



Products for Special Needs Pets

This listing is not meant to endorse any specific product or sales company, nor is it exhaustive. Please use these ideas and websites to find the products that are best suited to your pet, situation, and budget. Prices noted are current as of Dec 2016 and do not include shipping fees. Handicappedpets.com is a fantastic one-stop shop based in the US for just about anything you may need for dogs with mobility or incontinence issues.

Before investing a great deal of money in any device, or in a device that could potentially cause pain if poor-fitting, please discuss it with your veterinarian. We are trained to assist you in selecting safe and appropriate items, and can also help you evaluate fit upon receipt in case a return is necessary.

Let us know if you come across a product not listed here that has helped you and your pet. We are always looking for valuable feedback and more resources upon which to call.

Your pet's quality of life and happiness are our goal, and we look forward to helping you!

Harnesses

- Help 'Em Up Harness
 - o Appropriate for 24/7 wear
 - o Allows lifting of both front and hind end with two handles—one over the shoulders and one over the hips—and saves your back, too
 - o “U” hip harness option decreases risk of soiling by male dogs
 - o Fully machine washable
 - o Range \$135-190 depending on size
 - o Dogsinmotion.com.au
- Ruffwear Doubleback Harness
 - o Has padding on back and chest which provides protection but may be warm for some dogs
 - o Originally designed for dogs to go extreme hiking and rock-climbing!
 - o Allows lifting of both front and hind end with two handles—one over the shoulders and one over the hips—and saves your back, too
 - o Fully machine washable
 - o \$230
 - o Waggle.com.au

Grip Aids and Foot Protection

- Dr Buzby's Toe Grips: soft rubber toenail sheaths help feet get traction on slippery surfaces.

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- Indoor or outdoor
 - Approx \$35 for pack of 20, sized
 - Available online or via our practice
 - toegrips.com
- Paw Friction: non-toxic crumbed rubber and adhesive kit allows the footpad to grip slippery surfaces without needing boots or socks
 - Lasts approx. 7 days
 - Depending on foot size, each kit contains 8 to 16 feet worth of material
 - Approx US\$35/kit
 - pawfriction.com
- Walkin' Boots: provide improved traction and moderate nail/toe protection for dogs that drag feet
 - Indoor or outdoor
 - US\$9 per boot, or US\$35 for set of four
 - Handicappedpets.com
- Ruffwear Grip Trex boots: for heavy duty protection of nails/toes in dogs that drag feet
 - Indoor or outdoor
 - \$125/4 boots or \$33 per boot
 - Waggle.com.au
- Power Paws Advanced Non-slip Dog Socks: for lightweight, increased traction on slippery floors
 - Indoor only use
 - \$35/4 socks
 - Waggle.com.au

Ramps

- Skamper-Ramp Dog Pool Ramp, \$160
 - For safe exit from swimming pool during hydrotherapy:
 - Waggle.com.au
- For entry/exit to 4WD vehicles:
 - Solvit UltraLite Bi-fold Dog Ramp, \$200, Waggle.com.au
 - VEBO 150cm Ultra Light Folding Pet Ramp for Dogs, \$90, vebopet.com.au
- Small ramps can be built by handy folks to reach couches and other favorite sleeping spots (especially for cats!)

Hind foot retraining

- No Knuckling Training Sock
 - US\$45-70
 - Hind foot only
 - Meant to be used for short periods as part of a comprehensive rehab program
 - www.handicappedpets.com/no-knuckling-training-sock

Support Wraps

- Walkin' Hock Wrap
 - US\$23
 - Handicappedpets.com
- Kruuse Rehab Neoprene Supports
 - Available for carpus (wrist), hock (ankle), elbow, and stifle (knee)

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- We suggest your pet be measured up by a vet for the best chance at a proper fit
- Available via Amazon, eBay, or OR via vet order

