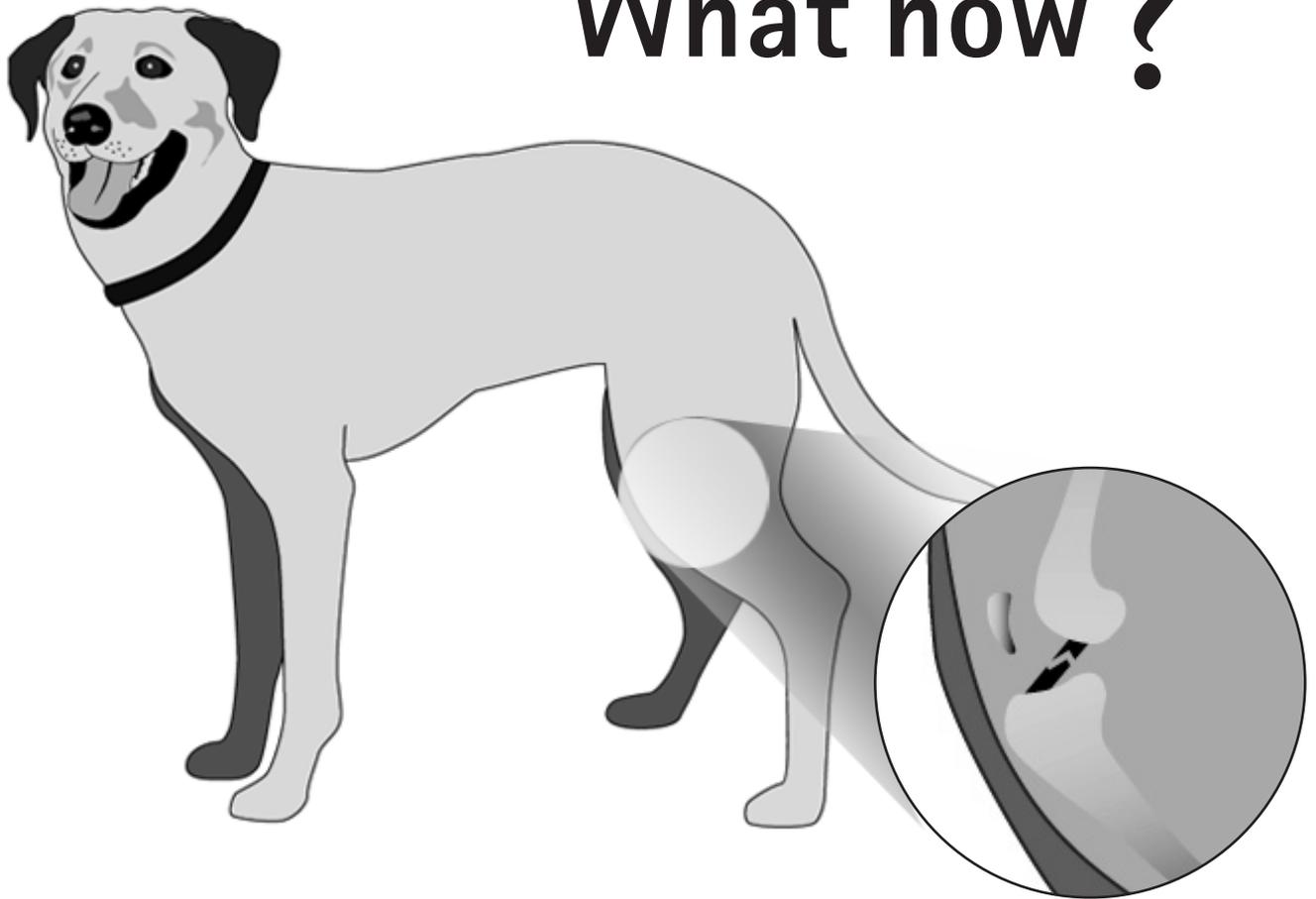


Your dog just had a cruciate ligament injury!

What now?



Don't leave the success of your dog's treatment to chance...

