

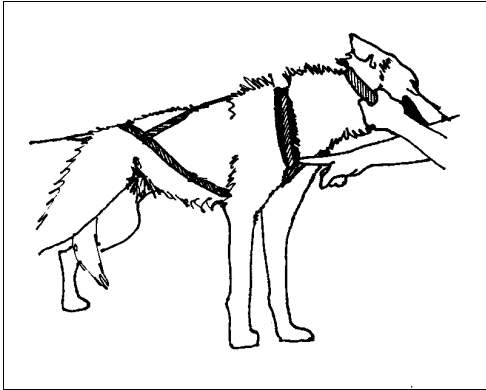
## READ ABSOLUTELY BEFORE ORDERING YOUR HARNESS

### HOW DO I PROPERLY FIT A COLLARED-NECK X- BACK ?

#### IMPORTANT :

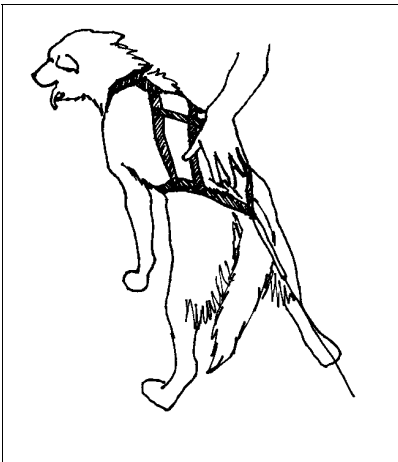
The collared-neck harness was created to "stick" as much as possible to the morphology of the dogs and to release any pressure from the arteries passing through the shoulders by adjusting, forwards, a collar system (like the same type of horse's collar) connected to a whole harness.

All determinations for a proper fit should be made with the dog in a pulling posture - that is to say with a load on the tug and the dog's head down. It is preferable to run the dog a short distance in the harness first. These checks can only be done with a harness securely in place on the dog.



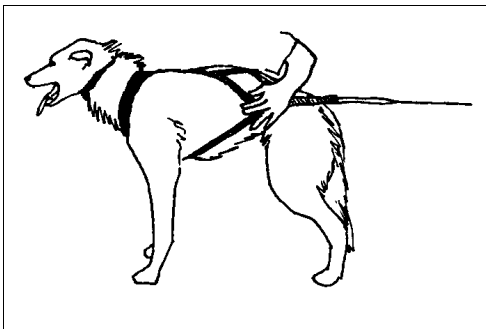
#### CHECK THE NECK OPENING :

Pull all of the dog's excess neck skin and hair clear of the harness neck. Reach into the front of the neck opening with your forefinger and feel for the top of the sternum (boney projection). The sternum can be located just under the top of the breastplate.



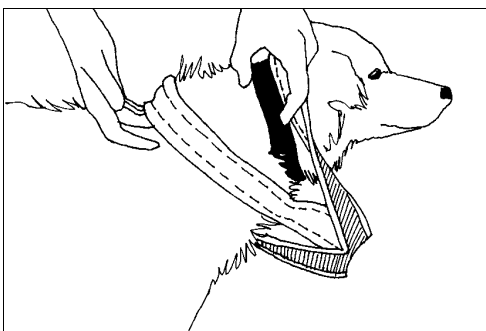
#### CHECK THE LENGTH :

Use your fingertips to feel for the base of the dog's tail and hipbones. The webbing at the back of the harness should extend slightly beyond the base of the tail. Check to see that the harness straps are not pressing on the tops of the dog's hipbones.



#### CHECK THE RIBCAGE :

Feel for the dog's last rib with your fingertips. The first harness joint should be sewn together just at or only slightly beyond the location of the last rib.



#### REMOVE THE HARNESS :

The Collared Neck is tight going on over the dog's head, and requires more than the usual amount of effort in freeing the collar, neck skin and hair.

To remove the Collared neck from the dog's head, it is best to roll the neck opening inside out as you pull it off.

