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TAPE SMOOTH SIDE: 
TAPE, STICKEY SIDE: 

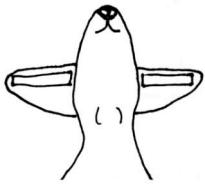


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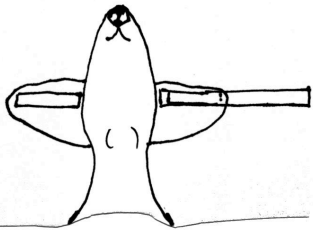


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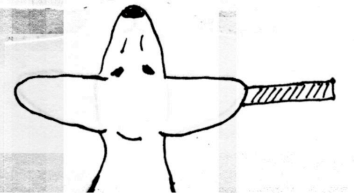


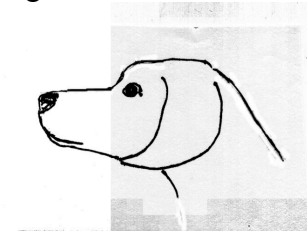
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Figure 6:



You will need Johnson & Johnson 1-inch waterproof adhesive tape (nothing else works!), rubbing alcohol, cotton balls, scissors and 12 hands. (Just kidding about the hands!)

First clean, the undersides of both ears THOROUGHLY with the rubbing alcohol and dry. Cut a strip of tape as long as the front edge of each ear (two strips total) and one long strip about as long as the other two strips put together.

Stick one short strip along the front edge of the underside of each ear and massage so it sticks FIRMLY. (Fig. 1.)

(DO NOT TAPE ON HAIRY SIDE / TOP OF EARS!)

Take the long piece of tape and stick to the tape on one ear. (Fig. 2.)

When viewed from the top, tape will be sticky side up. (Fig. 3.)

Bring the flap of tape around under the dog's chin and up to the top of the strip of tape stuck under the other ear. (Fig. 4.)

Stick the long strip down along the length of the strip attached to the ear so that the ears are pulled around under the neck of the dog with their tips touching (or as close as they will reach). You should be able to get two fingertips between the taped ears and the dog's chin. Tape should be snug, not tight. (Fig. 5.)

When properly taped, ears should look like a bonnet tied under the dog's chin. Or the tie-down ear muffs on a trouper's winter hat. (Fig. 6.)

Ears should stay taped until they fall out (about a week). Discourage head shaking and ear scratching. When tape falls off, leave it off until you see ears re-creasing, then repeat taping process. It is VERY important to clean ears between tapings!

Good luck!

**Ear Taping Tutorial courtesy of
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