OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Intended use
Transporting small animals, weighing up to 200 pounds, in veterinary clinics and for brief outdoor use for emergency transport.

To unfold the Transport Cart for use
Pull the black “Lock Release” knob on the side of the cart (Figure 2) and push the sides apart as far as they will go (Figure 3). When the cart is fully opened, the sides will automatically lock in position and the black knob will retract.

CAUTION: Before use, always make certain the cart is safely locked in the fully open position by checking two things:
1. Try forcefully pushing the sides back together. If the sides are locked, they will not move.
2. You should also inspect the “Lock Release” to make sure the knob has fully retracted.

Placing Stretcher on Cart
Place the 4 corners of the stretcher over the 4 vertical posts A and lower the stretcher until its rests securely on the cart. Each post should extend about 2 inches above the stretcher.

Foot Brakes
To lock the foot brake, step on the large tab near the top of the caster B. To release the brake, step on other end of lever.

Taking X-rays through the Stretcher
Place stretcher with patient on the X-ray table. CAUTION: Make sure all 4 feet on bottom of stretcher rest securely on the table.
To fold the Transport Cart for storage

Remove the stretcher from the cart.

Pull the black “Lock Release” knob straight out while pushing the sides of the cart together as far as they will go. (Figure 4)

Note: If only one person is available to fold the cart, rest one side of the cart against your hip and pull the other side towards you.

The cart will remain in the folded position and can be stored against a wall with the stretcher placed between the sides (Figure 5).

Other safety cautions

• When pushing the cart, always grip the two handles at either end to avoid tipping. Do not roll the cart by pushing on the stretcher frame.
• Never roll or turn the cart so fast as to create a danger of tipping. Push slowly and carefully.
• Be careful not to tip cart when rolling over obstructions such as thresholds, electrical cords, uneven floors, or outdoors.
• When necessary, strap patients to the stretcher using the two Velcro straps. Straps can be used parallel or in X-cross pattern.
• Never leave a patient unattended on the gurney.

Cleaning

Wipe stretcher and cart with ordinary hospital disinfectants. Avoid getting liquid on casters.

Maximum load capacities

Cart and stretcher – 200 pounds

Ordering information

The Olympic Hardtop Stretcher (model 50685) is interchangeable with the Soft Stretcher and turns the Folding Gurney into an extra exam or treatment table (Figure 6).