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My dog is limping front leg

A limping puppy is very disturbing, especially when it happens suddenly for no apparent reason. I know what I'm talking about because our Rottweiler girl started limping around at about 6 months old and we were very concerned about her health because rotties are prone to hip problems. We took her to the vet for a quick examination, avoided any stressful activity for a few weeks/months and it disappeared. However, your case could be very different. Why is your puppy? A puppy that suddenly starts limping may indicate slight muscle sprains, while gradual incisions indicate serious illnesses such as hip dysplasia, but remember that asymmetric growth in puppies is also possible and often causes lameness. In this article, you will also learn how to recognize whether your puppy is seriously, and if you should take your limping dog to the vet. Last but not least, you will learn more about home remedies for your limping puppies.

7 puppy limping causes Luckily the most common cause of limping in puppies is a muscle strain that can be treated with rest. Try to release it from the activity and run too much. Also skip the puppy class if you are registered in one. Their young bones and joints are still growing and can cause a fun walk. You don't have to worry if he's just running around shaky. A distinction must be made between sudden back and forth and gradual beginnings. Gradual incursions are caused by an underlying chronic disease such as hip dysplasia. Sudden sleep insomnia implies trauma or injury. Pay attention to how your puppy handles the hump. If he is in pain, he will only take small steps with the injured leg and refuses to put weight on it. Poor diet will cause it to shift the light from one leg to another or lead to lameness in more than one leg at a time. This disease is called osteodystrophy and develops from a lack of minerals or an all-meat diet. You should talk to your veterinarian about how you can improve his diet and read this to feed a proper raw diet. Puppies can quickly recover from limping, so if it does not improve after a short time, your puppy should be taken to the vet. The following causes are more serious and also require medical attention to heal:

1. Trauma development and soft bones are prone to even mild trauma, which can quickly lead to fractures, dislocations, tears and fractures. It can happen after a fall or in a car accident. If he started limping, wait 15 minutes and see if the problem resolves itself. He could have just stumbled and fallen on the wrong paw. Lameness that persists for a longer period of time should be checked by a veterinarian. If your dog was involved in a car accident, take him to the vet immediately. He could suffer fatal injuries that lead to internal bleeding and fractures.
2. Legg-Calvé-Perthes disease Legg-Calvé-Perthes is a condition in which the growing bone bone sufficient blood, causing the head of the thigh bone to deform. Disturbed blood flow to the hip weakens the bone and it begins to deteriorate. The lameness and the getting along often progress gradually over several weeks until the leg of your dog can no longer carry weight. Degeneration will eventually cause the hip to collapse and lead to arthritis. The further the disease progresses, the more painful it becomes for your dog. Since the disease affects only one hip joint, it loses muscle mass in the limping hind leg. It is commonly seen in small and toy breeds under 20 lbs. It mainly affects puppies between the ages of 5 and 8 months, but it can also start 3 months. Several X-rays will be necessary to monitor the disease of time as it progresses. Surgery may be necessary to remove the head of the thigh bone. The therapy is then used to manage the pain.
3. Asymmetric growth Normally joints and bones grow simultaneously and if one leg grows faster than others, it will lead to descent. It often happens with one leg, so the body moves around the growing leg, which leads to a toing. This is probably what happened to our puppy and is not a cause for concern. However, if your puppy does not grow out of this lameness, a visit to the vet is necessary.
4. Wobbly kneecaps Luxating Patellas, also called wobbly kneecaps, is a disease that causes the kneecap to disperse, causing sudden lameness in one leg that dissolves after a few minutes. The patellar band is supposed to connect the large thigh muscles with the shin. Small and toy breeds such as the Bichon Frise or Malteser have a genetic predisposition for luxating patellas, as the connection point of the band is not centered. When your puppy starts to move, the band is pulled to the inside of the leg, causing the groove in the thigh bone to wear off. The patella can then move away from the site and can snap back at any time. Regardless of how this dislocation may sound, your dog will hardly feel pain. Depending on the severity of the condition your dog may be able to tolerate this condition for the rest of its life, but it will eventually lead to arthritis. Class II-IV patellar luxations can be surgically repaired, followed by post-surgery pain management.
5. Hip dysplasia If the hip joint does not fit into the base, it will lead to a sinking. This condition can be treated by non-surgical interventions by medication and stem cell therapy or hip modification surgery.
