

ZIP TIE 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

Plastic zip ties

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

- Zip ties- trim the “knot” off the one end- and then 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- zip ties trimmed of the end knot and the cloth sports tape.



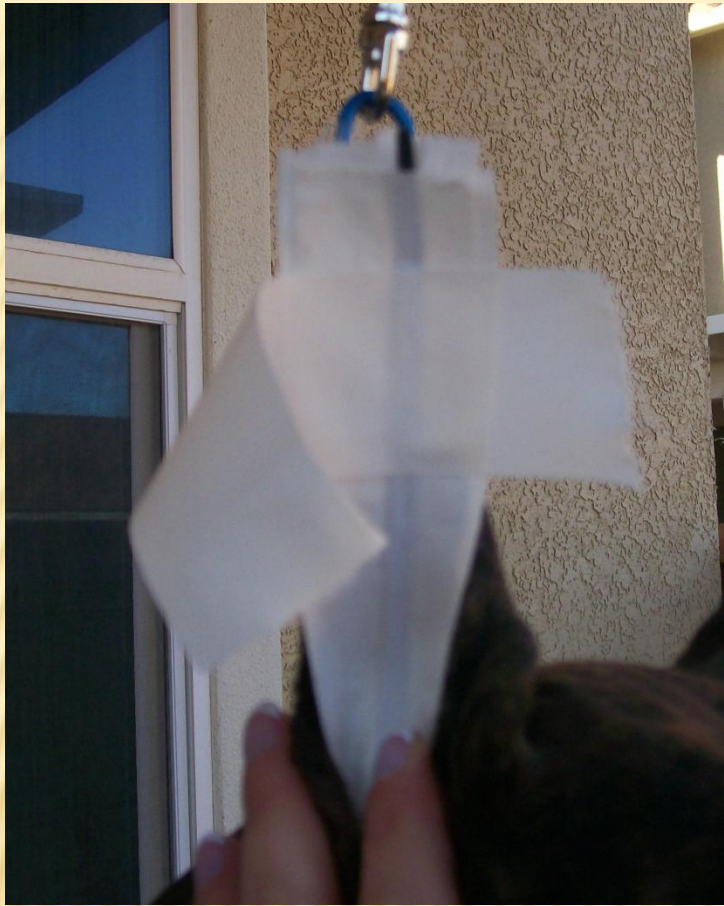
Sticky side up - lay zip strip on the tape



Sticky side up again, lay the tape on top of the tape and zip strip.



Fold the ends into a blunted point - this is the end that goes into the ear canal. You can also put a bit of cotton ball at the end to protect the ear.



Insert the strip 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!



This is the back side of the ear -starting strip of tape



Wrap the length of tape around the ear.



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



Showing the wrap around the back of the ear. If you have no ear pocket (see the backer rod description), you can easily leave the "extra skin flap" of the ear - just to the right of my thumb - photo on the left- where it is -(essentially it always lays towards the back of the ear.) Otherwise- with a pocket- you will want to roll the "extra skin flap" forward as seen in photo on the right.



Showing the base of the ear fully taped. A fully taped Zip Strip ear. Repeat with the second ear. Be sure to "squeeze" the taped ear, to ensure good contact.