional wheelchair pulling (with the addition of a pulling strap).

Canine Expert Recommendations:

Service Dog Designs has worked extensively to create custom harnesses for service dogs that have minimal impact on the musculoskeletal system, allow comfortable range of motion and provide additional padding at potential pressure points.

-Tara Britt, VMD, DACVS

Much thought and planning went into the design of the Mobility Support Harness, taking into consideration the dogs' health and the person's safety. I am impressed with the quality and sturdiness of the materials used. It fits the dog well minimizing any stress on joints and irritation from rubbing, making it very comfortable for the dog. At the same time, the design of the harness provides stability for the person regardless of the direction of force put on the harness. This product both provides assistance for a person with poor balance but keeps the dog safe.

--Marty Pease, PT, CCRP

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Convenient Handle Features:

The harness handlebar is crafted from lightweight aluminum and is custom made to fit the user. It is rigid with downward pressure, and well balanced to provide support at most downward angles for optimal stability. Best of all, it is adjustable and folds down.

The handle height is adjustable. The handle can be raised or lowered by $\frac{3}{4}$ " increments allowing the user to find the perfect height at any time.

A folding handle is essential to allow the dog to fit into tight spots, curl up under a table, or get in and out of a vehicle. Our folding handle bar has special spring pegs that release the handle and allow it to lay onto the dog's back. Click back into the vertical position at any time.

For comfort, the handlebar is double layered with neoprene and a gel-filled padding that provides a nice grip. For safety, we include reflective strips on the sides of the handle. The reflective strips are plain black in the daylight, but reflect a silvery white in the dark.

Easy to use:

We have designed this harness to be easy to get on and off the dog. Special quick-release latches make dressing and undressing the dog fast and simple.



One side of the harness is adjustable with standard buckles while the other side has easy to use latches that just click together (great for people with limited dexterity). Simply place the harness over the dog's head, fasten the girth and belly straps, and you are good to go. No need to adjust the harness fit every time you use it! We eliminated straps that go through the dog's front legs, so there is no fumbling with extra buckles or lifting the dog's front feet.

Easy to put on!

place harness over dog's head

fasten the belly & girth straps



Made to fit the dog's anatomy:

- well-balanced
- even weight distribution
- flexible and comfortable
- fully padded
- custom made to the dog's measurements
- dog can sit, lay down, and ride in vehicles
- very lightweight dogs like wearing it!
- Veterinarian approved



Similar to a horse saddle, Bold Lead Designs' Mobility Support Harness sits on the strongest part of the dog's body, over his center of gravity. The saddle is wide and long to distribute weight evenly over the dog's back and sides and keep the gravity low on the dog's body to optimize stability. The saddle is supportive yet completely flexible with no hard edges or corners. It is fully padded with lightweight high-density neoprene and lined with thick natural sheepskin to prevent both chafing and slipping.

All straps on our harness are carefully placed to stabilize the handle and prevent the harness from placing too much pressure on any one area on the dog's body. Wide straps distribute weight and minimize pressure points. Top quality, soft & supple leather is used because it moves with the dog and does not cause irritation like synthetic materials can, plus leather will outlast any synthetic material. Every strap is custom cut to assure a perfect fit. Straps and parts can be replaced if needed.

The rigid aluminum support handle has lateral flexibility to allow the dog freedom to walk, breathe and lay down comfortably (does not pinch the rib cage). The handle and harness will flex slightly when in use to distribute and absorb weight. This flexing acts as a shock absorber and minimizes jarring pressure on the dog's joints.

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Additional Harness Info:

Order Direct from the Designer:

There is no middleman. You will work directly with the harness maker! Katrina Boldry will personally take your order and craft your harness to your specifications. She'll get to know you and your dog to be sure your equipment is just right and meets your needs.

Great Fit Guarantee:

Because a proper fit is essential, all initial fitting services are included in the harness price. We will make any adjustments necessary to assure a good fit within the first 4 weeks of delivery. This guarantee includes new parts and shipping, if needed. (Customer is responsible for return shipping after the first fitting.) Service is available throughout the life of the harness. We are here for you.

Replaceable Parts:

This great harness has been designed with replaceable and interchangeable parts. This allows a harness to be re-fit to a new user or dog. Replacement parts allow for repairs and upgrades at minimal cost.

Super Light Weight:

The harness was designed for function. It also happens to be very light! A standard harness weighs around 2.5 pounds (about 3 pounds for an extra large dog).

Customizable:

Other custom features are available to meet individual needs. Ask for a quote if you have special requirements. Let us know how we can help make equipment that will work for you. **For example:**

- Add a pulling strap for assistance with forward movement; creates a combination wheelchair pulling and balance harness.
- Add ID badges or a pouch to carry a few essentials.
- A sturdier handlebar is available for handles 10" or taller.
- Specialty buckles/latches are available for people with limited use of their hands.
- Pull rings can be added to the pegs to make the handle easier to fold.
- Add d-rings to the harness for a variety of uses.

Materials:

We use only the best materials we can find. Our Mobility Support Harness is hand made from top quality black latigo leather; it is flexible, durable, and weather resistant. We use white stitching for a handsome look. Neoprene padding and natural wool fleece are supportive, easy to clean, breathable and comfortable. We use the highest quality hardware available. Chrome plated solid brass and aluminum parts are durable and rust-proof. Each harness is custom made from scratch in our workshop.

Customer Service:

At Service Dog Designs, we **guarantee you will love our work.** We will do our best to be sure you have the right equipment and a proper fit. We promise to be here to answer any questions you have, or solve any dilemmas you may encounter. Bold Lead Designs' Lifetime Warranty covers materials and workmanship on everything made at Service Dog Designs.

Normal wear, neglect, chewing, and similar damage are not covered by our warranty, but we are able repair or replace damaged parts. Due to the custom nature of this product, refunds are not available, however we promise to work with you to create the best equipment we can. Please see our website for complete details.

Thank you for your interest in our lovely harness. Let me know if you have any questions.

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