6. Elbow dysplasia Similar to hip dysplasia Elbow dysplasia caused by anatomical misalignment.
7. Bone diseases Large breeds are most susceptible to bone diseases such as bone cancer. Your dog will experience walking as very painful and refuse to put weight on the leg. A quick diagnosis will give you the best treatment. Dog humps but no pain when Touched It humps your dog but has Pain when you touch it? A dog that shows no pain, but flaccid might indicate that your dog is either a professional while hiding the pain or he is not seriously injured. A limping dog with a serious injury would be in great pain and would become yelp or even aggressive if you tried to touch it. If he refuses to give him weight, then you should take him to the vet soon. Do not give him painkillers or medications intended for humans and not prescribed by your veterinarian. Puppy is limping, but not crying similarly to a dog that seems to have no pain when he is touched, your puppy does not take a step with his leg paired with you to be able to touch it without him crying – that is actually a good sign. This could indicate a simple muscle sprain. Wondering if a dog's sprained leg will heal by itself? Yes, a sprained leg should get better after a few days if it doesn't seem to be in pain. If not, you should consult your veterinarian. Puppies tend to be confused by the situation and are not as good at hiding the pain as adult dogs are, which simplifies a preliminary diagnosis. Should I take my dog to the vet if it humps? It is important to determine whether the problem can wait until the next morning or if you need to call the veterinarian now. If your dog looks normal, drinks and eats and doesn't seem to be in abnormal pain, then you can probably wait for the next day. Examine the leg if it is either swollen, hot, dislocated or cracked into another angle, then you need to take your dog to the emergency room to avoid further complications such as infections or internal bleeding. How do I know if my dog's limping is serious? The veterinarian starts with the palpating of the bones and joints to see if the dog has pain or swelling. He will also investigate whether the paw was simply injured or if something got stuck in it. Nails can also be broken and cause pain and hum. As I said, often the cause of limping cannot be found without some tests that need to be carried out by the veterinarian. If bone and joint problems are assumed, an X-ray or even an MRI helps clarify things. How can I help my Limping Dog at home? Give your puppy some peace and see if the hump disappears. Give it a comfortable and chew-proof dog bed. Look if he has some visible injuries or something in his paw. Do not give your dog medicine over the counter or for humans as they are dangerous to your pet and cause some serious side effects. Your dog will not be able to get some real medication from the veterinarian before the painkillers are washed out. If you find that sleep is stubborn, take a video of your dog limping so that your veterinarian can easily see the problem. Keep your dog calm to prevent further injury. Disclaimer: This blog post does not replace veterinary attention and does not intend to do so. If your dog shows any signs of illness, call your veterinarian. Recommended Reading: Why Your Dog Shrugs In Sleep + + Risks Pin This: Dr. Mark is a veterinarian. He has been working with dogs for more than 40 years. If no veterinarian is available, you can take care of your dogs lame at home. DrMark What to do if no veterinarian is available In some parts of the world, no small veterinarian is available. In other countries, such as here in Brazil, there are many small vets in big cities like Rio and Sao Paulo, but none in remote rural areas such as parts of the Amazon. Whether you live in an area without a veterinarian or travel only with your dog, sometimes your pet needs help and no one is available. A lame dog must be provided with veterinary care, if available. If none is available, they need help. When your dog starts limping, it is best to find out what is wrong as soon as possible. If you are in a remote area, you may need help (from a feeder shop, pet shop or pharmacy), but you can do a lot yourself. Find out what's wrong so you can do what needs to be done, but not anymore. If your hunting dog has only one cut on their pad, you don't need to give them steroids. A pet with a bee sting does not need to be treated for a broken bone. Step back and first find out why your dog is limping; not all lameness looks the same. If your dog is in so much pain that they can't even put their weight down, it will be obvious which limb is affected and your ordeal can continue from there. If not, watch them go for a while and you might be able to tell where the problem is. Sometimes a dog will only be lame when it goes, and they will raise their head up when they put the sore leg down, and then lower it again when they go on the good leg. Sometimes a dog has a stiff limb when walking, but show no other signs. Once you've figured out which leg is causing problems, you should do a better scan. First, check the pads. DrMark 1961 Front Leg Lameness Look at the foot pads and see if there are obvious cuts, wounds or swelling. Is there anything between the pads, like a thorn, or a rock, or an inflamed tick? Check the nails. Press each nail at the base and move it a little; sometimes nothing is obvious, but your dog will scream when you touch the painful nail. Bend the foot and then the wrist, the joint above the foot. If your dog has licked at one point, this may be the place of injury, or maybe even a sign of arthritis. Arthritis is much more common in older dogs, but can even cause young dogs Place your hand up and down the long bones of the leg. If there is a broken bone or other injuries, it can cause swelling and your dog may be yelp or snap. Move the elbow. Rub the muscles of the shoulder. Gently rotate the whole leg in a circular motion. Pay particular attention to the joints that your dog is overly licking. DrMark 1961 Rear Leg Lameness Check the pads for cuts, abrasions or swelling. Guide your fingers between each toe to see if Or injuries to the soft skin of the webbing. Examine each nail. Look for cracks and touch them all to see how your dog reacts. Flex the bones of the foot and then the joint just above the foot. Open and close the hock (the joint just above the foot). Place your hand up and down the long bones of the legs. Don't assume that swelling is a broken bone, as a bee sting or snake bite can also cause swelling. When you get down on your knees, pay special attention. Tiny dogs are more likely to have a kneecap that slides from side to side. If it stuck the dog will be lame. Active dogs are more likely to suffer from torn cruciate ligaments and the knee bones could slide back and forth. Rotate the leg on the hip. If the dog is in pain, they may suffer from arthritis in the hips. Every dog owner enjoys watching healthy dogs play. DrMark 1961 Simple treatments for common injuries Injuries of paw pad Clean the wound with water, physiological saline or diluted