

## MEASURING YOUR DOG

### **MEASURING FOR HARNESSSES**

Use a soft measuring tape to measure. Proper measurements are very important so measure twice to be sure! Do not pull the tape tight or the measurement will be short. If you need any help do not hesitate to contact us.

These are the measurements we require for different harnesses (see measuring instructions below):

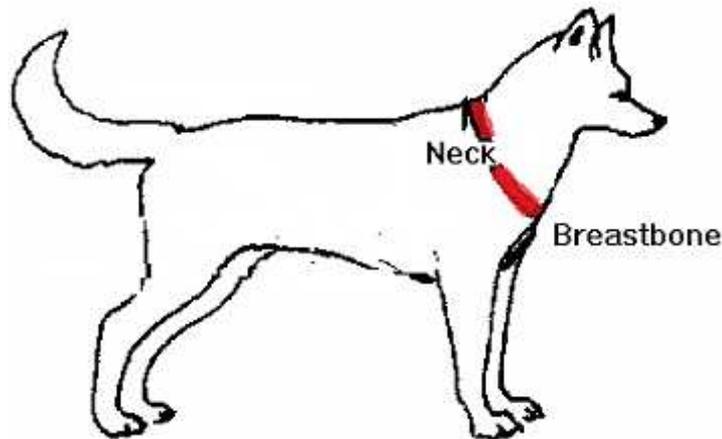
Shoulder Harness : **Neck**

X-Back Harness: **Neck and Tail**

Weight Pull Harness: **Neck, Rib and Rear**

#### **Neck:**

Measure from the top of the breastbone (the big bone that sticks out in the chest, start in the middle of the bone, not on the soft neck!) to just ahead of the shoulder blades behind the neck , then double this measurement. Measure the dog, not the fur! Measure only one side of the dog then double the measurement. Wrapping the tape measure all the way around the neck may distort the measurement.



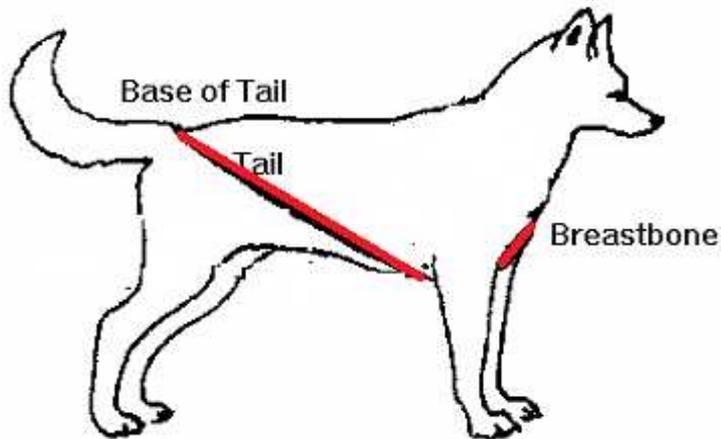
Weight guideline (note this is a very general guideline only, weight by itself is not a reliable measurement!)

**Neck      Weight Range**

46cm	13 - 18kg
51cm	18 - 22kg
56cm	23 - 27kg
61cm	28 - 32kg
66cm	32 - 36kg
71cm	36 - 45kg

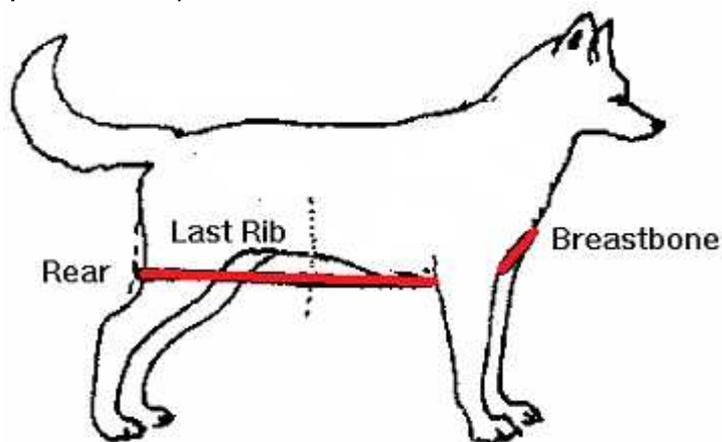
**Tail:**

Start tape at top of breastbone. Pass between front legs, then up around rib cage to base of tail. Lift tail to feel join.



**Rib:** Start tape at top of breastbone, pass between front legs, then straight back to last rib.

**Rear:** Start tape at top of breastbone, pass between front legs, then to back of thigh (position of the spreader bar).

**FITTING A HARNESS**

The padded neck fits snugly around the dogs shoulders, distributing the force evenly. The basic design is hundreds of years old, but improved by modern materials. Harness neck size must fit correctly. Too large, and the harness will slip, rub, or interfere with movement; too small, and it will cut ,bruise, or choke.

**Shoulder Harness:**

Neck fit is critical. When properly fitted, where the webbing crosses at the "Y" below the neck, the webbing should cross right on the breastbone. At the same time you are holding the webbing in place on the breastbone, check to see that the webbing in the "Y" at the top of the neck, crosses where the neck joins the withers (shoulder blades).

**X-Back Harness:**

Check neck fit (see shoulder harness).

Check fit of tail length by pulling on webbing to see if the webbing will come to the base of the tail. Webbing should not come to the base of the tail unless there is tension against it. The more coat the dog has the more tension is required.

## **MEASURING FOR DOG BOOTS**

1. Get your dog to stand on a level surface.
2. Place a blank piece of paper under a front paw.
3. Lift the other front paw so the weight of the dog is on the paw being measured as the paw spreads when bearing weight.
4. Mark each side of the widest point of the paw on the paper.
5. Measure the gap. If your dog is in between sizes choose the larger one for your dog's comfort.

