**Applying a Nylon Dog Muzzle**

*Participant must talk through practicum steps with judge.*

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| **CRITERIA** **Time Limit: 3 minutes** | PointsPossible | PointsEarned |
| The student selects appropriate muzzle. * Muzzle will keep mouth shut – 2 pts
* Muzzle allows normal breathing – 2 pts
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| The student places the dog in sitting or sternal position on exam table or floor.  | 2 |  |
| The student comes from behind the dog’s head with the muzzle in one hand in the correct position. * Student stands to the side and behind dog – 1 pt
* Student holds muzzle with same hand as side of dog he/she is on (i.e., right side of dog, right hand) – 2 pts
* Muzzle is positioned with short side up – 2 pts
* Student holds side of muzzle farthest from dog – 2 pts
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| The student brings the muzzle up to the dog’s face and slips it on while grasping the strap with the other hand. * Student brings muzzle up from under the dog’s nose – 2 pts
* Student catches nose with muzzle - 2 pts
* Student reaches behind dog’s head with hand not holding muzzle and grasps strap – 1 pt
* Student gently pulls muzzle into place with both hands – 1 pt
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| The student secures the muzzle. * Student clips muzzle behind the ears – 2 pts
* Student tightens muzzle strap – 3 pts
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| The student checks for proper fit (one finger inserted under the strap). * Student gently pulls strap to check for fit – 2 pts
* Student inserts 1 finger between muzzle strap and dog’s neck – 2 pts
* Students adjusts strap as necessary to allow for no more than 1 finger between muzzle strap and dog’s neck – 2pts
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| **TOTAL POINTS**  | **30** |  |