hydrogen peroxide. Disinfect it with diluted tincture of iodine. If they have a deep wound, it is a good idea to pack in a little antibiotic ointment and, if the dog is the kind that licks their wounds excessively, wrap it with some gauze and you can even put Vetrap on the wound to keep everything in place. If you need to use Vetrap, make sure you leave your toes visible to look for swelling if the bandage is too tight. If you are not sure how to do this, just leave the dog wound clean and unpacked. You can cover your foot with a sock when they go outside to do their business, but remove the sock as soon as they're back inside. Injuries to the strap If your dog is injured in the webbing that sensitive skin between the toes, remove what causes the injury and then wash the area with water, salt, or dilute hydrogen peroxide. Sterilize it with betadine (or chlorhexidine if you have it available), and it should be fine. If it bleeds, the foot must be wound; Just make sure your toes are visible to look out for swelling. If you notice swelling, remove the bandage immediately to prevent gangrene. Injuries to toenails Every time a toenail is injured, you need to make sure and check all of them as any long toenail can be caught in grass or weeds and injured. Clean the injured toenail, and if it bleeds wrap it for about 15 minutes or until the bleeding stops. Wound joints All sore joints should be massaged wrapped in a wrapped ice pack for at least 15 minutes. Some of the available massage gels help a lot, but be sure to clean the gel after you're done so your dog doesn't lick it. If you are not sure what kind of

knee injury your dog has and you need more details on this issue, you can read more about first aid for cruciate ligament injuries. Broken bonesif the dog has a broken long bone, the best thing you can do is hold calm as possible. Of course, your dog sometimes needs to get up, and to help, you can apply a temporary rail with a magazine in place through tape. This magazine rail is very temporary and should not be left all the time, or it can cause ulcers where it rubs against the body. Read the section below about antibiotics. Snake biteAny swelling over a bite can be a bee bite, an insect bite or even a snake bite. Where I live, many of the big farmers hold snake bite Antivenin for their cattle and know which vipers are most likely to bite. However, a dog that has been bitten cannot survive as a cow would, because of its small size in relation to the amount of poison injected. If you see swelling, cut the hair over the wound and look for the type of bite (insect or snake). Give the dog an antihistamine immediately (such as diphenhydramine, 5mg/kg), but do not give aspirin for the first day as bleeding can be severe. The wound is likely to become infected, so if he survives the effect of the poison, he will need antibiotics. Bee sting or insect biteA bee bite or insect bite is likely to get better by itself, but some insects cause more swelling and pain than others. If you don't know the most common stinging insects in your area, you should ask. If you have an antihistamine, you can give your dog a dose (oral diphenhydramine, 3mg/kg twice daily) to reduce swelling and make the pain less severe. What about other drugs? Anti-inflammatory drugsAll anti-inflammatory drugs can cause problems, but if your dog is in pain, then aspirin is the safest. They can give about 8-20 mg/kg/every 24 hours. First, give the smallest dose, see how it responds, and then only give it when it is needed the next day. (Aspirin can disturb the stomach of some dogs, so I like to give it with a meal, something like lunch meat, if it's upset and doesn't eat well.) AntibioticsIt is difficult for me to recommend certain antibiotics because there are so many different formulations in different countries. If your dog has a broken bone, they may need antibiotics, but you should consult a local pharmacy or feeder to find out what appropriate antibiotics are available at your location. A word of caution! wrote this article because many of the people I have met in the country do not have access to veterinary care for their dogs. If your dog is lame and the problem is not obvious or easily treatable, please visit a Veterinarian if you have access. Some problems cannot be diagnosed except with blood work or an X-ray, and some dogs have conditions that require surgery. A sore joint may be due to a tick-borne disease, and no amount of rest will help. A sore leg can be broken due to osteosarcoma (bone cancer), and if it is not treated promptly and aggressively, your dog will die. Do everything you can. Can. Dog depends on you. A homemade muzzleSome causes of lameness can be very painful and even the quietest dog could snap without meaning. This video describes how to apply a muzzle with the gauze that you should have available in your dog first aid kit. This article is accurate and faithful to the best knowledge of the author. It is not intended to replace diagnosis, prognosis, treatment, prescription or formal and individual advice by a veterinarian. Animals showing signs and symptoms of distress should be seen immediately by a veterinarian. Q&A Question: My five-year-old lab ran through the yard and suddenly started screaming and wouldn't put any weight on his back right leg. I've examined it and nothing seems broken. He let me bend all his joints, but he won't put any weight on it. I don't want to rush to an emergency vet if it's not necessary because we live in a very rural area. Should I wait a day or so to see if he puts weight on it at the end? Answer: The most likely cause of an ongoing laboratory showing sudden lameness with no obvious cause is a cruciate ligament injury. Read this article to get first aid: My 11-year-old rod cross hums, but has no signs of pain when touched. What could be the reason for this? Answer: The most common cause of lameness in an older large dog dog is arthritis. If it is not painful when touched, it is probably early. Take them to your normal veterinarian and leave her leg X-rayed to look for signs of arthritic changes in the joints. Question: My beagle will not put weight on his back foot/leg. After lying around for a few minutes, he will get up, but walk with a slight slip until he has loosened up. I checked everywhere and he shows no signs of pain. Do you have any idea what might be wrong? Answer: It is possible that your beagle has a cruciate ligament injury: ... It is also possible that he has a patella tendon problem, but that is not so likely that he will disappear when he warms up. I recommend letting your leg be xed-in to look for deformations or problems with the thigh head. Question: My 7-month-old Pomeranian sometimes slips on her hind leg. She will still run and play, but will always slumber. I checked her pads and nails and she seems to be fine. Do you have any idea what might be going on? For about three weeks, she has been humbling and Answer: The most common cause of descent in a tiny dog of this age is a luxurios patella. Then the kneecap moves off the pitch and gets stuck. The dog will slumber