Life Jackets

- EZYDog – Dog Flotation Device
 - Padded chest straps
 - Handle for easy grab
 - \$55-85
- K9 Float Coat Dog Life Jacket by Ruff Wear
 - Wrap-around flotation support rather than straps
 - Handle for easy grab
 - Reflective trim
 - \$100

Wheelchairs and Joint Braces

- These are generally custom fit, or at minimum require veterinary measurement
- Speak to your veterinarian regarding the extensive options available
- Most items must be manufactured and/or imported from abroad
- Costs range from \$600 upwards of \$1500

Bedding

- Dry Bed
 - A heavy fleece provides cushion and support, while allowing urine and wetness to drain away
 - Available in a carpet/woven backing or a non-slip backing (appropriate if used directly on the floor)
 - Different sizes and designs available
 - www.vebopet.com.au/dog/dog-beds-and-vet-beds/
- Slee-Pee-Time Beds
 - Raised frame bed with soft bolsters, collecting tray underneath
 - Allows urine to drain away and bed to be cleaned easily
 - US\$140-150
- SnuggleSafe Heat Pads
 - Microwaveable, electricity-free so no risk of shock
 - To ensure safety, do not overheat, use appropriate cover, and place under bedding on heat-safe surface (tile, concrete, etc)
 - Stays warm 10-12 hours
 - \$50

Incontinence Aids

- An extensive range of belly wraps, nappies, incontinence pads, and indoor pet loos is available online at vebopet.com.au, 'toilet training' section
- For more ideas: www.handicappedpets.com/keep-pets-dry

Water Fountains for Cats

- CatIt Flower Fountain
 - Compact unit and quiet pump
 - \$70
- CatIt Drinking/Feeding Station

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- Larger dome shape, with water dish and food dish
 - \$102
- All for Paws (AFP) Cat Fountain: \$60

Aids for Blind Dogs

- Halo Vest: The White Cane for Dogs
 - www.halosforpaws.com
 - Vest with a ring attachment that extends around a dog's head to alert them to objects before hitting their head or traumatizing eyes
 - Custom made for your pet in the USA
 - Prices range US\$700-160 depending on size
- Muffin's Halo
 - Similar device to the Halo Vest
 - US\$70-130
 - Handicappedpets.com
- Blind Sight Echolocation Device for Dogs
 - Uses a system similar to a bat clicking (although the signal is not heard by humans)-- for dogs to judge distances and their surroundings
 - Dogs MUST have functional high-frequency hearing for the device to work. This can be judged by a response to a dog whistle; speak to your veterinarian for more information
 - www.jordycanid.com for ordering
 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_l0qd3O6kl for technical introduction
 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMMCbjmK3_A for customer demo
 - US\$300-350, with possible discount pricing available through your veterinarian
- Tracerz
 - Adhesive dots impregnated with different essential oils help to denote different obstacles in a pet's environment, allowing their nose to guide their way
 - www.fleacircuspetsupplies.com.au
 - Similarly, dots of essential oils can be applied every month
- "Blind or Deaf Dog/Cat" identifiers
 - Collars, leads, harnesses, or other devices will help identify your pet as blind to others, so as to avoid startle responses
 - friendlydogcollars.com.au/collections/blind-dog
 - www.blackdog.net.au/index.php?route=product/product&product_id=866 (search 'blind' and then select S, M, or L)

Aids for Deaf Pets

- "Deaf or Blind Dog/Cat" identifiers: see section above for blind dogs for details
 - Collars, leads, harnesses, or other devices will help identify your pet as deaf to others, so as to avoid startle responses
- The Big Leash V10 Vibration collar
 - Allows you to signal your dog for attention from a distance without shock
 - Can be used as a substitution for clickers in positive reinforcement training
 - US\$159 + shipping via Amazon.com
- LED collars and tags
 - Assist owners searching for lost pets that may not respond to calls

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- Various models available, some USB rechargeable
 - Inexpensive aid, from \$10
- GPS trackers
 - As above, assists owners locate lost dogs that may not respond to calls
 - Devices and mobile services may need to be purchased separately
 - Several options available, from \$350

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