**Applying a Nylon Dog Muzzle**

*Participant must talk through practicum steps with judge.*

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| **CRITERIA**  **Time Limit: 3 minutes** | Points  Possible | Points  Earned |
| The student selects appropriate muzzle.   * Muzzle will keep mouth shut – 2 pts * Muzzle allows normal breathing – 2 pts | 4 |  |
| 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 | 7 |  |
| 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 | 6 |  |
| The student secures the muzzle.   * Student clips muzzle behind the ears – 2 pts * Student tightens muzzle strap – 3 pts | 5 |  |
| 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 | 6 |  |
| **TOTAL POINTS** | **30** |  |