until he returns to his place. It's painful. Over time, things will get worse. You should read more about it and have your dog examined. Here are some alternatives you can try if your dog is diagnosed with a bad knee: My 6-year-old Yorkie just started humbling yesterday. She has a floating kneecap on her hind leg. Is there a way I can help her without taking her to the vet? Answer: There are many ways you can help her. Weight control is one of the most important. Here's an article to give you more details: My puppy jumped out of my child's bed and injured his front paw. Joints all bend without pain, but later I noticed that a toe swells. It was 24 hours and now refuses to put pressure on the foot. What shall I do? Answer: He needs an anti-inflammatory to reduce swelling and pain. With such a small and young puppy, although I am callible to suggest that you use an over the counter solution. Please make an appointment and take it to your regular veterinarian. Question: My Frenchie will not put his hind leg on the ground. He will sleep on it and put all his weight on it. He doesn't cry or scream. Is that serious? Answer: If you've checked everything on the list and still can't find anything that's wrong, it's probably the knee. Frenchies are prone to luxurios patellas because of the way they are built. Is it serious? Yes, it might eventually require surgery. Is it an emergency? Not at all. Many dogs go for a long time with a luxurios patella, but if it bothers them, they must be worn. Get him to your regular veterinarian if you can and let him check out. Make SURE that everything else is fine by checking the pads, toes, etc., as described in the article. There is no way to diagnose this over the Internet, so I rely on you to take an exam so we can be sure that it is his knee that bothers him. If you want to read more about alternative methods to take care of a bad knee, read this article: My dog hums on his front leg and holds him aside so he doesn't put any weight on it. The elbow and shoulder are hot. He's just turned 5 years old, so it's not elbow dysplasia, and our veterinarian says he's at risk for arthritis because of an earlier injury to another leg, but she also says arthritis doesn't occur as quickly. What's going on with him? Answer: Although I cannot diagnose your dog based on these clinical symptoms, I can suggest some treatment options. Arthritis can occur in young dogs, and may occur suddenly because we have the signs of miss that she comes up. Conventional treatments include NSAIDs such as aspirin (about 10mg/kg every 24 hours) or some of the newer NSAIDs that you can only get through your veterinarian. I do not recommend Rimadyl. If this condition does not seem better in a reasonable period of time (a month or so) they really try to refer it to your nearest veterinary school or referral orthopaedic practice. It is possible that he has an injury to his joint that Veterinarian could not be identified. Question: My dog is humbling. Occasionally she walks on her foot, but even when she stands, she holds her leg up. She will run on her because of her fear, but then slumber. What do I do except take them to the vet? Answer: It depends on the size of the dog. It depends on whether it is the front foot or the back. The article describes what to do without going to the vet. If it's a back foot and you suspect an injury to your knee, look at ... If it's a small dog and a hind leg is affected, think of a luxurios patella my fifteen-month-old dog has honed on his front leg, but will exert pressure, and it doesn't stop him from doing anything. What could that be? I have also checked for pain and swollen areas, but there is nothing. Answer: Since you have not found any swelling or painful areas, it could be a pulled muscle or an injured joint. If you take your dog to an emergency clinic, they will probably give it an anti-inflammatory injection. I think you should keep it, he's not in pain and just resting it. If he's used to getting up on the couch, pick him up. Don't take it for a long walk. If this is still a problem tomorrow, you can give a first dose of aspirin as recommended in the article. See how he does with just rest first. Question: My three-and-a-half-month-old puppy spent yesterday with an eight-month-old puppy. Initially, he showed no signs of injury (i.e. no Yelp, no signs that he didn't want to get rough, etc.), but this morning he woke up with a slight slip on his anterior right leg. There were no signs of pain or discomfort when I touched his leg and foot, and he's still happy to run and jump off the sofa. He still has a slight lap, but the lap gets better when it loosens up a little bit. What could be wrong and how can I help? Answer: Palpate the joints on the front leg with the slip as soon as the puppy wakes up. Does one part of the leg feel more painful than the other? I can't recommend giving a little puppy aspirin even if you find it. Your veterinarian may want to give your dog painkillers based on the exam, but if this continues, it is important to have it examined first. If you don't, and the puppy suffers from a growth plate injury in his foreleg, he could develop a deformed leg later in life. My pit has been humbling for about ten days. I went through all the steps in the article and he doesn't wince or seem to be in pain except to hum. Should I take him to a vet visit or wait longer? Answer: You don't specify where the limping is or how bad it is. If your dog has been for ten days, he is probably in pain, so I would recommend taking him to your veterinarian so that his knees knee it could be something very small and he could do okay after a simple anti-inflammatory injection. Question: I went for a walk with my dog and suddenly she jumped up and started crying. Now she's humbling. Could it be a possible insect bite? Answer: An insect bite is certainly a possibility. They don't mention which leg she's humbling on. There are many other possibilities. Is there swelling or localized pain? If there's a place you can treat, you can try putting a cold pack on it and see if your dog feels better in the morning. If she does not do this or you find nothing that can be treated, she must be examined by your regular veterinarian. Question: My Staffy is humbling on his hind leg. We can't go to the vet and he won't stop drinking water and moving us. What shall I do? Answer: Try your best to keep it calm. If he limped on the hind leg, he may have injured his knee. If the cruciate ligament is strained but not torn, he can hurt it much further. Take a look at this article for some first aid tips: ... If this doesn't seem to be a cruciate ligament injury, try to examine everything and see what you can find. This is an article I have written for people who have a lame dog but cannot come to the vet: My nine-month-old German Shepard to hum on his hind leg, and he will not put it under pressure. He won't eat either. I think it may be his hip, but he's very young. Do you have any ideas? Answer: It could also be a knee injury. The best thing you can do for your dog is to let them rest. If it doesn't get better, you'll want to have it examined. Read this article for more details: We camp and can not go to the vet, but our Rottweiler hums on the hind leg after the game with our German Shepherd. His hind leg looks okay, but his knee is kind of touching. What shall I do? Answer: If you go to the article under ... You can see some first aid recommendations for what is likely to be a damaged cruciate ligament. You need to go to a veterinarian later for the definitive diagnosis, but the most important thing you can do now is provide your dog with rest. Don't let him walk with you, don't let him play with your GSD, and you'll have to pick it up and drop it out of your car. If you do not have a strict your rottie's knee will get even worse. If it gets worse, he will still have years to go.