WHAT IS CEREBELLAR HYPOPLASIA?

Cerebellar Hypoplasia occurs in pets who are born with a smaller than usual or underdeveloped cerebellum.

This neurological condition is congenital and directly effects motor skills. Dogs and cats with Cerebellar Hypoplasia struggle with mobility, maintaining their balance and coordination.

What Breeds get Cerebellar Hypoplasia?

Breeds Commonly Affected:



Symptoms

- Uncontrolled tremors and head shaking
- Wide stance
- Loss of balance
- Lack of coordination
- Jerky movements, especially when walking

Diagnosis of Cerebellar Hypoplasia

To diagnose Cerebellar Hypoplasia, once you notice symptoms, bring your pup to your vet. The vet will need to perform an MRI. The MRI shows if the cerebellum is underdeveloped.





CEREBELLAR HYPOPLASIA INTERVENTION

There is no cure for Cerebellar Hypoplasia. However, this neural condition will not worsen over time and most pets are able to perform basic functions and enjoy a normal life. As the puppy or kitten grows up, they learn to compensate for their condition and can live a long, happy, and pain-free life.

What Can I Do to Improve My Pet's Mobility?

Assistive Equipment

- Quad Wheelchair for stability, maintaining balance, and keeping your pet mobile
- Non-slip pet boots help improve paw traction
- Lifting Harnesses provide support when not using wheelchair

Professional Care

- Seek Veterinary care for treatment plan
- Rehabilitative care often recommended

In Home Support

- Stairs can be challenging and unsafe for pets with this condition
- Supervise your pet to avoid accidents







wheelchair provides benefits all pets experiencing mobility challenges, regardless of their age or condition. Since neurological conditions affect a pet's balance and mobility, a wheelchair provides pets with the support and stability they need to encourage an active lifestyle. Due to their uncoordinated movement and balance struggles, a four-wheel wheelchair is recommended for pets diagnosed with Cerebellar Hypoplasia.

Wheelchairs can be used as a part of your pet's physical therapy session, during longer walks, or on an as-needed basis. As many pets are diagnosed as babies, they benefit from early introduction to a wheelchair to improve their mobility early on.

