



## **IMPORTANT POINTS**

- Position **femoral heads** within shadows of rods → this avoids thigh musculature superimposing on femoral head and neck.
- Position **femurs** approximately perpendicular to x-ray tabletop (from a lateral perspective) – Film shows optimal appearance.
- Position **tibias** parallel to each other and tabletop (not demonstrated on cropped image).
- Position **pelvis** symmetrically. **NOTE:** Assistant should apply equal downward pressure to each side of the distractor to prevent pelvic rotation.
- **ESSENTIAL:** Look for obvious distraction **ON BOTH HIP**S (always more than compression view). Film will not be accepted if one or both hips have no distraction. If more than one distraction film is submitted, please number all distraction films chronologically.
- Note **indentation of rubber** on rods (black open arrows). Should be 25-50% indented compared to unindented rubber (white open arrows).
- Label film with **date**, right or left **side marker**, **owner surname**, and **dog identification**.