Revolutionary Alternative to Crutches

Conventional crutches can be difficult to use. The K-9 Orthopaedic Leg Trolley from John Reid & Sons offers an alternative method of mobility.

(PRWEB) December 3, 2005 -- For some people, conventional crutches can be difficult to use. Fatigue and soreness of the hands are just a couple of problems that can come from using crutches. The K-9 Orthopaedic Leg Trolley from John Reid & Sons Ltd is an alternative method of mobility for people with lower leg injuries like:

- Ruptured Achilles' tendons
- Broken/disabled feet
- After below knee amputations

and to give rest from a prosthesis

- Broken/sprained ankles
- Diabetics' trophic plantar ulcers
- Rheumatic feet
- Gout
- Bunions
- Heel operations
- Most lower leg injuries/disabilities
- Lower leg amputations

The K9 Trolley is a lightweight walk aid that supports the shin when the knee is flexed. It is steered using knee pressure, which leaves the hands free to complete everyday tasks. This means the K9 Trolley allows for far more mobility than conventional crutches and can, on a smooth floor, move at 2-3 metres from one push.

Tests of the leg trolley showed that older people, the mentally handicapped and overweight patients got on very well with the device. Patients are mobile sooner than expected and are leaving hospital quicker. Because the K9 Orthopaedic Leg Trolley is easy to use and more comfortable, users are more likely to take exercise and recover quickly.

Paul Roberts F.R.C.S. was impressed with the K9 Trolley after sustaining an ankle injury, “I am an orthopaedic surgeon at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital in Birmingham and last week I ruptured my Achilles Tendon whilst playing squash. Fortunately I had to spend only one day on crutches and an unpleasant day it was too. After a morning on the wards and an afternoon in the clinic I had blisters on my hands and chest wall and I was exhausted. Since then I have been using K9 and it has proved to be a revelation. I have done ward rounds, clinics and a full day operating, including major spinal surgery, with only the minimal discomfort and inconvenience.”

A clinical trial at Birmingham Orthopaedic Hospital discovered that users of the leg trolley expended 25% less energy than when using crutches. The K9 Orthopaedic Leg Trolley will help many sufferers of injuries like those listed above, when mobility and exercise are key factors in recovery.

The K9 Orthopaedic Leg Trolley was designed by the MD of a Structural Engineering company – John Reid & Sons Ltd - to help him after he suffered a very bad foot injury 18 years ago. He had little thought of putting it
into production at the time, but enthusiasm and insistence from Orthopaedic Surgeons persuaded him. Ever since it went into production it has been regularly ordered by hospitals, doctors and surgeons and private individuals. For more information please visit: http://www.walk-aid.co.uk

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