Fitting your pet into the dog wheelchair

The Huggiecart dog wheelchair is semi put together when the package arrives. There are few steps that are needed to do first:

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Section 1: Quick illustration

a. First thing to do is fit the chest harness to your dog. Adjust the harness so it is a snug (not tight, not loose) comfortable fit. Strap with snap buckle is on the bottom.
b. Remove the harness from your dog and attach the side rods to the harness.

c. Attach wheels and adjust the wheel stems height approximately to your dog's underbelly distance to the ground. (Some model only has thumb screw. There is no set screw on the inside)

d. Insert the side rods into the connection block. Make sure U frame is not upside down. (See illustration 1)

For more detailed step by step assembly instruction, skip to Section 4
### Section 2-Placing your dog into the cart

After the dog wheelchair is assembled, it should be about 80% complete. It still needs some on the dog adjustments. Placing your dog into the dog wheelchair will be a challenge for the first few times.

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<td>Lay the dog wheelchair directly behind your dog.</td>
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<td><strong>b.</strong></td>
<td>Lob the chest harness over the head of your dog. The red strap is not buckled at this time.</td>
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<td>Buckle the red strap behind the front legs. You may need to retract the side bar shorter. (need to use allen wrench to loosen the side bars.)</td>
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<td>d.</td>
<td>Tighten all fittings. Be sure to save the allen wrench. The dog wheelchair fasteners need to be tightened periodically.</td>
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Section 3: Common Mistakes

Fit is not right in this photo.

1. The side rods are about 3” too low.  
   Need to be at about middle to upper half of the body.
2. The side rods are too short.  
   Need to extend about 3” longer.

photo to the left illustrating the adjustment

After adjustment.
The leg loops need to be on top of the frame

This is incorrect

The leg loops are on the bottom. It is upside down. Take the wheel stems off and insert them from the top
## Section 4: Complete Detail Assembly Instruction

### Parts List

- We have many sizes.
- Size 1 is for ultra-small dog to Size 5 for large dog.

The actual parts of your model may be different in sizes, shapes, and colors.

![Image of parts list](image1)

### Step 1:

Check the two bolts on the connection block of the U frame are tight by using the Allen wrench provided. Repeat this on the other connection block.

![Step 1](image2)

### Step 2:

Insert the steel cable into the top hole of the connection block.

![Step 2](image3)
Step 3:
Tighten the bolt on the inside of the connection block that holds the cable.

Step 4:
Insert the other end of the cable through the other side of the connection block. (make sure the loop is formed inside the U-frame)

Step 5:
Tighten the bolt on the connection block to secure the cable.

Step 6:
Repeat Step 2 to 5 to form a loop on the other connection block.
Step 7:
Connect the two loops with longer Velcro and leave a gap of approximately 1” between the loops.
Cross link the 2nd Velcro by wrapping around the first Velcro.

Step 8:
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Step 9:
The dog’s hind legs will go inside the two loops on the U-frame.
Step: 10
Mount the wheel between the two washers by removing the nut. The bolt must be inserted as shown. The nut is to be on the outside of the wheel.

Step: 11
Tighten the nut using a wrench (the wrench is not provided). Note: Not too tight that wheel does not spin and not too loose. The wheel should spin with just a little friction.

Step: 12
After inserting the wheel stem into the connection block in Step 13, lightly feel the thumb screw sits in the depression.

Some model has a holes instead of impressions and there is no inside Allen set screw as described in Step 14.
### Step 13
Tighten the thumb screw over the depression. Repeat Step 10 to 13 on the other wheel.

### Step 14:
To lock down the wheel stem to prevent slide down: Use the smaller Allen wrench and tighten the set screw on the inside of the U-frame to securely lock down the wheel stem.

(We suggest tighten this bolt after the whole cart has been assembled, strapped on the front harness on your dog, and placed your dog inside the hind leg loops to adjust the height.)

Note: the height of the wheel stem is determined by the horizontal rod. The rod should be fairly parallel to the ground when your dog is in the cart.

### Step 15
Loosen the buckle on the front harness located at the middle of the T neoprene.
Insert the horizontal rod through the loop just created.
Pull the strap the horizontal rod in between the 2 black stops to prevent sliding.
Repeat for the other horizontal rod.

### Step 16:
The front harness has 3 adjustable straps. Pull the straps to adjust the harness on your dog.
The gray or red color strap supposed to go under the bottom (behind the front legs)
Step 17:
Insert the two horizontal rods through the connection blocks. (make sure the gray strap is on the top side)

Step 18
Tighten the bolt on the bottom of the connection block to secure the horizontal rod.
Repeat for the other horizontal rod.

Step 19:
Attach the hind leg stirrup with the shorter Velcro

Step 20:
Repeat for the other stirrup.
The hind stirrups are used to keep the legs off the ground. Some adjustment will be needed pending on your dog’s height.
Section 5: Notes

1. When your pet first placed into the walker, she or he will be scared and may walk backward rather than forward. It is a brand new experience for the pet. Give her/him some time to get used to it. Your pet will eventually learn to use this walker.

2. Adjustment is more like an art than a science. You might need to do this by trial and error to see what the most comfortable position is for your pet.

3. We suggest slowly ease your pet into the walker so your pet will build the necessary strength and muscle to be comfortable in the walker.

4. Warning: Do not leave the dog in a wheelchair unattended. Your pet can not get out of the chair on by itself.

Some experience learned from our customers:

Dogs with a weak torso or disability higher up on the spine: We had few customers with this type of issue and seems to limited to medium to large dog. There are few things that you can try.

1. make sure the frame is not too wide. The side horizontal rod should be as close to the body as possible.

2. make sure the height is adjusted so that the horizontal rod is parallel to the ground.

3. Tighten the 3 straps on the chest harness so it is a snug fit (trimming of the neoprene may be necessary)

4. Tie/wrap a supporting “towel” (or old t shirt), about 3 to 6 " wide, between the side horizontal rods and suspend the body and let the trunk of your dog’s body is resting on the towel. See this video of Tia with the Velcro support right under her chest. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uNyrpDMXiRE The neoprene belly support belt is an accessory (not included in the package).

5. Slowly train your dog to have the muscle required to use the wheel cart. Because your pet is a larger dog, it is heavier and have longer body. Its body does not have the muscles to support itself. Slowly help your dog to get stronger in the front leg and stronger in the body. It will take some time. I recommend that you start her no more than 3 minutes in the cart to start.

6. Irritation of groin area due to rubbing of belly against the neoprene padding: This seems to limited to heavier and active dogs. We have customer wore a sleeve over the stomach area to protect the tender skin of the belly.

The photos attached and those on our website and Facebook are all from our past customers. Those dogs and their owners have helped in choosing the right sized cart and optimal comfort adjustment. We truly appreciate if you’d like to send us a photo or video of your pet in the walker and let us know his/her name, age, and breed and we will share it with others. Let your dear dog be a contributor to this loving community.

At Huggiecart, we choose relationship first. Contact us through our website at www.Huggiecart.com
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