

Dodgerslist FREE wallet size (2"x 3") card- two sides

Dogs can live pain-free, happy lives after a back injury!



Signs of disc disease (IVDD)

(typically ages 3-7)

- Trembling, yelping
- Reluctance to move
- Hunched back
- Back legs paralyzed
- Head held high or low to ground

Crate & get vet help ASAP

reduce permanent neurological loss and avoid surgery



Treatment options:

- *Conservative Treatment:* 8 weeks of crate rest + medications
- *Surgery* + 6 weeks post op crate rest

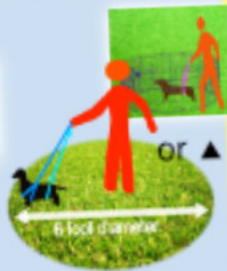
Minimize back injury

- Support rear & front when lifting
- Use ramps, no jumping or stairs
- Use a harness rather than a collar with a leash
- Keep them sleek and trim

Dwarf-legged dogs most prone

Not limited to: Lhasa Apso, Shih Tzu, Beagle, Dachshund, Pekingese, Cocker Spaniel

A recovery suite 24/7 is critical at the first sign of a back problem & during recovery. **Size of suite** should be only large enough to stand up, turn around and lie with legs fully stretched out. **Carry** the dog to and from the potty place. Limit potty-time footsteps with use of a 6' **leash & harness** OR limit with a 6' diameter ex-pen.



Typical nerve healing order:

1. Deep pain sensation (only correctly identified by a neuro or ortho specialist.)
2. Tail wagging with joy at seeing you or getting a treat or meal.
3. Bladder and bowel control.
4. Leg movement, then ability to move up into a stand position, then wobbly walking.
5. Being able to walk with more steadiness and properly place the paws.
6. Ability to walk unassisted and perhaps even run.

