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Dinky Grazing Muzzle Info

Using a Dinky Grazing Muzzle:

The Dinky Grazing Muzzle will greatly reduce the amount of grass eaten by the pony, allowing him to be turned out for longer periods of time without the risk of him becoming overweight or getting laminitis

It is important to monitor the pony when first using a grazing muzzle to assess how much grass he is actually eating. This will depend on the length of the grass, the way the muzzle is fitted and the determination of the pony!

The muzzle should not be left on 24 hours a day since the pony is unlikely to be able to eat enough to sustain him



Fitting a Dinky Grazing Muzzle:

The pony should be introduced to the grazing muzzle with care and should be supervised until he is happy and relaxed about wearing it. Some ponies may try to remove the grazing muzzle at first by rubbing it on the ground or fencing. The muzzle is fitted with three plastic side-release buckles to allow for easy adjustment. These buckles are an important safety feature and will break if the pony gets the muzzle caught on fencing etc.

- 1) The head strap should be adjusted so that there is a gap of about one inch (2.5 cms) between the end of the pony's nose and the muzzle
- 2) The padded nose strap should be adjusted to allow two fingers to fit between it and the pony's nose. You should also check that it is not tight when the pony is chewing as it will rub the nose and chin area if too tight
- 3) The cheek strap should be a close fit to prevent the muzzle from being pulled off over the ears
- 4) Check the adjustment of the straps when the pony's head is at grazing level as the straps will become tighter in this position

Once the muzzle has been correctly fitted, and the pony has been turned out, you can help him to understand that he can still graze by poking tufts of grass up through the holes for him. Most ponies quickly learn what to do and will accept the muzzle with no problems

Top Tip: We recommend placing a treat inside the muzzle each time before fitting it on the pony. That way he/she will associate the muzzle with a good experience and will be eager to have the muzzle fitted every day

Care of your Dinky Grazing Muzzle:

- 1) It is very important that the Dinky Grazing Muzzle is kept clean. The pony's muzzle is sensitive and thin-skinned and a dirty muzzle may cause rubbing. The Dinky Grazing Muzzle is fully machine washable and should be line dried
- 2) Check the muzzle regularly for wear and tear. After several months use you will find that the holes in the base of the muzzle will wear and become larger. The muzzle should then be replaced because the pony may then be able to eat more grass than is good for him
- 3) Spare fur lining pieces for the noseband, and spare side release fittings, are available from Dinky Rugs