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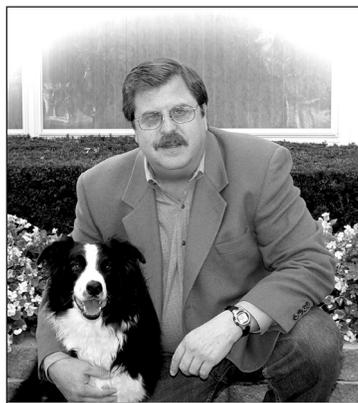
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Your veterinarian may recommend your dog have surgery, physical therapy, conservative non-surgical treatment, or a combination of these. No matter which treatment course your veterinarian has decided on, the A-TraC Dynamic Brace™ will play a prominent part. Although success can never be guaranteed for any medical treatment, your veterinarian has recommended the A-TraC Dynamic Brace™ because he knows it is your dog's best chance for an uneventful recovery and an active life.

Origin of the A-TraC Dynamic Brace™

Dr. Joel F. Spatt, a human foot and ankle surgeon, began development of the brace in 1999. He developed this brace because of the need he saw in his own dogs and the numerous



requests he received from the veterinary community. Dr. Spatt realized that the care given dogs with this type of injury lagged far behind human treatment. He took the best ideas from human brace designs, modified parts of them, invented new design aspects, and adapted it to fit most dogs. He wanted to design a brace that would provide the stability lost in the injured knee, and at the

same time assist in rehabilitation of the stifle (knee joint) by providing resistance to movement. This resistance strengthens the large thigh muscles which is critical to the dog's recovery.

The first version of the A-TraC Dynamic Brace™ sold in January of 2003. Two revised editions of the brace were released in 2004. The Premier Edition of the the A-TraC Dynamic Brace™ will be released in December 2004 & has patents pending on over 20 areas of its design.

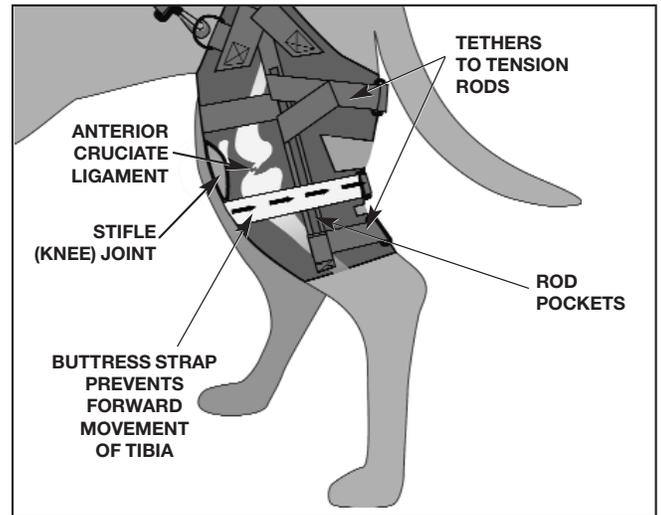
Some facts you should be aware of:

1. Re-injury following a cruciate tear is a frequent occurrence in dogs without protection. Unlike a human, your dog does not understand the extent of their injury and will attempt to do things that might disrupt the healing process. This makes constant control of your dog almost impossible. Think of the added trauma to your dog, not to mention the added expense of additional surgery and treatment.
2. Immediately after injury the large thigh muscles begin to atrophy due to lack of use. The muscles at the back of the thigh provide for at least 50% of the stability to the stifle (knee joint) of the dog.
3. Over 35% of dogs that have a cruciate (knee) injury to one leg will sustain an injury to the opposite leg within one year.
4. Numerous studies have shown that arthritis starts to develop almost immediately following a cruciate injury. Even if surgery is successful, instability of the stifle (knee joint) if allowed to go on, can cause lameness & joint pain in your dog.

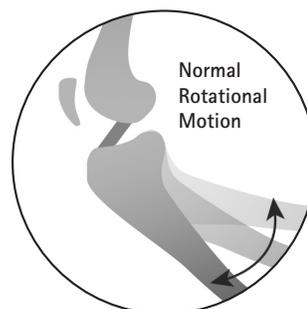
How does the The A-TraC Dynamic Brace™ function?

