

BACKER ROD EAR TAPING (THE FULL TAPING METHOD)

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Prompt ear taping is crucial for well standing ears- please also be aware-

Some dogs can have food allergies and/or tape allergies that can inhibit the ears from actually standing properly.

Be aware of any abnormalities while undergoing the taping methods.

Do not keep the ears in full tapes for more then 5 days in a row. Allow ears to “rest” out of tapes for a few hours each cycle

Supplies

Quality cloth tape

I use Coach brand sports tape

Scissors

Backer Rod (1/2” window caulking foam)

Ear powder

I like using R7 ear powder

Ear cleaner

I suggest using a brand that foams and dries quickly

Tape Removal

For your own sanity and the comfort of your dog – please use a Adhesive Remover – plus – less ear hair ripped out during the whole process.

Zo-Eze Adhesive Remover

you can use any brand- I prefer Zo-Eze- not greasie or oily when using

Scissors – rounded tips are safer

Will be adding a group shot picture here

I am offering these tips to offer one way to get your dog’s ears to stand– just by following these tips does NOT mean your dog’s ears will stand. Please feel free to email me with any questions or comments.

Start by preparing your supplies for each ear before starting- this way you don't have to start and stop.



Get the old tape and adhesive off first, clean the ear according to package directions. Once the ears are clean and relatively dry- you can add the ear powder - this helps keep down ear odor and helps the inner ear stay healthy.

What to do...

For each ear

- Backer Rod - trim the length to fit the length of the ear approximately the same length of the ear (plus just a bit).
- Pre cut the tape for the ears- *(this is all approximate)*
 - 1 3" piece
 - 2 4" pieces
 - 1 5" piece

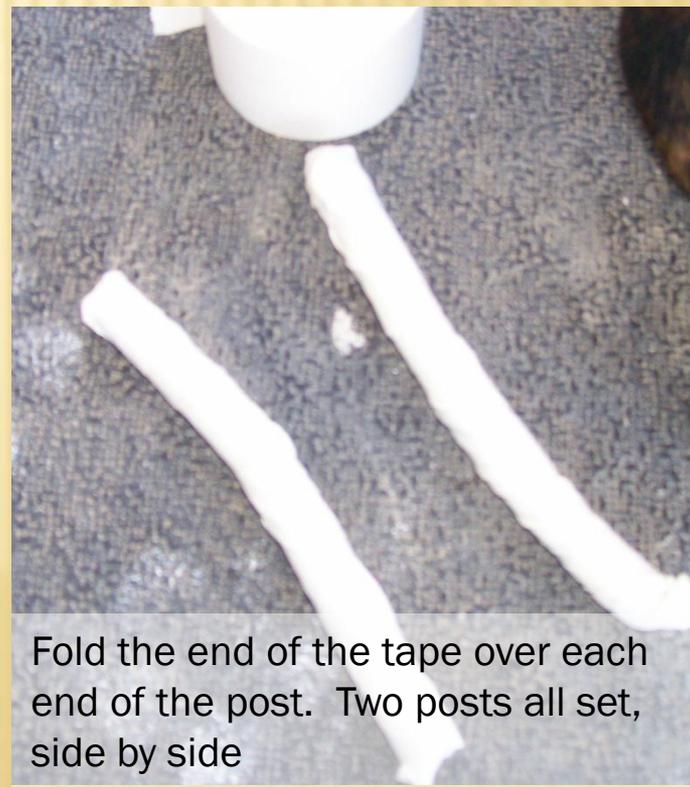
This is the backer rod... it is to give the idea for measuring for proper length.



Basics of the supplies you need- backer rod trimmed and the cloth sports tape.



Sticky side out, roll the tape around the post



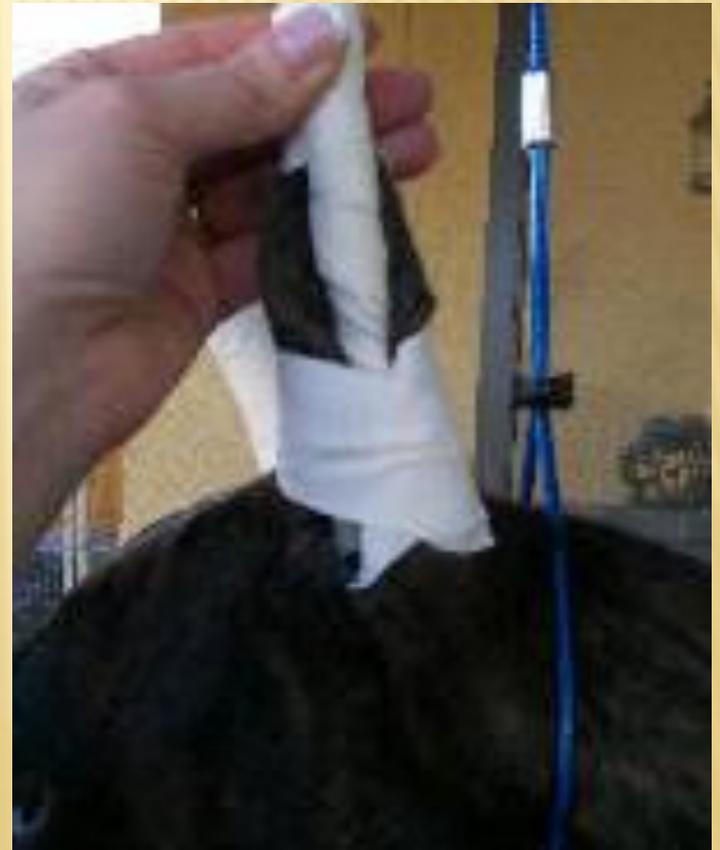
Fold the end of the tape over each end of the post. Two posts all set, side by side



Insert the rod into the ear. Pull the ear gently but firmly straight up (the taller the better), begin by placing a strip of tape at the top of the ear, be sure that the piece of tape covers the entire tip of ear.

If you do not place the tape over the tip - You can risk cutting the ear with the tape- essentially amputating the ear... you don't want to do that!

Once the tip is wrapped - take the longer strip of tape and stick it to the rod by the base of the ear. Again pull the ear straight up, and then wrap the tape around the back of the ear.





This shows the third strip of tape on the ear – filling in the center from the top to bottom.



This is the completed ears-
Be sure to "squeeze" the taped ear,
to ensure good contact.