

## Sizing & Fitting Lupine® Collars and Harnesses

**Adjustable Collars:** To determine size range needed, measure around the mid-point of the dog's neck. Measure snug against the fur, and then add in 5-10% of that measurement, for adjustment.

This is much more accurate than "add 2 inches"! Adding two inches to a small dog's collar may be too much, and likewise not enough for a larger dog.

Generally, the smallest size range that will fit is the best choice. A collar let out to its largest size will be less bulky than one that has been doubled up to its smallest setting.

**Combo Collars:** These collars have no buckle and need to fit over the widest aspect of the dog's head. In addition to measuring the dog's neck (see above), measure all the way around the head, from the highest point of the skull, under the jaw, and back up. **Please note** that a Combo is only effective with a lead attached. This type of collar should not be left on an unleashed and/or unattended dog.

**Adjustable/Roman-style Harnesses:** Harnesses are sized based on the adjustability of the girth. Measure around the ribcage, just behind the front legs, snug against the fur. Then add in 5-10% of that measurement, to determine the size needed.

To fit the harness to the dog:

Unbuckle the clasp on the girth. The strap with the D-ring should be on the spine, with the D-ring pointing to the tail.

Place the two adjustable shoulder straps over the dog's head, adjusting them evenly so that the O-ring is positioned in the middle of the chest.

Pick up the dog's left front paw and place over the sternum strap, so that the strap passes between the forelegs.

Adjust and buckle the girth. The girth should be supported by the ribcage all the way around, especially underneath. If the girth rests too far back it will be uncomfortable for the dog. Shortening the shoulders will shorten the front-to-back length of the harness.

Although the tensile strength of our webbing is high, chew resistance is quite low—20 seconds or less, with a determined dog!

For this reason, **we do not recommend** leaving a harness on an unattended dog.

If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-228-9653, M-F, 9-5, eastern time.

