

WaterDog Adventure Gear®

WAG Boarding Steps™

Model XPM-6

Owner's Manual



Read this manual completely and follow instructions prior to use.

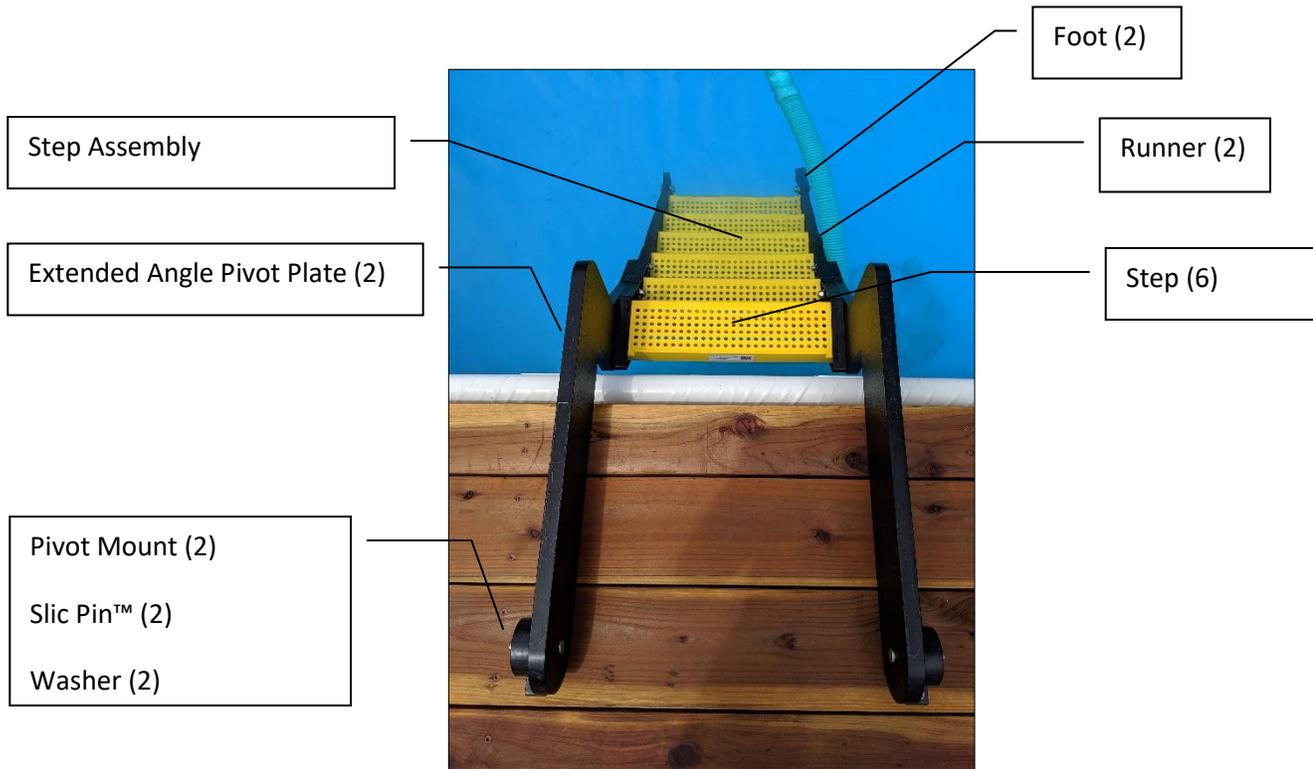
Improper use may cause injury and/or equipment damage.

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



Assembly

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

Your new WAG Boarding Steps come partially assembled from the factory. Some hardware is inserted in the component where it will be required, and pre-treated with ECK® Corrosion Protection Compound which also serves as an anti-seizing agent. Carefully unpack contents of shipping carton to avoid damage or loss of hardware.



Attach the Extended 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. 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 Slic Pins™ and washers. The Pivot Mounts can be mounted on the inside or the outside of the plates. The pins should be inserted through the side plates first, then the pivot mounts, and finally the washers. Make sure the pins are inserted all the way so that the plunger on the Slic Pin is raised and restraining the washer. To remove the assembly, depress the pin plungers and remove the pins and washers from the pivot mounts.



Installation



Determine the desired mounting location. Position the assembly so that the 90-degree corner of the Extended Angle Pivot Plates is close to the inside pool edge. (Contact is not required.) **At least 8" of the Extended Angle Pivot Plates should be resting on a load bearing surface.** (If the load bearing surface (deck) sits below the pool lip, the area under the Extended Angle Pivot Plates and Pivot Mounts can be built up.) Mark the location of the four (4) mounting holes in the Pivot Mounts on the mounting surface. Mounting options include 5/16" through bolts, lag screws or concrete anchors. This hardware is not provided because the mounting surface substrate varies by customer (e.g., concrete, masonry, wood, plastic lumber, etc.). 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.** A two-step extension kit is available, if necessary.

Use/Training

It is highly recommended that you train your dog where you can stand or float 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) will get them comfortable with this new thing they have never seen before. They should be able to swim on and walk up by themselves. A two-step extension kit is available, if necessary. Once they are used to it, they will learn to come in from the side and do it with large objects in their mouth. The steps can be pivoted completely out of the water or removed when not needed, but make sure they are in place when the dog may enter the water. Periodically check for damage to the equipment and your pool/deck. 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 fasteners are stainless steel. Check for loose or missing fasteners prior to use and tighten or replace as necessary.
- 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)