

Windchill Dog Gear

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Heavy duty
 Australian-made dog
 equipment for dogs of
 all shapes and sizes

Hiker Backpack

Features:

- Padded Kodura/Duratuff saddle and separate saddle bags which attach with velcro and are locked on with a PVC buckle.
- Neoprene padding on all buckles.
- D-ring at rear of saddle.
- Heavy-duty Kodura/Duratuff saddle-bags with zip closures in 5 standard sizes, or can be made to your specifications.
- Saddle has 3 fully adjustable webbing straps, one around the chest and two around the girth.
- D-ring at the rear of the saddle and 6 D-rings on top for attachment of extra items.



Being a two-piece backpack, the Hiker Backpack has the added advantage of allowing you to be able to quickly and easily remove and replace the packs on the saddle harness, which remains on the dog (*right*). This practical feature is a big plus whenever you are using the pack, and is essential in situations where backpacks may have to be constantly removed to negotiate difficult obstacles such as logs over pathways, creeks, narrow openings, etc. The PVC buckle locks the pack section on to the saddle.

These backpacks have been well and truly tried and tested on Alaskan Malamutes who have carried 30% of their body weight in their packs over hikes of up to 70 km through some rough terrain.

**DuraTuff and Kodura are heavy-duty, waterproof, abrasion resistant materials.*

COLOURS: Black, Red, Burgundy, Royal blue, Navy blue, Yellow, Fluoro Orange, Fluoro Yellow
 Backpacks can be one colour or multi-colour (*pictured*).



SIZES & DIMENSIONS

Hiker backpacks can be made to your specifications, or you can select from five standard sizes:

Size	Height		Width		Depth	
Small	6.5 inches	17 cm	9.5 inches	24 cm	4.5 inches	11 cm
Medium	7.5 inches	19 cm	11 inches	28 cm	5.5 inches	14 cm
Large	8.5 inches	22 cm	13 inches	33 cm	6 inches	15 cm
Extra Large	9.5 inches	24 cm	14.5 inches	37 cm	7 inches	18 cm
XXL	10.5 inches	27 cm	16 inches	41 cm	8 inches	20 cm



When selecting a size, consider how big the saddle bags will be on your dog. The bags must not hang too low or they will interfere with the movement of the dog's legs causing rubbing, and the pack must not be too long from front to back (see width of pack) or it will not sit over the dog's shoulders. A pack that sits too far down the dog's topline could place stress on the lower portion of your dog's back and cause discomfort or injury.

The pack size also depends on what you are wanting your dog to carry, for instance if the dog will be carrying light, bulky items or carrying dense, heavy items.

To help determine the right size and get an idea of how the saddle bags will sit on your dog, you can fold paper to the dimensions of the saddle bags and hold them against the side of your dog. The top of the saddle bag should be in line or just below the topline of your dog, and the front edge should be in line with the base of the neck.

Different breeds vary in their width across the back, for instance a Collie or Whippet have a narrower body shape than a Rottweiler or Malamute, so we will customise the width of centre-piece of the backpack to suit your dog. This will ensure the saddle bags don't hang too low and hit the elbows of breeds with narrower body shapes.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

- Reflective Tape – strips of silver reflective tape around the lids of the backpack
- Cross straps – 2 short webbing sections with snap hooks at each end that attach diagonally across the D-rings on the top of the Hiker backpack



Please email us if you have any queries.