

ELEVATED REST is One of the Ten Simple Keys to Success

Possible Methods:

Armrest of chair or sofa - encouraging your dog by placing pillows in a ramp fashion so that the dog will lay down with chest to the pillow & head to the armrest. You may find that removing a sofa cushion or tilting it to form the ramp will create better slant (thus better results).

Do you crate your dog for rest/sleep? Place a row of bricks or a solid wood wedge to the front base of the crate, positioning the crate over the wedge or brick row. Most all dogs will rest facing out or forward towards the door of the crate instinctually.

Foam wedge: Have a foam wedge made, proportionate to the size, height & weight of your dog. Ensure that you have a cover for the wedge to discourage chewing and potential swallowing of the foam, saving yourself a trip to the emergency clinic! Super-sizing your crate will allow for foam ramps to be inserted.

Buy a large "woobie" (stuffed animal) and encourage your dog to place chest to the body - some of the bodies are shaped so that you can double them up, creating more 'lift'.

U-shaped Neck Pillow

This method can increase potential success to keep symptoms at bay, especially when combined with a foam wedge or other method to provide increased elevation to the chest - stomach region. The pillow can be kept on your dog using Velcro sewed to the pillow and attached to your dog's collar.