

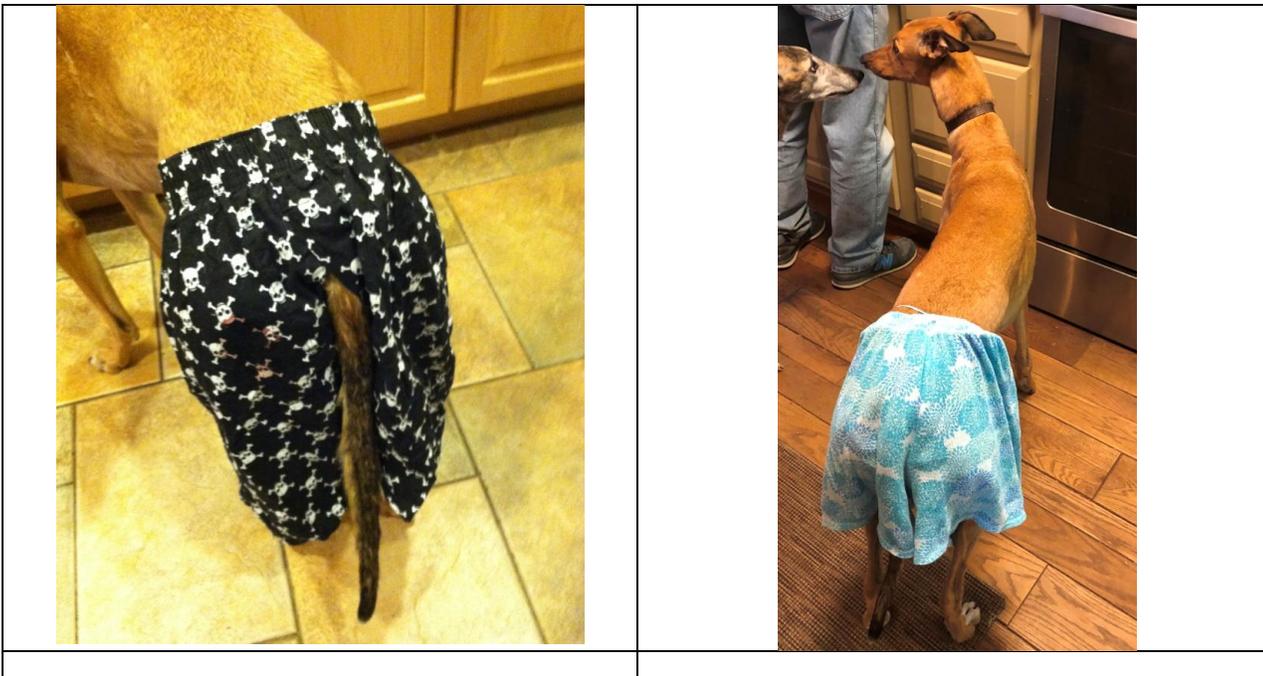
Bag of Tricks Suggestions from Greyhound Parents Around the World (Part 3)

Aids:

Front leg injuries: Make leggings from long tights or sox; will prevent licking of wounds.



Back leg injuries: Child-size pajama bottoms or sweatpants, with a little modification, can be put on hound's back legs and tied on to their tuck. Toddler leggings/tights with feet cut out or toddler sweatpants and a tail opening may also help.



Torso injuries/stitches: Cut an old t-shirt to make a jacket for hound to wear while recuperating.



Mobility Issues

Emergency sling:

- 1) Can be made from a reusable shopping bag with handles. Cut the sides out, keeping the sides with the handles intact) and put it under the chest/belly to use as a handle/carrier thingy. A sweatshirt folded under with the arms knotted can be used in a quick pinch, too.
- 2) In a pinch, tuck a towel around the dog's waist to provide support and a bit of help with lifting/steadying. The best sling of all was made by Piper's neurologist - a disposable gown was twisted it into a "rope" and carefully wrapped with vet wrap.
- 3) To transport a sick or injured hound that is not able to stand. Muzzle the dog, lay a sheet or blanket on the ground and slowly "roll" or slide hound onto the sheet (requires two people). Each person takes two corners of the sheet and lifts the hound to the car; sheet acts as a hammock. Lift the "hammock" into the car and lay the hound on the floor of the car.



Sling mobility aid

Safety with stairs: Stairs can be challenging for greyhounds. To protect your hound:

- 1) Block stairs with baby gates to prevent hound from racing up and down stairs unsupervised.
- 2) Lining stairs with carpet treads can provide more secure footing for your hound. Stair treads can be purchased online through retailers such as Amazon.com and will not damage the wood on your stairs.



Baby Gates



Stair tread covers