

Training Your Dog To Use the Ramp

Be patient with your dog! Dogs like to come DOWN a ramp BEFORE they learn to go UP a ramp! Start with some of your dog's favorite treats in your pocket, then place a fully extended ramp on the ground. Let your dog sniff the ramp. Next, place some small treats along the links and encourage him/her to get the treats by stepping on the ramp at one end, and then moving along the ramp to the other end. It may take a few minutes, but with enthusiasm, patience and praise, your dog should suddenly find him/herself standing on the surface and enjoying the treats!

Let the dog walk a little more on the ramp, then move it to a curb or some other slight incline (maybe a step or two). *Make sure that your dog always approaches the ramp from the end, not the side, of the ramp.* Now, with your hand on his/her collar, walk your dog around the ramp so that he/she comes down the ramp first. PRAISE your dog and reward him/her with a little treat! Continue this downward pattern a few times (don't forget the praise and treats), then walk your dog up the ramp. Again, PRAISE your dog and offer a little treat. Repeat going down and up several times until your dog seems comfortable and happy to be "performing"! Gradually increase the incline until you place the ramp on the car bumper, or up a small set of stairs.



When your dog is ready to go up the ramp into a car for the first few times, take him/her by the collar and enthusiastically, but gently, lead the dog up the ramp. Keep your other hand on or near the ramp to steady it in case the dog is nervous. It helps to have another person on the other side of the ramp for encouragement and for safety when you do this.

Remember:

- ◆ The ramp is INTENDED ONLY for dogs weighing 150 lbs. or less, and for use with vehicles and on stairs, as instructed in this brochure.
- ◆ Make sure your ramp ALWAYS touches the ground at one end when fully extended.
- ◆ When traveling with your ramp in a vehicle, make sure the ramp is in its storage bag and placed in a secure position. For example, if it is in the back of an SUV or wagon, place it on its side and wrap a seat belt strap around it, or form a wedge with a towel to keep it from moving.
- ◆ Make sure that your dog ALWAYS approaches the ramp from the end, not the side.

With regular practice, you and your dog will make RAMP4PAWS part of your daily routine! You'll travel together more easily, and reduce the chance of injury to your dog and to your back by letting RAMP4PAWS bear the weight.



We have designed and manufactured your ramp with two objectives – safety and convenience for you and your dog. We hope you will be delighted with our product!

If you are not satisfied for any reason with your ramp, we want to know. Call us at 1-888-654-PAWS (from MD, dial 301-717-9803), or e-mail info@Ramp4Paws.com. If the ramp has been handled properly, we will replace or repair any defective part at no charge. Ramps may be returned, with explanation, to the following address:

RAMP4PAWS
616 Shay Street
Somerset, WI 54025
www.Ramp4Paws.com

Should anyone use the ramp for purposes or in a manner other than have been specified in this literature, he/she does so at his/her own risk and to the possible injury of the dog.

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*A Revolutionary Idea
in Dog Ramp Design!*

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The RAMP4PAWS Advantage

- ◆ **There is no other ramp like RAMP4PAWS**
- ◆ Patented roll-out, roll-up design
- ◆ Engineering and manufacturing of uncompromising quality
- ◆ Deploys easily
- ◆ Stores conveniently
- ◆ Available in two sizes (65" and 37" lengths)
- ◆ Weighs just 15-3/4 lbs. (9 lbs. for the shorter model)
- ◆ Durable polypropylene/poly-carbonate construction
- ◆ Rubber footings provide stability
- ◆ Textured strips give added traction
- ◆ Washable nylon storage bag
- ◆ Training instructions included
- ◆ Made with pride in the USA
- ◆ Intended only for dogs weighing 150 lbs. or less, and for use in vehicles and on stairs, as instructed in this brochure

By reducing stress on legs and joints, RAMP4PAWS will benefit dogs of any age, up to 150 lbs., when they enter and exit vehicles. After surgery, injury, or with advancing age, a dog with limited mobility may need help climbing a few stairs. **Why not let RAMP4PAWS bear the weight, instead of your back and shoulders?**

RAMP4PAWS is designed for the safety and convenience of you and your

canine companion. Its patented design rolls up into cylinder form for easy, compact storage. Each full-size, 18-link ramp weighs only 15-3/4 lbs.; the shorter 10-link model weighs just 9 lbs. The links are made of durable polypropylene and the hinges are made of impact resistant polycarbonate. Each end is capped with a rubber footing to provide added stability during use. Textured strips, packaged separately and included with every ramp, can be applied for extra traction. (Instructions are included.)

Proper use of the ramp is critical for your safety and for the safety of your dog. Please read the following instructions carefully.

Using the Ramp

When preparing to use the ramp with a vehicle or up a few stairs, place the ramp in a vertical position in front of you. Open the storage bag, slide it down the ramp, then lift the ramp out of the bag. Position the open end of the ramp away from you. As you prepare to unroll the ramp, place your right thumb in the diamond shape on the top of the end link, and place your left thumb



in the diamond shape on the top of another link. *Slowly unwind the ramp. Do not hurry*, so that you do not pinch your fingers between two links as they unwind. Move your hands along the links as you continue unwinding the ramp, always careful to position your thumbs in the diamond shape on the top of each link. When the ramp is fully extended on its side, make sure all links touch completely; if there are any gaps, carefully close them.

The walking surface of the ramp now should be facing you. With your left hand on the rubber end of the ramp, carefully roll the ramp away from you until it is flat on the ground. Keeping



your left hand on the rubber end piece, lift up the ramp, *making sure that the other end of the ramp remains on the ground at all times*. (This is important! If you do not pick up the ramp in this way, some of the links may start to collapse and you might pinch your fingers trying to straighten them out.) Move the ramp toward the vehicle/stairs and place the end piece securely on the bumper/top step. *We recommend that you stand near the ramp at all times when in use and, if possible, place one hand on the ramp for safety when it is on a car bumper.*

If you need to move the ramp from one location to another and it is in the fully extended position, place it on its side, stretch your arms as wide as possible, place your thumbs in the diamond shapes and then pick up the ramp. It should remain in a straight position while you move it to another location.



When you are ready to roll up the ramp, remember to keep one end of the ramp on the ground while you carefully remove the top end from the bumper/stairs with your left hand. With the ramp in its straight position, move it toward you and then place the end on the ground. Carefully, bring the ramp toward you so that it is on its



side, just as it was before when you unrolled it. Beginning at the right end (or left if you are left-handed), bend in the end link as tightly as you can, and start to roll up the ramp. When finished, place the storage bag over the ramp for its protection.