



DACHSHUND HOME SPINE- SAFETY AUDIT

Dog Information

Dog's Name: _____

Age: _____

Weight: _____

Current
Mobility Level: _____

AUDIT HAZARDS & MITIGATIONS

HAZARD 1: FURNITURE LAUNCHPADS

- Audit all primary sofa/bed heights over 35cm (14 in)
- Install and secure appropriate length adjustable ramps
- Block jump access points with cushions during initial training

HAZARD 2: THE STEEP HILL RAMP TRAP

- Ensure all home ramps have a gentle incline (<25 degrees)
- Verify ramps have non-slip traction surfaces for confidence
- Monitor dog behavior on ramp for signs of over-exertion

HAZARD 3: THE HARDWOOD SKATE RINK

- Add non-slip runner rugs with rubber backing in hallways
- Secure rug-to-floor edges with anti-slip tape
- Watch for Rear-leg Drift (sliding legs) on slick surfaces

HAZARD 4: THE NECK-STRAIN PULL

- Replace traditional collar with a specialized Y-shaped harness
- Verify chest strap is padded and allows full leg extension
- Ensure lead is detached from collar and attached to harness

MITIGATION PLANNING

- Finalize high-risk areas in your home
- Secure all ramp installations and add required runners
- Schedule routine veterinary checks

LONG-TERM CARE (SPINE FOCUS)

- Begin Crate enrichment for post-op training confidence
- Incorporate joint-supporting supplements into diet
- Plan regular spinal mobility check-ups with a vet

FINAL NOTES & RESOURCES

Need to upgrade your space? Visit thesmartpet.uk for our vetted recommendations.