

MUZZLE TRAINING

The most important aspect of training your dog to accept wearing a muzzle is to ensure that it is connected with positive experiences from the outset.

Generally, dogs do not like having a muzzle put on for the first couple of times and sometimes they will try to take them off for varying lengths of time. In order to avoid this situation, the muzzle should be introduced gradually in a positive manner.

The greyhound muzzle not only allows dogs to breathe and pant, it also allows you to give treats through gaps which can make getting used to it much easier.

To introduce a muzzle:-

1. Put a piece of your dog's favourite food in the bottom of the muzzle and bring it up to the dog's nose.
2. He or she will smell the food in the muzzle, and should put their nose into it themselves. Gently slide the muzzle over the dog's nose, enable them to get the treat, then remove the muzzle again.
3. Repeat this exercise, leaving the muzzle on for longer each time. Use the word "muzzle" when you are putting it on so it is associated with the action.
4. The muzzle will eventually become associated with being removed from a kennel and this becomes rewarding in itself.