© 2016 Dr. Mark (author) from The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on August 31, 2020:Shekrya, back or front? If you can't take care of it now, the best thing is rest; Details of an anti-inflammatory aspirin can be found in the article. Shekrya Dixon on August 30, 2020:My 9-year-old German Shepard mixed mixed injured her self-play and falling to the floor last week There are no signs of broken bones just a little flaccid now she doesn't want to put pressure on a sour leg and I can't afford a vet at the moment, what should I do? Dr. Mark (author) of The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on August 16, 2020:Jew, I definitely wouldn't consider it an emergency. See how he does today and when he calls her vet husband on the spot tomorrow at noon. Many puppies of this age will just run into a wall or fall while playing and there is not much more to do than just give an anti-inflammatory one. Jude Wolf on August 15, 2020:My nursing pup (8ish weeks old) to hum on his hind leg (yesterday morning). At first it was barely perceptible, but he can only put a little weight on it. He acts quite normally differently. He shows no signs of pain. We can touch him anywhere and bend everything without even twitching. It doesn't get any better and it doesn't get worse. Should we take him to the vet? Dr. Mark (author) of The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on July 30, 2020:Bella, the most likely problem is a lush patella, but I assume it has been checked for it. It can also be legg calf disease and it is possible that the changes in the hips are not obvious enough to show any changes. Have you consulted an orthopaedic surgeon? (I'm not sure that's hinted at, but it's an option if it gets worse.) Consider a consultation at your state veterinary college. Many more eyes will look at X-rays/etc. Bella on July 29, 2020:Hello, We have 10 years old happy, active, playful Yorkie poo. On the 4th of July she walked from the entrance to the forest area next to our property. When I brought her back, he hummed. (left hind leg). We looked at her paws and felt and examined her leg, but couldn't see anything else. After a week we took her to the vet. She examined her paw and her entire leg. They also took X-rays and they were normal. They prescribed carprofen and sent her home with little to no activity instructions. A week later, she was still humbling. They stretched out her leg in every possible way and checked the knee again. Not even a whimmier. They spoke of K-Lazer treatment, but never got a diagnosis. Well, it's almost a month and she's still humbling. She eats and plays normally. No vomiting or diarrhea. All thoughts would be very appreciated, thank you. Dr Mark (author) of The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on July 16, 2020:Cassandra - in a dog of this size, a cruciate ligament injury is most likely. The most important thing you can do is to let the dog rest, but there are instructions on aspirin doses in the article above. Please take the time to read this article about medical care for cruciate ligament injuries on July 15, 2020:My pittbul dog is on her left hind leg. I check her leg and paws, also check to see if something is broken is no bone. Her knee feels swollen, which I can give her, she is 90 lbs. Dr. Mark (author) of The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on July 2, 2020:Denis -- not sure about the leg you said, because arthritis and cruciate ligament problems do not exist at this age. Injuries are more likely. The cuts on the back cushions sound nothing to do with each other. All I can suggest if this continues to be consult a local veterinarian who can examine your puppy. Denis Szychulski on June 29, 2020:Hello, I just bought a 9 week old Chesapeake Bay retriever. The first 2 days at home were fine. Today he noticed 2 small cuts on the back cushions. But his left leg sometimes seems to give. No pain -- runs everywhere when she is not asleep. Should I worry? Dr. Mark (author) of The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on June 27, 2020:Nicole, if this was just one leg, I'd rather think it was a cruciate ligament injury, you said it was both sides and seems to be okay when you warm up like walking, there's a chance she already has hip dysplasia and secondary problems. Have them examined by your normal veterinarian and have X-rays taken of her hips. Nicole from South Africa on June 27, 2020:Hello da,My 1Yr old Border Collie X retriever shows signs of lameness in her hind legs, more so her left butt than her right - she keeps her leg every now and then while walking and eating, in the morning she is completely okay without and when we go for walks there is no at all (getting a ball, running around with her friends etc.) Can anyone guess what to do? Dr. Mark (author) of The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on June 23, 2020:Eva--it could be nerve damage. There is no way to predict whether things will get better. You could take him to a university veterinary school for an EEG/further refurbishment, or just wait and see if it gets better. Bailey - if there is nothing in the pad and you can't let it look (inflammation inhibitors, maybe antibiotics), then rest is the best alternative. Ahelega-- read more about luxating patella. This can help on June 22, 2020 MeIn dog Trixie is a small Weiner dog. She's fine, but when you pick her up, she cries and won't put out her hind leg. She cries when she touches her lower abdominal area near her hind knee. She is also looking for a place to hide. Bailey Michelson on June 22 6-year-old West Highland terrier is humbling and will put little pressure on his hind leg. We approve all this leg and his paw seems to be a bit sore to him. We live in the countryside and would be hard to go to a city in this pandemic. We are not sure what to do. Eva B on June 22, 2020:My little 45 pound beagle mix was hit by a car and he had a road rash and they found no broken bones. However, has a hole in the joint of his elbow and they just sewed it. My dogs front limb is lifeless he won't use it and the vets say they don't know why he won't use it. Coukd heKATHY Tunney on June 19, 2020: My four-year-old Aussie is limping on her right front leg. Vet said no signs of damage, swelling etc. No blood work or Erxay's