



PAWPOWERFUL STORIES

In our PAWpowerful Stories series, we feature furry patients and highlight WIMBA's role in restoring their mobility.

Meet Bernie, a 44.5 kg Bernese Mountain Dog who struggles with intermittent forelimb lameness.

Bernie

- **Weight:** 44.5 kg
- **Age:** 1 year
- **Breed:** Bernese Mountain Dog
- **Diagnosis:** Intermittent forelimb lameness
- **WimbaTHERAPY:** 185° WimbaTOKENS
- **WIMBA Provider:** Valley Veterinary Hospital



MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Bernie struggles with intermittent forelimb lameness, especially after exercise. Bernie is a very bouncy Bernese with a tendency to hyperextend her carpus during activity, and pain on extension becomes evident during her flare-ups.

VETERINARIAN'S GOALS

Our goals were to avoid her hyperextending her carpus during exercise and therefore improve her comfort and allow her the freedom of being a young lady.

With the newest WIMBA Carpal Orthosis Go set to 185 degrees, Bernie has gained the support she needed to prevent hyperextension, enhance her comfort, and enjoy life as the young, energetic pup she is!



PET OWNER'S FEEDBACK

"I heard about the brace through my work, where I work with Nichi Cockburn, Veterinary Physiotherapist at Valley Veterinary Hospital. I trust Nichi, and when she suggested that the brace could give Bernie a pain-free life and possibly help her avoid medication while she's still young, I felt it was worth a try.

Initially, we were worried about whether Bernie would tolerate the scanning process since she doesn't adapt to change easily. To our surprise, she handled it better than we expected. When it came to the brace itself, she adjusted well. It did take some time for her to get used to walking in it, and for us to get the hang of putting it on, but it's easy to use and clean.

Bernie can now enjoy longer walks and play with other dogs without us constantly worrying about pain or having to plan ahead to give her medication. She can finally just be a puppy again, doing what she loves without any repercussions or days of rest afterward.

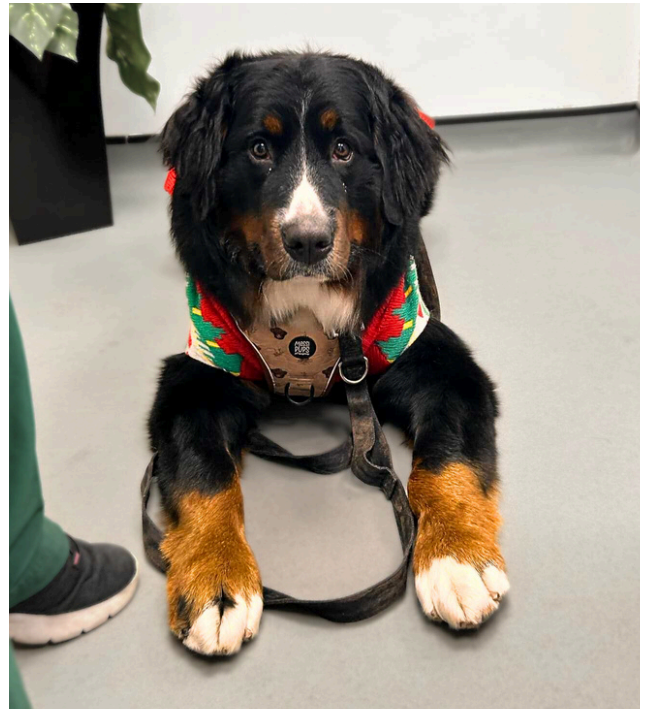
The entire process was easy, and now that Bernie has the brace, it's truly changed her life. We haven't needed to give her any pain medication since she started using it, and she can live her life to the fullest again.

We're still working on making sure the fit is perfect and are cautious while letting her play with other dogs to avoid damaging the brace. So far, we haven't had any problems."

Pet Owner of Bernie



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