



Back-to-Play Plan: Phase 1

Congratulations! Your dog has received an injection of Librela™ (bedinvetmab injection). This is the first step in controlling your dog's osteoarthritis pain, which can get them moving again and improve their quality of life.

Osteoarthritis (OA) is a life-long disease that can be managed with pain relief, a healthy weight, and tailored exercise. To make sure your dog is on the right path, it's important to visit your veterinarian once a month for Librela injections and to talk about your dog's activity and lifestyle.

Dogs live in the moment! It's important to know that **increasing your dog's activity level too quickly could get in the way of pain control or lead to new injuries**. This back-to-play plan is a general guide, so work with your veterinarian to develop a plan that meets your dog's current level of activity and severity of OA. Your veterinarian may also refer you to a veterinary rehabilitation specialist.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION: For use in dogs only. Women who are pregnant, trying to conceive or breastfeeding should take extreme care to avoid self-injection. Hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis, could potentially occur with self-injection. LIBRELA should not be used in breeding, pregnant or lactating dogs. LIBRELA should not be administered to dogs with known hypersensitivity to bedinvetmab. The most common adverse events reported in a clinical study were urinary tract infections, bacterial skin infections and dermatitis. See full Prescribing Information at LibrelaPI.com.

Phase 1

Your dog's current activity

- Leash walks for less than 5 minutes
- Possible time in a fenced-in yard to go to the bathroom
- Minimal participation in other outdoor/play activities

Goals

- Come up with a walking plan and work up to 10 minutes a day, 5 days a week
- Increase the amount of time your dog exercises and how much they use their muscles
- Weight loss (if your vet suggests it). *A diet plan must be incorporated for weight loss to occur*
- Pain reduction

FITNESS PLAN

Walking

- **Week 1:** Start with a short walk (up to 5 minutes; less if they show signs of fatigue)
 - Walk your dog on leash, on a flat surface for up to 5 minutes, twice a day
- **Weeks 2-4:** Each week, add 1-2 minutes to the walk, stay on a flat surface

Exercises

- Shake
- Weight shifting
- Sit-to-stand

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PRECAUTIONS

- DO NOT start new play activities such as chasing balls, frisbee, or off-leash rough play
- Increased limping that does not improve within 2-3 days should trigger a call to your veterinarian



CHECKPOINT

Your dog can move on to the next phase if they are able to walk for at least 10 minutes a day, 5 days a week on a flat surface without increased limping.*

*If your dog does not meet every checkpoint, it's OK! Depending on your dog's unique condition, they may require more time to build up strength—many dogs will live a very happy life without walking more than 20 minutes a day. It is important that you talk to your veterinary healthcare team about what reasonable expectations are for your dog.



Back-to-Play Plan: Phase 2

Congratulations! Your dog has been getting monthly injections of Librela[™] (bedinvetmab injection) and we want to progress to Phase 2.

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Phase 2

Your dog's current activity

- Leash walks at least 10 minutes a day, 5 days a week
- Possible time in a fenced-in yard to go to the bathroom
- Minimal participation in other outdoor/play activities

Goals

- Increase the amount of time your dog exercises: Build up to 20- to 30-minute walks, at least 5 days a week
- Increase the strength of your dog's legs and muscles
- Increase joint range of motion
- Increase balance and coordination
- Weight loss (if your vet suggests it). *A diet plan must be incorporated for weight loss to occur*
- Pain reduction and continued pain control

FITNESS PLAN

Walking

- **Week 1:** Add easy hills
 - Keep walks the same as the previous week (around 10 minutes), but add gentle hills 3 days a week
 - If you do not live near any hills, try to find a dirt or wooded trail to walk on and increase the pace (speed) of your walk slightly
- **Week 2 and onward:** Add 1-2 minutes per week, include hills 3 days a week
 - Walk on different surfaces (grass, trails, sand); try to incorporate at least 3 times a week

Exercises

- Sit-to-stand
- High 5
- Hip stretch on the steps

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CHECKPOINT

Your dog can move on to the next phase if they are able to walk for at least 20 minutes, 5 days a week without increased limping.*

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Back-to-Play Plan: Phase 3

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Phase 3

Your dog's current activity

- Leash walks at least 20 minutes a day
- Possible time in a fenced-in yard to go to the bathroom
- Minimal participation in other outdoor/play activities

Goals

- Walking on/off leash up to 60 minutes a day
- Increase or maintain strength
- Improve or maintain joint range of motion
- Improve or maintain balance and coordination
- Gentle off-leash play (recall training is important)
- Weight loss (if your vet suggests it). *A diet plan must be incorporated for weight loss to occur*
- Continued pain control

FITNESS PLAN

Walking

- Add 2-5 minutes a week to current walks
- Include hills 3 days a week
- Walk at least 5 days a week
- Walk on trails 2 days a week

Exercises

- Paws up
- 3-leg stand
- Down-to-stand
- Play bow

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CHECKPOINT

Continue to check in with your veterinarian once a month. If you are interested in other fitness plans for your dog, talk with your veterinarian about other options such as working with a rehabilitation veterinarian.*

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