thoughts. It's the worst thing when she gets up from a laying position. She's doing well. Strangely, she doesn't eat much. Dr. Mark (author) of The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on May 22, 2020:Stelle, read on May 14, 2020:My French Mastiff x Pitt is 2 years old. Still has her appetite, still very active, still to act her very self, apart from a slip that she has developed in her posterior left leg. She's put on a bit of weight lately, so it's not sure if that's contributed anyway. She doesn't seem to be in pain and has pushed her leg along and doesn't shuff. She just can't put any weight on it and lumps sometimes and then she's able to walk again, although I've noticed that she never really puts her full weight on it. It always floats easily. Have lifted her leg back and doesn't hurt, but if I've left the opposite leg, she can't hold the weight on the original limping leg. Any advice would be highly valuedKaila on 12 May 2020:I Don't know what's going on that my dog has his hind leg while walking Aubrey on April 29, 2020:My dog came back from running in the forest and can't put any weight on the hind leg. It shows no signs of pain when we examine (paw, harness, muscles, etc.) He is 5 years old, healthy and active. Curious as to check it out is a muscle or ligament injury without going to the vet? How do you know if he needs surgery? Thank you very much!!! Dr. Mark (author) of The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on April 24, 2020:Eden, is your beagle old, young, obese, etc? It can be a joint injury and a pad injury that you can't see. Broken bones need to be X-rayed, as you can't always feel the fracture. Eden on April 19, 2020:My beagle has only recently started to hum on her front leg. She will put some weight on it, but most of the time she will only bounce around on her other three legs. There is no visible swelling or injury to the paw pads of the nails. When I felt for a sprain or broken bone there was none. What do you think that is? Dr. Mark (author) of The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on April 17, 2020:Mat, the most common cause of sudden sudden in a lab is a cruciate ligament injury. This point, rest is a very good option. Mat on April 16, 2020:My 4 year old black lab acted strangely this morning she wouldn't eat, then I added some fish oil to her food and she asated that, but then she wouldn't run and play and when I touched her hind leg she pulled away, but I didn't see any broken bones or sprains what is doDr Mark (author) from The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on April 11, 2020:Hello Tracey, my first thought with a Shih Tzu would be a luxurios patella, but since your veterinarian hasn't found this problem, I'd think you're right and a chiropractor would be the right way. It's a much more common thing to find one that works with horses, but if you're in a big city, you'll most likely find a chiropractor who works with dogs.Tracey schulz on April 7, 2020:My 11-month-old puppy shih tzu keeps his hind leg up when he walks down a few stairs but doesn't always go to the vet and doesn't get anything wrong with knees or hips he's running well, but once in a while while running and filming you can say that it bothers him not to stand in pain, but I'm worried that I thought a chiropractor could help Dr. Mark (author) from The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on March 4, 2020:Tiffany, the most common reasons are listed in the article above. If you can't find an injury, you can treat with an anti-inflammatory as described above. If this continues or worsens, the dog must be seen by your local veterinarian. Tiffany on March 1, 2020:My one-year-old German Sheapherd mix came off the fence 3 days ago and wants to put a bit of weight on his paw again and again. I checked if the best I could for swelling and didn't really see any I can't see that big cause he never liked his paws touched. What might make him slumber, I tried to stop him from running around, but he's still humbling. Dr. Mark (author) of The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on January 13, 2020:Linda, not sure how long it's been, but it sounds like your GSD is in great pain while walking, but forgets about it while running. If you have a vet near you, you really need to pick it up and have it looked at, maybe put the dog on pain medication or anti-inflammatory drugs. Linda Kleier on January 12, 2020:8 month old German Sheppard he limping on his fro t leg and now not want to.put his paw on the floor, but he will go outside and take run not limp, but then walking back he has bsd limp and then keep his leg on not putting psw on the groundJSKB on December 22, 2019:Thank you, this link was very helpful. I did the whole test and nothing is swollen or out of place. Recently, he began to kick his injured hind leg behind him, as if trying to stretch it or bring something back to his place. I gave him Aspirin, but no change so far. Dr Mark (author) of The Atlantic Forest, Brazil on December 21, 2019:JSKB--it's impossible to say without a test, but based on race and weight it's most likely a cruciate ligament injury, on December 19, 2019: have an 8-month-old Catahoula mix (40-50lbs) and he slipped on the terrace while playing with our other dog. He will put weight on it and still run Play, but he limp when he walks and takes all the weight of him (back right leg) when he stands still, it was 3 days and it hasnot got any better. Any advice? Dr. Mark (author) of The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on November 3, 2019:Tara, without taking an exam, I'm unlikely to suspect the foot. I would look for alternative methods for treating hip dysplasia, and he may also have early arthritic changes on the knee. Consider hydrotherapy, acupuncture, massage, etc. Everything safer than Rimadyl. Tara on October 29, 2019:I have a 7 year old English bulldog. I took him to the vet with a left hind leg. They took X-rays. He has hip dysplasia with swelling and fluid around the knee joint. He received Rimadyl. After the appointment, his slip-up got even worse. Not sure if they may have done anything to worsen his knee during the X-ray or what. to give him gabapentin. He also took apoquel and started it on omegas and Cosequin.Er began to develop wounds on his face and feet, so I stopped both the rimadyl and gabapentin. He's still not going to put any weight on his leg and he doesn't want me to touch his paw. Especially the middle pad. At this point, I don't know if it's his knee or foot that hurts him. I don't want to reassure him, just move his knee joint to see if it's torn. Is it possible to hurt the pad somehow? Mel Mastroianni on October 24, 2019:My 5-year-old Pitbull has been humbling for about a week. He won't put his leg down at all. Even at a standstill. When I saw there were no signs of anything and when I pressed on his leg, he didn't yelp or make any signs of pain. However, he has Lyme disease, but his appetite and energy level remained normal. Dr. Mark (author) of The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on October 