



GINGERLEAD[®]



Dog Support & Rehabilitation Harness

Tips for Introducing the GingerLead to your Dog

Some dogs take right to the GingerLead, and some require practice. A dog may initially appear confused, and even resist walking. So let's try to make it easy for them.

Note: *These are just suggestions. Any instructions from your veterinarian for your dog's specific condition should always take precedence.*

- 🐾 Let your dog smell the GingerLead and let them know this new contraption is here to help. You want to encourage a positive experience.
- 🐾 Start on a flat surface where your dog is most comfortable. Achieve success on easier terrain before trying to tackle stairs.
- 🐾 Your dog will be looking to YOU for direction. Be patient, but show confidence. Use the commands you typically use during walks to have them heel.
- 🐾 Use treats and/or another person to help coax your dog.
- 🐾 Your first couple of tries, do not lift too much on the sling. Let your dog get a feel for walking just knowing the GingerLead is there. Give your dog positive reinforcement when walking with the GingerLead. Once your dog begins to feel comfortable with the GingerLead, then lift a little more until you find what's most comfortable for your dog and appropriate for their condition per your veterinarian's instructions.

NEVER lift a dog entirely off the ground when the leash of the GingerLead is attached to a dog's collar.
- 🐾 If your dog has some hind end mobility, allow them to try use their legs. Do not let their legs dangle.
- 🐾 You can attach the leash from the GingerLead to a standard chest harness instead of a collar, to add some front end support. **Chest harness is not included.**