

## Considerations for an OrthoPets House Slipper

### What is a House Slipper?

A House Slipper is a custom-made protective device for a patient's limb. The device is essentially the same as the removable liner of a prosthetic, and we add straps and tread to secure it to the patient's limb and provide traction.

House Slippers require an impression of the patient's limb, photos and radiographs, and specific measurements for fabrication. The slippers cannot make up any limb length discrepancy like a full prosthesis, and they are meant for indoor use.

### Why use a House Slipper instead of a prosthesis?

- Many feline patients, and some smaller canine patients, will tolerate a House Slipper better than a full prosthesis.
- A House Slipper can give us a chance to see how well a patient will tolerate the use of a device on the limb.
- House Slippers provide soft, cushiony, and comfortable support and protection, to prevent trauma to the distal end of a limb when the patient is not able to be in their full prosthesis.
- House Slippers are meant for indoor use, and faster wear and tear will be appreciated over time with outdoor use.

## Care of your House Slipper

A House Slipper is made from soft goods, so wear and tear is normal! The straps are riveted on and can only be replaced by OrthoPets. The tread will wear, and the foam will compress and can be torn easily.

A feline patient will likely be using the device in the litter box, so it will need to be wiped clean regularly.

To clean the House Slipper, you can use warm water and a mild soap. It is recommended to air dry the device fully before placing it back on the limb.

When any of the components on your House Slipper are worn, you can contact OrthoPets to discuss refurbishment or replacement.

## Adjustments

Minor adjustments can be made to House Slippers to help with the fit, but we are limited in what we can do as the height of the device cannot be addressed. House Slippers come with one (1) complimentary adjustment within a 60-day warranty period. Please do not send your House slipper in for adjustments until speaking with your Specialist!