21, 2019:Beth when she drags her foot, which is most likely a neurological problem. Without surgery, there is not much to do. If they just humped and you haven't found anything, based on the type of dog I would suspect a cruciate ligament injury. Read this article for some more ideas. Roose on October 20, 2019:Please help! I have a 4 month old st bernard /lab/boxer mix puppy that completely stopped with her hind leg 28 hours ago. She showed NO signs of pain from mouth/verbal/crying or snapping or even any common gestures of an animal in pain. I have followed all your steps and ive knocked, squeezed, twisted, rubbed, tickled, bent, rolled and stretched out every area from her hip her toenails and not only got almost no pain response from her, but I didn't feel or see anything at all. She seems to be pulling almost only, but still carrying her leg as she moves. It's very strange. It's almost as if she's lost the feeling from her hip down. I am so worried and have no way to get her to a vet. Please can help us or tell us What can I do? I despair and it breaks my heart to see her like that. Thank you, Beth and TurboDr Mark (author) from The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on October 14, 2019:Maddy, your dog is in pain, so I really wish you could get him to a veterinarian for some pain medication. Since you have said that this is impossible, the only thing that will help is calm. Arthritis is unlikely in a dog so young. The most common thing would be a kind of trauma, like stepping on a thorn or sharp steep object like a nail. You won't see anything, but it will hurt. Some become infected and need antibiotics, most do not. There is no way to talk about the nail without testing. Maddy K16posiden on October 13, 2019: have a three-year Rottweiler and lab mix. Earlier tonight I got him out of his kennel and he was good, I think he looked like it, I let him out. He came back and I noticed a slip in his front left paw, he had nothing wrong except a few cracked nails, so I cut and put them down to see if it might help... Well I let him go back before bed and he still walks around as normal and has so much energy when out there, but his sleep has become bad sense earlier. He doesn't moan while walking and puts weight on it and doesn't moan when I touch it. Could he just crack a nail too far down, causing him pain? Maybe not enough movement? Or could it be arthritis? I don't have money to take him to the vet and I don't live on one. Do you think you could help? He never did that and he is everything. Dr. Mark (author) of The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on September 22, 2019:Cat, when he moans and shows behavioral changes, he is in pain. Get it to your regular veterinarian so that the foot is X-rayed, and it can be placed on pain pills. Kat on September 18, 2019: Two days ago I noticed that he was limping on his front left leg. (A few days earlier, he had played virtually all day with another big dog outdoors, but had shown no signs of injury or discomfort after the match.) Yesterday he began to whine and act borderline hysterically, compared to his normal calm, sweet demeanor. I checked for any swelling or sensitive areas, but directly from the bat could find nothing that could trade him this way or slacken him. He still hums and moans up and down as if he were in pain, and then he will just stop and act normally. PLEASE HELP. Dr. Mark (author) of The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on August 4, 2019:Padee, without the most likely cause is a lush patella. Read more here: on July 27, 2019:My 3-year-old Chihuahua mix suddenly started humbling after going to the potty. She didn't go outside and was normal before. 2 days earlier she was not pretty good as she threw 3 times and had diarrhea. Today she was good, but after going to potty, she came back humbling and doesn't seem to be in pain, but she doesn't put any weight on her right hind leg. Dr. Mark (author) of The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on May 22, 2019:Liz--Your dog is in pain. See your regular veterinarian if you can. Liz on May 22, 2019:My 4-year-old Doberman/Rottie came in from the outside and he won't make his front paw. I checked his pads the larger pad he wimps when he tries to put it down, keeps it upwhen he tries to go down thank you. Sandra on May 5, 2019:My dog, a German Shepherd 4 years old 41kg, has been humbling for 8 days. It seems to be her front right leg. She does not seem to be affected by it, since still eat normally and still want, I had her at the vet 2 days after the slip, which she checked & suggested sprained 3 days Tramadol & recommended to rest, this was not helping was still there, although no better or worse yet eat drink & want to play as normal took them back to the vet on the 4th day & prescribed 7 days Metacam suggested it could be beginning of athritis we are now on day 5 of Metacam and sleep is still present; it is not getting worse or better to still want to drink food, I have examined all the legs paws nails on a daily basis and can not see any obvious injury & never suffers I have no idea where the pain is or what caused it. But every time she walks, she hums with her front right leg. Any ideas as to what it might be? Dr. Mark (author) from The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on May 2, 2019:Valerie, the article mentions aspirin. If this is a hind leg lameness, a cruciate ligament problem is most likely. If you want to read more about it, check On 02.05.2019:My lab is sometimes a bit stiff, then breed like crazy in the woods hunting squirrels the next day shows a bit of lameness in one leg. Your gait looks okay for a minute, then hums a bit. She doesn't mind me touching and pulling her legs. Is Aspirin Safe for Dogs? Dr. Mark (author) of The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on April 30, 2019:Jake, because your dog is in pain, you can give aspirin. (See details in article.) If it seems to get worse, or not get better, even with painkillers, he should be seen. It is impossible to say whether it is a fracture without an X-ray, but that is one possibility. Jake on April 29, 2019:My German Shepherd was out and limping his back paw. I checked his pads and his straps and there doesn't seem to be any signs of anything, but if I do a little bruise and put some pressure on his foot, is he in pain, is it possible that he's broken? How long should I wait to try to seek professional help? MJ Nunes on April 7, 2019:My 3-year-old Golden Retriever didn't put any weight on her left front paw this morning. If sitting or standing, she held it up. When she lays down, she moves her foot without obvious pain. I checked her pads and nails and saw nothing, although she felt uncomfortable with me touching her paw. When I gently manipulated her wrist, she screamed in pain. There seems to be no swelling, broken skin or bones that seem out of place (I compared to her other leg). She will eat and drink at meals and seems happy and her usual self, unless I touch her paw/wrist. What do you think could cause her sleep and pain? Jennie