

Tips for positioning a large dog for PennHIP



If you stand on a stool and put the dogs' paws in your armpits, then apply medial force to the distal tibias you will be able to generate a lot more force than with your hands alone.

Some fine points:

1. Make sure the shadows of the femoral heads are entirely within the rods.
2. Keep the tibias parallel while performing the distraction maneuver...this is VERY important.
3. Try to avoid rotating the tibia about their long axes. If the fibula are prominently projected out, this means the tibia are internally rotated.
4. Try to keep the tibial tuberosities pointing toward the ceiling while performing distraction.

Please make sure to closely review the images before waking the patient to ensure that there is a visible difference between the compression and distraction views. Take as many views as needed to ensure this is achieved and submit everything.