This will prevent the neck from hanging up under the dog's ears.

## - MEASURES AND EXPLANATIONS

For the "standard" TAIGA sizes, verify several times that your measures corroborate with those in the sizes tables.

### NECK A / B

The padding material is placed, for the dog's comfort, at shoulder level and to distribute the force of traction.

The harness size, around the neck, must be measured very precisely. THIS MEASURE IS ESSENTIAL.

Measure from the withers to the top of the neck to the breastbone. Measure only one side of the dog as taking the entire contour of the neck in encircling the dog with the tape measure will risk the deformation of the reading of your measuring.

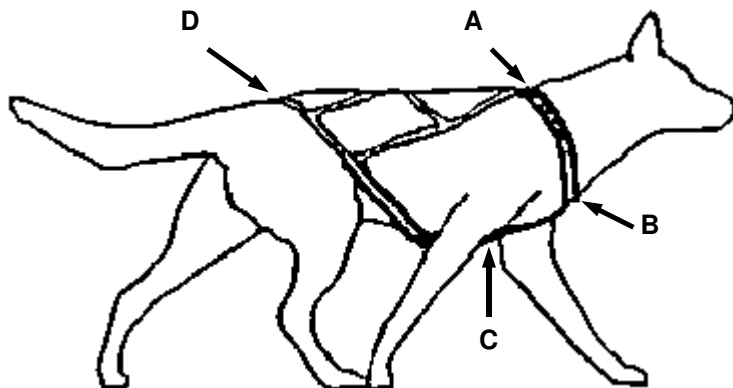
Apply the tape measure under the fur and tighten it.

**MEASURE THE DOG, NOT ITS FUR !!!**

Taken correctly, you should be able to slide two fingers in the "Y" under the neck (well adjusted) and touch the point of the breastbone.

### BACK B / C / D

Place the "0" of the tape measure at the end of the breastbone (feel the point between the front legs), pass the tape measure between the front legs and pass along by the side of the thorax passing over the ribs to the base of the tail. You can feel with your fingers the junction tail/vertebral column, by lifting the tail.



## - PADDING MATERIAL

### POLAR FLEECE

Very good insulating material, as it contains a lot of air and doesn't absorb much water – Machine washable.

Has a tendency of losing its padding virtues after a while....

Padding recommended **for short haired dogs** .

### NEOPRENE

Neoprene foam padding avoids the accumulation of snow and water absorption.

Virtually indestructible (apart from gnawing!!!).

It gives increased padding for pulling heavy loads. Waterproof, efficient at - 30°. Machine washable.

Conserves its padding power for a long time.

### MAINTENANCE

When they are not being used, it is preferable to stock your harnesses in a dry place.

They should be stocked in a temperate place to avoid freezing.

**NEVER dry over a fire or stove.** This would lead to an irreversible shrinking of 10% or more.

You can machine wash your harnesses, position 30° or in cold water and dry them by hanging them from the tail cord.

Do not use washing powder or other such products as the soap makes the harness "damp" and removes the protection products from the strap.

All the different sizes of Taïga harnesses can be easily know by the tug rope color. ( S = Green cord, M = Red cord , SM = Green & Red cord, etc..).

The sizes and measurements above are to be used as a guide, but do not guarantee the correct fit due to irregularities in the measuring process.

The indicated measurements are from the seam axe to the next seam axe.

SIZE TABLE			
TAIGA - COLLARED-NECK HARNESSSES			
SIZE	A/B In.	B/C/D In.	Tug
XS	9 1/2	24	Black
XSS	9 2/3	24 5/8	Green
S	9 7/8	25 3/8	Green
SM	10 1/8	26	Green & Red
M	10 3/8	26 5/8	Red
ML	10 5/8	27 3/8	Yellow
L	10 7/8	28	Yellow
LXL	11	28 5/8	Blue & Yellow
XL	11 1/4	29 1/4	Blue
XLL	11 1/2	30	Black & White