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The majority of unsuccessful fittings are the results of poor measurements. 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. Do not try to measure directly with a yardstick or measuring tape, but use a cord to determine size measurements.

Recommended Measuring Materials:

1. 2 pieces of light cord: 1 piece of cord – total length of the animal, 1 piece of cord – height of the animal
2. 1 ring – off your finger will work; attach ring to one piece of short cord
3. 2 yardsticks or other similar rigid sticks
4. Measuring tape or yardstick used in #3

Method: Measuring technique is best performed by using cord to measure distance and then determine length by holding cord against a yardstick or measuring tape.

Rear Height – Measurement "A"

- Person 1 – rest yardstick level over pelvis
- Person 2 - Stretch cord from level stick to ground
- Enter rear height as "A" on form

Length – Measurement "B"

- Stretch longer cord between collar and tail attachment
- Enter length as "B" on form

Girth Height– Measurement "C"

- tie ring to short cord & slide ring onto long cord; you will use short cord to measure height
- Person 1 – wrap long cord entirely around chest behind elbows to measure chest/girth
- Person 2 – pull ring to bottom of chest girth & measure distance to floor with short string
- Measure distance between top of ring to floor
- Enter as "C" on form

Girth or Chest circumference - Measurement "D"

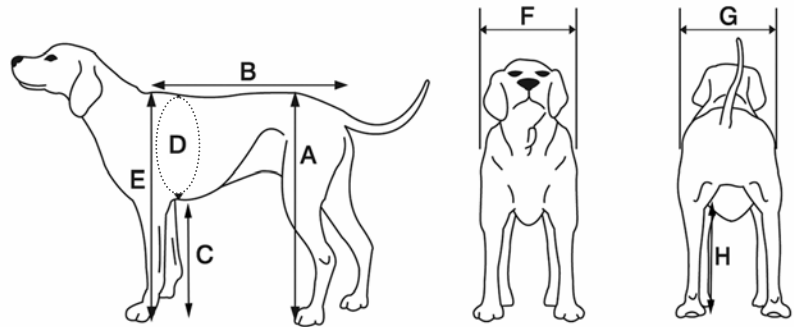
- Wrap cord entirely around chest behind elbows
- Enter chest girth as "D" on form

Front Height – Measurement "E"

- Person 1 – rest yardstick on shoulders
- Person 2 – stretch cord from level yardstick to ground
- Enter front height as "E" on form

Front Width – Measurement "F"

- Person 1 – place yardsticks vertically resting on floor and pressing against outside of each shoulder
- Person 2 – tension cord behind vertical yardstick and measure distance between yardsticks
- Enter front width as "F" on form



Rear Width – Measurement "G"

(similar to "F" except use pelvis)

- Person 1 – place yardstick vertically resting on floor and pressing against each side of pelvis
- Person 2 – tension cord and measure distance between vertical yardsticks
- Enter rear width as "G" on form

Groin height – Measurement "H"

- Slide ring with short cord onto long cord as in "C"
- Person 1 – tension long string around groin
- Person 2 – tension short cord from groin to floor
- Measure from top of ring to floor
- Enter groin height as "H" on form

IMPORTANT:

If measuring animal on its side use bottom of footpads with leg in a standing position as floor distance. Do NOT stretch leg straight.