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Measuring Hints

The majority of unsuccessful fittings are the results of poor measurements. Accurate measurements should be taken with animal standing. If possible, ask a friend to assist you when measuring your pet. Ideally, the measurements are taken with the animal standing rather than laying on his/her side. At least one person should assist the one taking measurements for small animals, 2 people for larger animals.

Recommended Measuring Materials:

1. 2 yardsticks or other similar rigid sticks.
2. Cloth measuring tape ideally or some other flexible tape.

Front Height – Measurement "1"

- Person 1 – rest yardstick level on shoulders.
- Person 2 – stretch cloth measuring tape from level yardstick to ground.
- Enter front height as “1” on form.

Rear Height – Measurement "2"

- Person 1 – rest yardstick level over pelvis/hips.
- Person 2 - Stretch measuring tape from level stick to ground.
- Enter rear height as “2” on form.

Length – Measurement "3"

- Stretch measuring tape between collar and tail attachment.
- Enter length as “3” on form.

Girth or Chest circumference - Measurement "4"

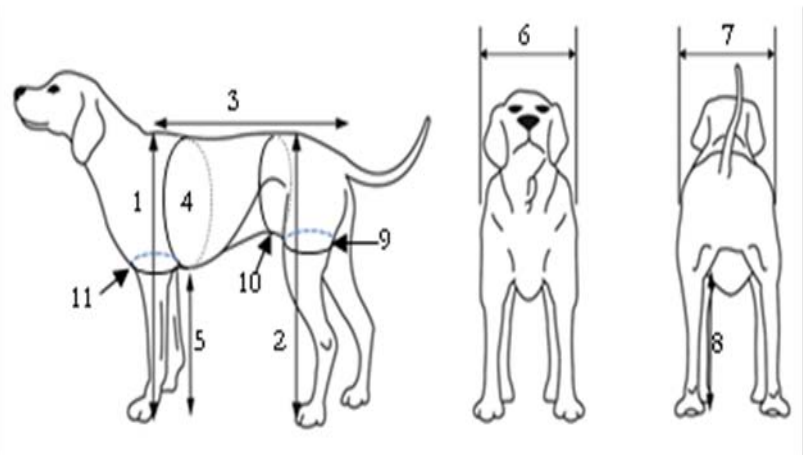
- Wrap cloth measuring tape entirely around chest behind elbows.
- Enter chest girth as “4” on form.

Girth Height– Measurement "5"

- Person 1 – hold animal in standing position.
- Person 2 – stretch tape from bottom of chest to floor to measure girth height.
- Enter girth height as “5” on form.

Front Width – Measurement "6"

- Person 1 – hold each yardstick vertically pressing against outside of each shoulder.
- Person 2 – measure distance between vertical yardsticks by tensioning measuring tape.
- Enter front width as “6” on form.



Rear Width – Measurement "7"

(similar to “6” except use pelvis)

- Person 1 – place yardsticks vertically pressing against each side of pelvis/hips.
- Person 2 – tension measuring tape and measure distance between vertical yardsticks.
- Enter rear width as “7” on form.

Groin height – Measurement "8"

****Important – Establishes height which animal will be supported. ****

- Press one end of tape in groin area and tension tape to floor.
- Enter groin height as “8” on form.

Circumference of Thigh – Measurement "9"

- Wrap cloth tape entirely around top of thigh.
- Enter thigh circumference as “9” on form.