

Sling Support or Tail Walking

Sling Support

Place the sling under your dog's abdomen and hold the ends of the sling in your hands (**Figure 1**). Support your pet with the sling so that he/she is still bearing most, but not all of their weight, on the affected limb(s). The sling needs to be used when walking, especially on slippery surfaces, and when taking them out to urinate and/or defecate.



Figure 1



Figure 2

In the case of a male dog, you will need to re-position the sling forward when they are trying to urinate (**Figure 2**).

If repositioning doesn't work, you may also try holding him gently on his side or allow him to lean on you while urinating to maintain stabilization while removing the sling.

Tail walking

You may also assist your dog with walking by holding the base of his/her tail in an upright manner. This serves as a "rudder" and provides the needed stability for walking (**Figure 3**).

NOTE: Not all pets will tolerate this method, and you will need to decide which method of assistance will be most effective.



Figure 3