

## Recovery Space Dog Welfare Project

### Dog measurements

#### How to take the four measurements

It's easiest to measure with a simple tape measure. Please record the four measurements, A-D, in centimetres (cm).

If your tape measure is of the self-retracting type, then take care that it doesn't ping back with a loud "whoosh" noise and startle your dog.

If your dog shifts position and the readings change then, for each measurement (A-D), please record the **maximum** value.



#### A) Length of standing dog.

With your dog in a standing position, measure his or her maximum length from the level of the tip of the nose to the level of the tip of the tail. If the tail is tucked close to the body, then measure to whatever juts out furthest (might be one of the hind legs, or the dog's bottom). If the tail sticks out and takes up much of the dog's length, then do include tail length within the total measurement, but please let me know when forwarding your results.

*Tips: Your measuring tape needs to be parallel to the floor for this one. It may help to have a friend stand in front of the dog, perhaps offering a treat, while you do the measuring.*



#### B) Height of sitting dog.

With your dog in a sitting position, measure the distance from the top of the head down to the floor. If your dog's ears stand upright, then do include the ears in this measurement.

*Tips: Your measuring tape needs to be vertical for this one. Again, it may help to have a friend stand in front of the dog. They can ask the dog to sit, then offer treats while you do the measuring.*



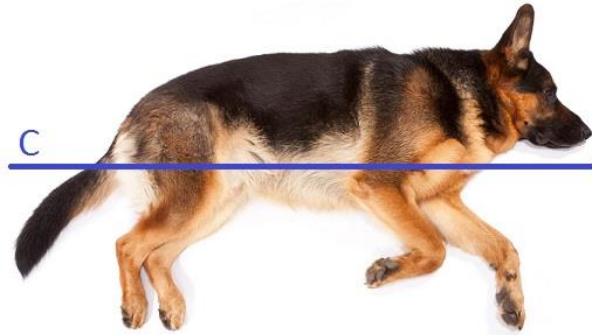
Measurements C and D record the largest floor area that your dog takes up when lying down. If possible, the dog should be lying flat out on one side for this (see photo below). For dogs who won't lie on one side like this, please record maximum length and width of your dog **in the most stretched-out position in which they choose to lie**. When sending the results, please state what position your dog was in (e.g. lying on his front, side or back).

**C) Maximum length of lying dog.** Measure the total length of your dog when lying flat out on their side.

*This measurement goes straight through the dog from front to rear.*

*For the dog shown here, we measure from the level of the tip of the nose to the level of the tip of the tail.*

*For a dog that tends to lie more stretched out, the paws may stick out in front of the nose and behind the tail. If paws are sticking out in front of and behind the dog, then do include this in the measurement.*



**D) Maximum “width” of lying dog.**

Measurement D goes straight across the dog in the other direction

If the dog's ears naturally stick up then do include these in the measurement. For some dogs, it may not be immediately obvious where the “widest” point is. In that case, measure in several places and record the highest value. E.g. the greatest value will be from top of rump to hind toes in some dogs, and will be from top of shoulder to front toes in other dogs.



## Sending the results

Please forward your results to Marianne at [Marianne@ajdorn.plus.com](mailto:Marianne@ajdorn.plus.com)

For each dog, list the breed of dog, sex (M/F), name of dog (optional), 4 measurements (A, B, C and D) and your dog's lying position (e.g. dog was on its side, on its front, or on its back).

Add in any comments if you wish.

These measurements will be used to help create guidelines for minimum space requirements of dogs recovering at home. This will help dogs recover in greater comfort following injury or surgery.

Many thanks for your help with this project!