McMann on April 7, 2019:My 10-month-old Whippet keeps humbling when he's running fine on hard surfaces when he's on grass. Vet can't find why. Had X-ray showed tiny soft baptism that was removed, but still the same .. it's been 6 weeks now. He can dig well with both legs, makes no signs of pain just keeps the paw high. can helpApril M on March 28, 2019:My nearly one-year-old laboratory German shepard hums. When she stands or sits, she raises her paw. She doesn't cry or seems to be in pain. She's still running around playing with other dog Dr. Mark (author) from The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on March 22, 2019:Megan, how can you say it's not the cruciate ligament? It can be tense, but not broken, in this case the signs are mild. This is also the best option for a knee injury. The best thing you can do for him is to provide adequate rest. I'm not sure how long it depends on how he recovers. If it's fast, keep it still for a few more days. If this continues, he will have to go to the vet to make further diagnoses and perhaps an anti-inflammatory injection. Megan on March 1, 2019:My Pyrenees/Golden Mix started to hum on his hind leg yesterday. I've looked at his feet and toes, moved his knee and hip, he lets me do everything and doesn't seem to be in pain - don't pull away or yelp when I touch part of the leg. He even hopped around and ran with my other dog. But he won't put his foot down when he pees (he usually stands on both and squats) and doesn't put a ton of weight on it when he's standing or turning around. There is no swelling I can see. I've read the cruciate ligament article and it doesn't seem to be like that, and I'm also reading the diagnosis of a lame dog article. Do you have other thoughts? If it is a pulled muscle or something that would heal by itself? Dr. Mark (author) of The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on February 13, 2019:Samantha, it can cause arthritis (secondary to an old injury), a cruciate ligament problem, or many other Be. If you take him to the vet, make sure he doesn't walk around. Rest is the best medicine at this time. Samantha Thomas on February 11, 2019:My dog was hit by a car 3 years ago. He has started to hum and will no longer weigh on the hind leg. It's hard to get up. No Yelp tho who I touch it / rub it, or who try Get up. Vet apt. in 3 days. What to do until then. He is very uncomfortable. Dr Mark (author) of The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on December 9, 2018:The most common cause of hind legs in a Yorkie is a luxurios patella. It may have been normal during the test, but later it was off the pitch again. Consider Legg-Calves-Perthes disease, an aseptic necrosis of the ferol head. He will need X-rays to confirm this diagnosis, so you need to take him to your veterinarian. Concentration camp on December 9, 2018:Today my 14 larger body frame, so not overweight, Yorkie dog began to pull his left posterior leg, which seems to have become flaccid. My human doctor husband has a ROM and joint exam. There are also no known or obvious injuries. Yesterday he was fine. Dr. possible causes of such symptoms ???? He is up-to-date on all vaccines and heartworm treatment. Also no routine medications. Dr. Mark (author) of The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on November 13, 2018: Bomb, if you take her to the vet on Wednesday, I would recommend waiting. At her age, you need to have her shoulder X-rayed to make sure there is no more serious going on, and before she gives her an NSAID like aspirin, she needs a thorough examination and possibly blood work to make sure there are no underlying problems. Just make sure to lift them on to the bed and couch, and don't let them jump down and hurt yourself even more. Bomb on November 12, 2018:Hello doc! My 14-year-old Chihuahua like have fallen on steps a few weeks ago, we heard it but didn't see it. She was fine and normal on foot. Then she jumped off the couch about a week ago, face first. She has moved slowly, but on the last day she has a hard time putting weight on her right shoulder. She hums and walks, but she doesn't put much weight on it. It seems uncomfortable, but not severe pain. Any suggestions? I will take her to the vet Wednesday if I get paidGary milnes on 02. November, 2018:hello my dog nala she is a puggle, but is a little lame I through her whole hind leg and foot she doesnot yelp or wince and no obvious signs of a problem and is still running aroundPlayingDr Mark (author) from The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on September 20, 2018:Jasmine, he needs to be looked at by your veterinarian, so at this point all I can recommend is rest. He may have a hairline tear of one of his metatarsal or even have a broken anterior cruciate ligament. Ritter on September 19, 2018:Hi my 4 month old Lab/Blue Healer mix jumped out our car window 2 days ago we were only going about 10 mph. Since then, he has not been on his hind leg. He will use it to scratch and put some weight on it when using the bath. The next He came on foot on her was just tip toes. He doesn't seem to be in pain. He was lying around a lot when it happened. As of today, he is he was before. The only area that seems to bug him when we touch him is his paw. There is no swelling or cuts/scraps singables. We really can't afford a vet and we won't be able to do it for a few weeks. Any advice would be appreciated. Dr. Mark (author) of The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on August 24, 2018:Baxterandbonnie - the most likely cause is a soft tissue injury or a bone injury in the paw. If you can't take them to the veterinarian, the only thing you can try is rest and possibly an anti-inflammatory asapirin. The best thing you could do is take her to your normal veterinarian and have your paw X-rayed. If the veterinarian finds nothing, he may want to put them on a steroidal anti-inflammatory drug. Baxterandbonnie01 on August 23, 2018:Hello, I have a 2-year-old Beagle. She always plays rough with my other beagle. She starts humbling on her front leg, it's worse if she doesn't move for a while. But when she warms up, she still sleeps and doesn't put the full weight on her paw or lift it. I can't see any injury and she doesn't mind me checking her. Although she pulls it away when I reach her paw. What could it be? ThanksDr Mark (author) of The Atlantic Rain Forest, Brazil on June 20, 2018:Kerry, the ticks transmitting diseases that your dog is prone to varies by area. Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain Spotter Fever are two examples. Ticks-borne diseases can often be treated with antibiotics, but lameness does not show up in most cases until arthritis is fairly advanced. It is much better to prevent the ticks from getting on your dog, or remove them every day to prevent them from happening on long enough to many of the disease organisms. Kerry on June 20, 2018:What if there is A Tic Born Disease? What can you do? Michael Lynn on February 12, 2018:Thank you for this information. Information.

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