

MUZZLING YOUR DOG

A bandage muzzle is used when a dog may be tempted to bite from fright or pain, the treatment of wounds, or when in shock or hurt from an accident, etc. Commercially made leather or metal muzzles are uncomfortable for the dog and usually give poor protection from bites. The best muzzle can be made very quickly from soft rope, ribbon, gauze (or, in an emergency, a man's necktie or a lady's scarf) of suitable length one or two yards, depending on the dog's size.

Make a loop by tying a single hitch near the middle of the rope.

1. Put the loop around the dog's nose, knot on top, and tighten it snugly.
2. Bring the two rope ends under the chin and make a second single hitch.
3. The rope ends are then brought over the neck and tied in a bow behind his ears.

If placed properly, the muzzle will not interfere with the dog's breathing at all; however, in hot weather the dog should not be kept muzzled too long, as **panting is his main way of eliminating heat from his body.**

Put this muzzle on your dog once in a while just for practice. It will teach you how to do it quickly, and the dog will learn not to mind it.



A seriously injured dog is fearful as well as in pain and may attempt to bite even his owner. Before you begin first aid, muzzle the dog with a long strip of gauze or any available substitute. Approach him slowly and quietly, speaking in a comforting voice. Do not muzzle a dog that is vomiting or choking.