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Dinky Grazing Muzzle Q's & A's

Q My pony is quite nervous. How can I encourage him to let me put the muzzle on his nose?

A We recommend placing a treat, or a piece of carrot, into the muzzle before fitting. If you do this every time you fit the muzzle your pony will soon come to you whenever you appear with the muzzle

Q How long do Dinky grazing muzzles last?

A The length of time our muzzles last varies greatly and can be anything between 2 months and 2 years! This is dependent on a number of factors including; the number of hours it is used, the length of the grass, the type of ground, the length of the pony's front teeth and the way in which the pony uses the muzzle. If the muzzle lasts less than two months it could be that it is not suitable for the pony and the length of time you require it to be used. We find that because our muzzles rarely rub when fitted correctly they are often used for longer periods of time than is possible with some other grazing muzzles

Q How can I tell if my pony is managing to eat the grass when his muzzle is on? I can't see his lips move

A Stand next to him and you will be able to hear him nibbling at the grass

Q My pony is a bit of a 'madam' and she had a huge tantrum when I put the muzzle on. She charged around the field and then stood at the gate waiting to come in. What should I do?

A We would recommend perseverance! Try the muzzle again, preferably when she is hungry, and feed her treats and grass through the grazing holes. Ponies are normally quick to catch on and you should find that she'll quickly work out what to do

Q My pony doesn't seem to be able to work out that he can still eat with his muzzle on. I've persevered but he doesn't seem to be getting the hang of it. Can I cut the holes larger?

A If necessary, the grazing holes can be made larger by cutting upwards into the wide cross strap. We would only recommend this as a last resort because it is likely that the pony will soon be eating too much grass and of course you cannot then make the holes smaller

TOP TIP! Old Dinky Grazing Muzzles, where the holes have become enlarged, are often useful for introducing a pony to a grazing muzzle. For that reason, well used muzzles do have a second-hand value when clean

Q The grazing holes in my muzzle have worn larger. Can it be repaired?

A It's not normally viable to repair the base of the muzzle since any added pieces of webbing will have rough edges and may cause rubbing. Also, it will be very difficult to sew through the thick layers of webbing

Q My pony has only had the muzzle a short time and already the base is showing signs of wear. Is it faulty?

A No, the muzzle isn't faulty. It's normal to see some signs of wear and tear around the grazing holes and on the base of the muzzle where the webbing rubs on the ground and against the pony's teeth

Q My pony lives out. Can she wear the muzzle 24 hours a day?

A We don't recommend that muzzles are used all day and night but are aware that some of our customers do so without problems. Of course, you'll need to be sure that your pony is eating enough to sustain her, and she should also be checked regularly for any signs of rubbing. We feel it's important for ponies to have some time without their muzzle on so that they can enjoy mutual grooming etc.

Q My pony has learnt how to get the muzzle off over his ears. How can I keep it on?

A This problem can usually be solved by re-adjusting the straps. Lengthen the head-strap a little then shorten the throat-strap right up so that the side (cheek) straps are pulled right back away from the eyes

TOP TIP! *It's important to take steps to prevent the pony from getting the muzzle off after the first time he does it. Ponies are very quick to learn and if you don't stop him removing the muzzle straight away it will quickly become a habit that he'll perfect!*

If you would like to ask a question about our Dinky Grazing Muzzle, or any of our other products, please email us at: sales@dinkyrugs.co.uk