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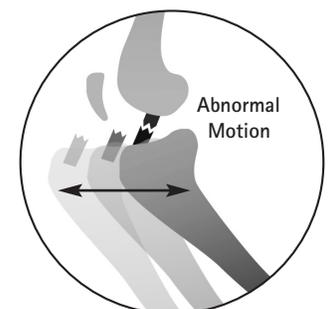
- The brace's tri-laminated patented material provides comfort, elasticity, and conformability to the dog's leg. Numerous studies, have shown that even plain elastic support sleeves improve proprioception (position sense), which is lost after cruciate injuries.



- Our patent pending tension rods, when placed into the rod pockets on the inner and outer sides of the brace, always maintain normal movement of the stifle (knee joint) at precisely the correct level, while providing for varying amounts of resistance to movement.
- Stability of the brace is provided by tethering of the tension rods at an appropriate distance above and below the joint.
- Abnormal movement at the stifle (knee joint) is prevented by a buttress or blocking mechanism between the two tension rods
- Two sets of tension rods are provided to allow for changing the amount of motion desired at the stifle joint during rehabilitation.



Before Cruciate Ligament Injury



After Cruciate Ligament Injury

How will the A-TraC Dynamic Brace™ benefit my dog?

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- Protection of the surgically treated or rehabilitating joint to promote healing
- Lessen the development of arthritis
- Promote weight bearing to the affected leg therefore decreasing the potential for a cruciate injury to the good leg
- Enhances the development of proprioception (position sense)
- Begins strengthening of the large thigh muscles as soon as the brace is applied
- It is the only effective treatment for cruciate injuries in dogs that are not good surgical risks or are too old to undergo surgery.

Can all dogs get used to wearing the A-TraC Dynamic Brace™?

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Dogs typically feel a sense of security with the brace on because it decreases pain and provides for increased stability and position sense. Therefore, if a dog is having trouble with the brace it is usually because it is not adjusted properly. We are always available to answer your questions about fit or other issues. What would you do if you had a young child who required a brace to recover from an injury? Dogs are very similar to young children. You know what is best for them even if they don't.

Do I need to do anything to prepare my dog before applying the brace?

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Dogs with fur that is more than a half inch long, should be clipped. This will allow the brace to fit more snugly against the leg and body and decrease shifting and moving of the brace. Movement of the brace on the dog's leg or body can cause irritation.

Do I need to do anything once my veterinarian puts the brace on my dog?

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Your veterinarian should help you become familiar with the brace, and how to recognize when it is fitted properly. Although irritations rarely develop, the dog's leg should be inspected at least a few times the first week for signs of irritation. You should make sure that you watch your dog closely for indications of biting or tearing the brace. At times this could be because the brace is too tight or even

too loose. Some dogs just want to bite or tear anything that's on their body. After checking, or having your veterinarian check for proper fit and tightness, if your dog still persists in biting the brace, your dog needs to be fitted with an Elizabethan Collar until they adjusts to the brace.

Note: The Hook & Loop Straps on the brace will tend to accumulate dog fur and will not adhere as well as they should. We suggest purchasing a flea comb at the pet store. Use the flea comb once a week on the straps to maintain them in good working order.

Does my dog need to wear the brace all the time?

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Generally your dog should wear the brace 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. However we recommend that you give your dog a break from the brace on occasion, perhaps an hour or two every other day. If your dog is going for physical therapy two or three times per week, these times are sufficient breaks for your dog. **HOWEVER, YOUR DOG SHOULD BE UNDER YOUR COMPLETE CONTROL WHEN YOU REMOVE THE BRACE!** This means your dog should lay by your side with you holding a short leash.

How long will my dog have to wear the brace?

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Depending on the treatment regimen your veterinarian has prescribed the brace should be worn for a total of 8 to 12 weeks. Even after this period we recommend your dog wear the brace at times when he will be more active. This should continue for at least an additional 4 to 8 months, or as long as your veterinarian feels is prudent. Once rehabilitation is complete your veterinarian may suggest your dog wear the brace without the tension rods.

Please call us with any questions or issues you may have. You are not alone we are always here to assist you with your dogs brace and to make sure your dog has an uneventful recovery.

For technical questions about your dog's brace please call us at **847-634-1700**

If you would like to order another brace or require replacement parts for an existing brace please call us at **800-443-4055**.

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Your Veterinarian wishes to see you and your dog _____

on ____ / ____ / ____

Instructions from my veterinarian:

Change the LROM tension rods for the TROM rods in _____ weeks.

Medication Instruction:

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