

MEASURING YOUR DOG

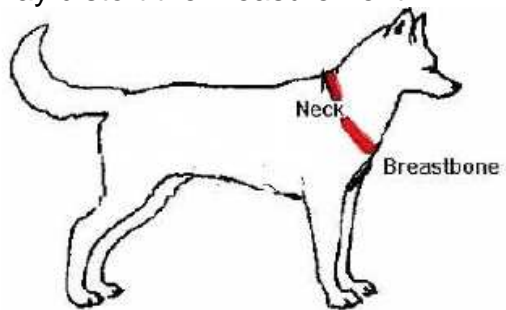
- Use a soft measuring tape to measure.
- Measure three times as proper measurements are very important.
- Do not pull the tape tight otherwise the measurement will be short.

X-Back Harness

Neck and Tail

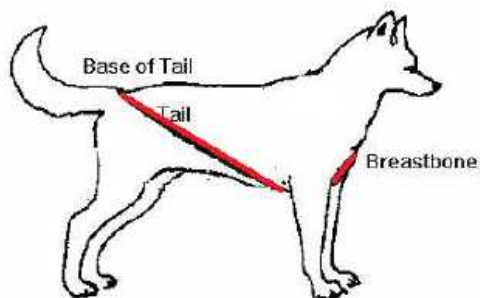
Neck:

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.



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.





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.

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.

(Source: ManMat & www.urbanwolf.co.nz)