



****NEVER LIFT A BASSET UP UNDER HIS FRONT LEGS WITH THE REST OF HIS BODY HANGING DOWN!! You risk serious injury to his spine and shoulder joints!!****

1. **“Wheelbarrow” Method:** (This method is useful if the Basset is large or on the heavy side, or if you’re physically unable to lift the Basset by yourself.) Put their front feet in the car first (see note below), then, with one arm under the soft part of their belly (where it meets the back legs) for support, scoop/lift them up the rest of the way by curving the other arm under the back of their back legs and bottom. (NOTE: NEVER pull on a Basset’s front legs while trying to put their front feet in the car first. This could EASILY dislocate a shoulder. Lift them up by their chest and then maneuver the leg.)

OR

2. **Lifting Method:** Put one arm between their two front legs (putting your full forearm parallel to the dog’s spine) and curve the other arm under the soft part of their belly (where it meets their back legs). Lift straight up using your knees. Never lift using your back muscles!

Many people find that buying a ramp helps both them and their hounds save their backs. There are many places you can find them, one such site is :

<http://www.dogramp.com/>

Comparison of the ramps can be found on:

http://www.dogramp.com/dogRamp_Comparison.php

There are also websites to use for free dog ramp plans, one such site is:

<http://www.handi-ramp.com/ramp-plan.htm>