



Mobility Aids for Dogs

As our dogs age, they begin to slow down, just as people do. Luckily, there are many different solutions available that can help keep your four-legged friend moving comfortably.

Providing more traction in the home

As our dogs age, they begin to lose some stability, especially on slippery surfaces such as hardwood and tile floors. To give your pet a bit more traction in the home, it may be a good idea to put down some area rugs or carpet runners. This will allow your pooch to move more comfortably and confidently in their living space. Provide stair runners on wooden stairs.

Traction for your pet's paws

Rugs are a great way to provide your dog with some support, but sometimes this is only a minor fix. Dogs may still have trouble getting their footing under them when getting up/navigating their home. Luckily, there are booties and paw pads that offer traction for your pet anywhere in and out of the home. It may take a while to get your dog to adjust to wearing something on their paws, but some positive reinforcement will go a long way. Start with trying to get your dog to tolerate wearing the booties or pads for short periods of time until they are comfortable.



Wagons and Carts

Some dogs may be more limited in their activity level or overall mobile capabilities due to different factors such as heart conditions, arthritis, and obesity. In cases where exercise should be limited, it is still important to get your dog outside to enjoy the sun, smells, and stimulation. Smaller dogs can ride in strollers, while medium-large dogs may be able to fit in some carts or wagons and still accompany you on your daily strolls.



Ramps and Steps

You may notice as your pet ages, they refuse to jump on the couch or bed like they used to, or they need help getting in and out of the car. If you have a large dog, it can be difficult to lift them in/out of the car, or up onto the furniture. Ramps and stairs are great solutions. They are also a great idea for smaller dogs. Jumping off of furniture is a common cause of back injuries in smaller dogs; providing an easy way on and off of furniture allows your pet to get cozy, safely. There are a wide range of sizes and materials for all sizes of dogs.

