

EAR TAPING

This is only one way of doing collie ears. There are many more ideas on YouTube. Also on my website (www.caublestone.com), on the “Resource Page,” I have several links that you can watch. You can adapt the procedures, products, *etc.* to what will work for you. Also, please feel free to share those ideas with me. I’m always willing to learn new ways.



SUGGESTIONS:

Remove tape & residue:

- Cotton Swabs
- Goof Off
- Uni-Solve
- Pure Acetone (Sally’s)

Continue to clean ears:

- Alcohol, 90%+

Glues:

- Joe Brannen’s Clear Grooming Adhesive
- Torbot Bonding Cement

Tapes:

- Japanese Tape
- Carpet Tape 1” or 2”

Extra:

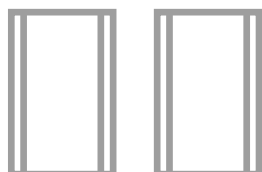
- Scissors
- Paper Plate/Paper Towels
(I usually have something behind the tape when I’m using the grooming adhesive)

Order Supplies:

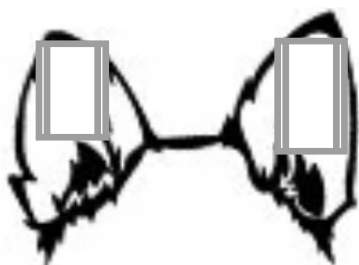
- www.showdogsolutions.com
(also known as wicketbysmel.com)
- Amazon, *etc.*

You want to start with clean ears, whether first time or removing tape and its residue. If first time, clean good with alcohol and cotton pad. For tape, use a cotton pad with a cleaner. Remove tape and any residue. Then take a cotton pad with alcohol on it and clean the ears again. Then take a piece of Japanese Tape and with the sticky side, press on ear, going all over it, and remove any other substances that may be there.

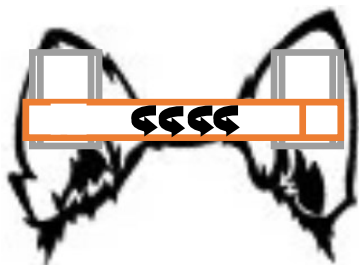
Note: Diagram is not to scale.



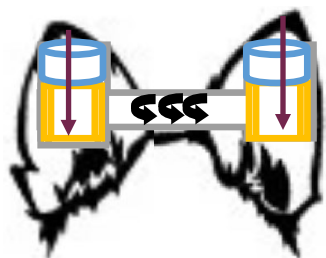
Cut 2 strips of Japanese Tape, enough to go from almost the tip of the ear down to the cartilage.



Spray with Grooming Adhesive or use the Bonding Cement. Place in ear.



Cut a long strip of tape that will go from one ear to the next. This will form the brace. Place on one ear and twist the tape to shorten the tape as you go in order for you to pull the ears closer together to place the other end of the tape on the other ear so the ears are on the top of the head. You may want to twist the tape first before putting the one end in the ear.



- Once you have the brace attached to both ears, then **put a piece of tape over the part of the brace tape that is in the ear.** This will help hold the brace in place.
- Then you want to make **2 pillows** using Japanese Tape or Carpet Tape.
- Turn the Japanese Tape with the sticky side out. The Carpet Tape is sticky on both sides.
- Spray with Grooming Adhesive or use Bonding Cement.
- **Attach one pillow to the tape at the tip of the ear. Turn ear over** and press the pillow to the tape covering the brace in the ear. Repeat on the other ear.
- Use scissors or fingers to remove any hairs that may have gotten stuck in the tape. Cut any excess tape off.
- Give treat to chew on to take mind off of the brace.