

## Neck Pain or Injury – Upper Cervical – Acute

Post-surgery, acute injury (sports injury, i.e., tumble out of chute, run into fence), post athletic activity, Wobbler Syndrome, intervertebral disc disease (IVDD), pain from kyphosis, pain from scoliosis, pain from spondylosis, fibrocartilaginous embolism (FCE), laryngeal paralysis, neuropathy.



1. A small or large Assisi Loop can be used to treat the upper cervical (neck) area in the pet depending on the size of the pet. Dachshund- and Chihuahua-sized pets do best with small Assisi Loops. Larger breeds need the larger Loop. Positioning is extremely important for optimum effect.
2. Position the pet lying down either flat on the ground or up on their elbows.
3. Place the Assisi Loop on the side of the neck if you are confident of the location of the injury. If not confident of the location of the injury, place the Loop over the head. **See Pictures and Diagrams**
4. Placing the Loop over the head treats a larger section of the spine making it easier to position the Loop properly and be confident that you are treating the correct area.
5. Placing the Assisi Loop over the head:
  - a. Place the Assisi Loop over the head of the pet. Place the top of the Loop just behind the ear or at the back of the pet's ear; this will allow proper treatment as well as help hold the Loop in place. **See Pictures and Diagram**
  - b. If the pet is head shy, cover their eyes while placing the Loop over their head.
6. **CAUTION: Do not force the Assisi Loop over the pet's head. If it does not slip easily over the head, place the Loop against the animal's head, resting on top of the ears and nose. Forcing the animal's head through the coil can be traumatic to the pet and may overly stress the connection of the coil to the circuit board inside the Loop case.**
7. The signal generator should be located in view of the person treating the pet.
8. Do not leave the pet unattended when using this placement as small movements can change the positioning of the Loop and the area being treated.
9. Turn the unit on by depressing the button on the front of the white rubberized signal generator; green lights will illuminate about once per second. If the light is blinking 2-3 times per second, the battery is running low and a new Assisi Loop should be purchased.
10. Keep the unit in place for the full 15 minutes until the unit shuts off.
11. Use the unit 4 times daily, if possible, for 3-5 days. Treat twice daily for an additional 5 days or until pain is completely resolved.

12. There should be a minimum of 2 hours between treatments for optimum battery efficiency.
13. If Prednisone is administered and tapered, the Assisi Loop can be tapered after the Prednisone is discontinued.



**Pet Owner Responsibility.** A panel of licensed, experienced veterinarians has developed this Guide. Pet owners should use this protocol only to treat a condition listed above and as directed by a qualified veterinary clinician. Other protocols in this Guide should be used only as directed by a qualified veterinary clinician.

**Important:** Before starting treatment, please consult product label for optimal product use and safety guidelines. To learn more about the technology, visit our website.