

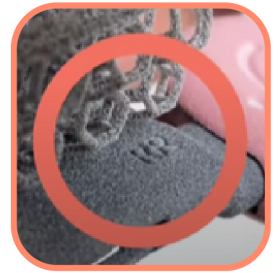
Tarsal Orthotic

Fitting Guide

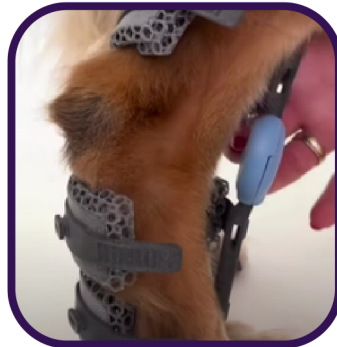


Before placing device on your dog:

- Check that all device components are clean and not damaged
- Open straps and locate labels inside axis to be sure placed on correct limb (**RL= Rear Left, RR= Rear Right**)
- Check companion for anxiety level



Have dog in comfortable position & check limb is dry/clean. Place brace over limb correctly. Standing or sitting is acceptable



Check for paw placement including pads, hair, and dewclaw (if present)



Fasten the straps by sliding into corresponding latch. Note! It is important to ensure even tightening on both sides to avoid point loading (same # clicks)



Lift paw and bend to ensure tokens are directly in line with the ankle joint and there is no friction between the token & ankle

Check the following to be sure of proper fit:

- The brace is in the correct position on the animal's limb, not too high, too low, not rotated internally or externally, and tokens are directly in line with the joint (**See Figure 1**)
- It stays in the correct place during the animal's gait, without twisting or sliding down
- The cushions (inserts) are not overly tight and does not compress excessively on the dog's limb
- No hard elements of the brace (Tokens, Brace Frame) contact the animal's limb during any phase of the gait (**See Figure 2**)

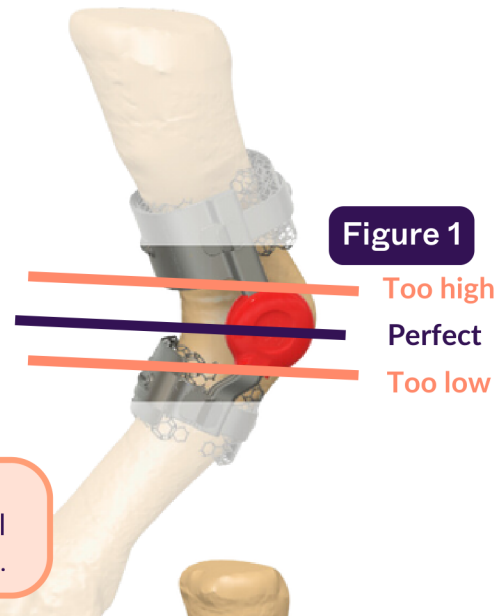


Figure 1

Too high
Perfect
Too low

IMPORTANT:

The orthotic can be put on in a few different ways, including with hinges still connected or in standing. Reach out to your WIMBA Provider for assistance.

DO's	DON'Ts
Take the orthosis off periodically and stick to the wear schedule.	× Don't leave the orthosis on 24/7.
Remove the orthosis in case of swellings, skin irritations, pressure sores, wounds, etc.	× Don't put the orthosis on wounded skin.
When fitting for the first time, ensure that none of the hard parts put pressure on the animal, it does not twist during use, or fall off.	× Don't put the orthosis directly onto the skin if the fur is unevenly shaved, the paw is irritated, or scratched.

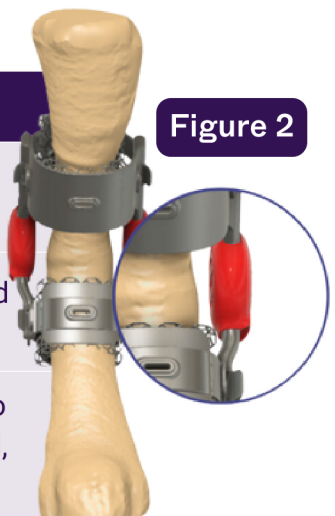


Figure 2

Tarsal Orthotic Tokens & Cushions



There are times where our companions may get the device extra dirty, and it is important to understand the individual components so that you can properly remove them for deep cleaning then replace them correctly. Take care to use lukewarm water and no harsh chemicals as well as only soft cleaning sponge or brush if needed.

To exchange the inserts (cushions):

- Start with the orthotic unfastened
- Twist and pull mounting pins out of the cushion/inserts and firmly pull on the insert to remove it from the orthosis
- Clip the cleaned cushion/inserts into the designated places
- From the outside, insert the mounting pin into the designated spot, then press the pin and twist it



IMPORTANT

Keep the small parts of this device stored in a safe place away from children & pets at ALL TIMES

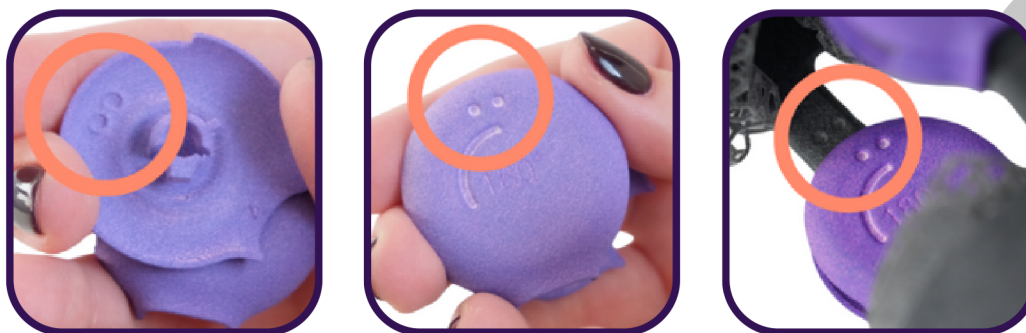
IMPORTANT:

Pins are preventing inserts from falling off. It is important **NOT** to use pins when using single layer cushions or on the achilles (ankle) tendon.

To clean & replace the tokens:

Look for dot markings on the inner axes of the orthosis and the tokens. Fasten the tokens according to the markings:

- 1 dot on the orthosis should align with the token that has one dot
- 2 dots on the orthosis should match two dots on the token



IMPORTANT:

Do not change out tokens for a different color unless specifically directed by your WIMBA Provider. This may alter the treatment plan!

TIP: Hand-clean the orthosis with lukewarm water and simple dish soap.