

# WaterDog Adventure Gear®

## WAG Boarding Steps™

Model PM-6H

### Owner's Manual



*Read this manual completely and follow instructions prior to use.*

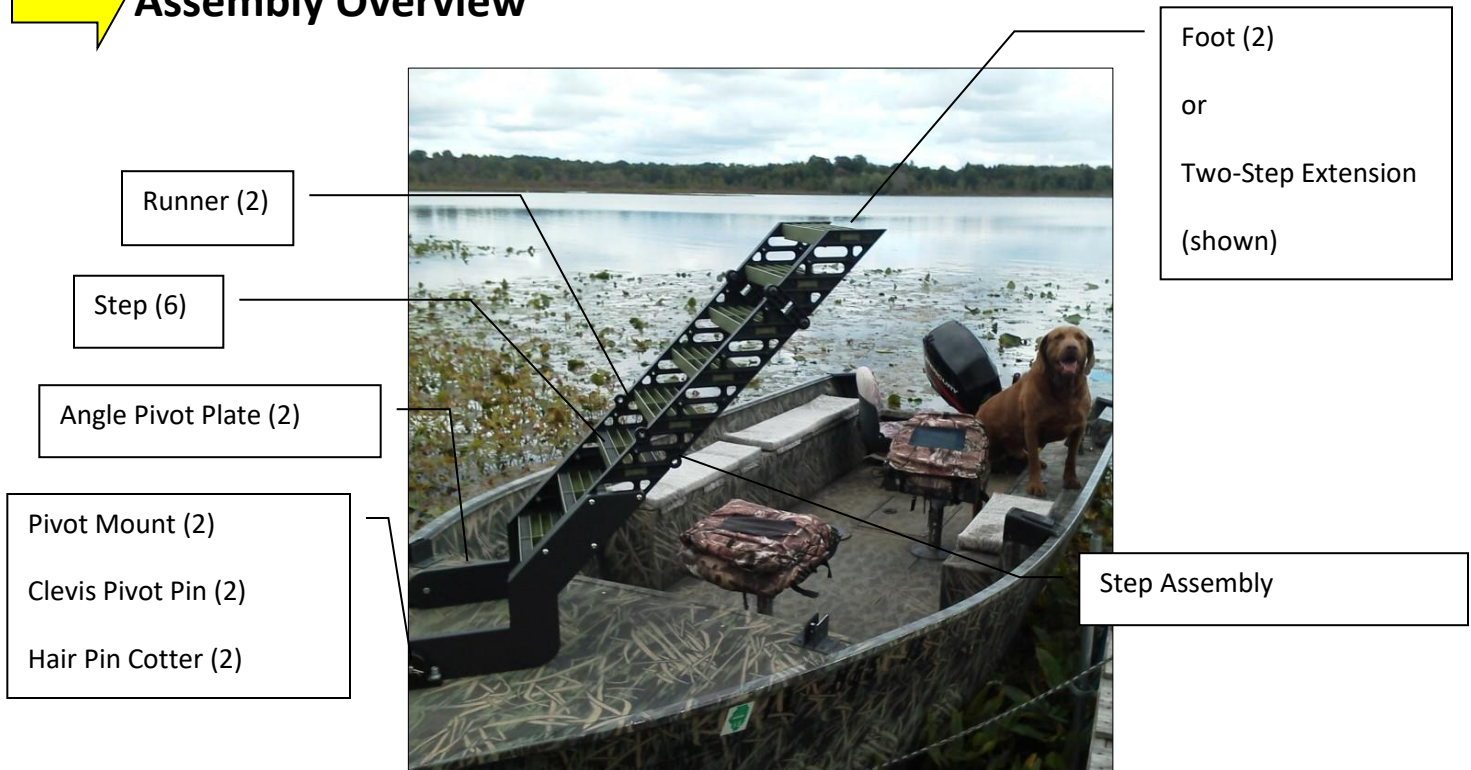
*Improper use may cause injury and/or equipment damage.*

*WAG Boarding Steps have a maximum capacity of 130 pounds and are designed for dog use only.*

Welcome to the WaterDog Adventure Gear® family and thank you for your purchase!

As excited as you and your dog are to begin using your WAG Boarding Steps, there are a few important actions to take prior to use and for safe and enjoyable ongoing ownership.

## ➔ Assembly Overview



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Tools Required: 1/2" socket driver, 3/16" hex driver

Your new WAG Boarding Steps come partially assembled from the factory. Hardware is inserted in the component where it will be required. Carefully unpack contents of shipping carton to avoid damage or loss of hardware.



Attach the Angle Pivot Plates to each side of the Step Assembly using the hardware provided in the holes it was shipped in; top four (4) holes in the Runners. Make sure the warning labels are facing outward. The screw heads should be on the outside and the washers and nylon locking nuts should be on the inside of the assembly. Tighten securely. Attach the Pivot Mounts to the Angle Pivot Plates using the Clevis Pivot Pins and Hair Pin Cotter.

## Installation



The Pivot Mounts are shown installed on the inside of the Angle Pivot Plates. If preferred, they can be moved to the outside.



Determine the desired mounting location. Slide the assembly so that the 90 degree corner of the Angle Pivot Plates is against the platform edge. Mark the location of the four (4) mounting holes in the Pivot Mounts on the mounting surface. Mounting options include 5/16" through bolts, tapped inserts or threaded anchor studs. Secure using stainless steel hardware (not provided) to prevent corrosion. Ensure the step assembly is not twisted and is at approximately a 45 degree angle (steps level). Test the assembly for stability before allowing your dog to use. It is recommended that someone be in the water adjacent to the assembly during the first few times the dog uses them. Never let your dog swim unsupervised.

## Use/Training

It is highly recommended that you train your dog in shallow water where you can stand to the side as your dog gets used to WAG Boarding Steps. Some dogs may try to wrap their legs around them like a tree trunk or reach up trying to pull themselves up and stick their leg between the steps. Having your dog approach them straight on and spotting them to keep their legs under their chest (like they do stairs at home) the first few times will get them comfortable with this new thing they have never seen before. Once they are used to it, they will learn to come in from the side and do it with large objects in their mouth. Do not operate your boat with the unit mounted and periodically check for damage to the equipment and/or your boat. Remember, WAG Boarding Steps are for **dog use only**.

## Care and Maintenance

Your new WAG Boarding Steps are constructed from high-quality materials that should provide years of enjoyment.

- Periodically check mounting platform for damage. Repair as necessary.
- All of the fasteners are stainless steel or aluminum. Check for loose or missing fasteners prior to use and tighten or replace as necessary. If using your unit in a chlorine-treated pool, check chlorine levels. High levels of chlorine can attack the fasteners causing failure. Do not place the unit in a pool that has been chlorine shocked for at least 24 hours.
- The plastic parts are formulated for outdoor use and have good impact resistance. Periodically check for cracked parts and replace as necessary. Remove your step assembly when not in use and store out of direct sunlight for maximum life.

## Customer Support

For questions regarding your WAG Boarding Steps or to order replacement parts, please contact our toll-free customer support line at:

1-877-**WAG**-2272 (1-877-924-2272)