

MUZZLE ME IN 1,2,3!

Muzzle training can be an enjoyable and bond-building experience for dogs and owners. The trick to both the fun and effectiveness of this training lies in the method!



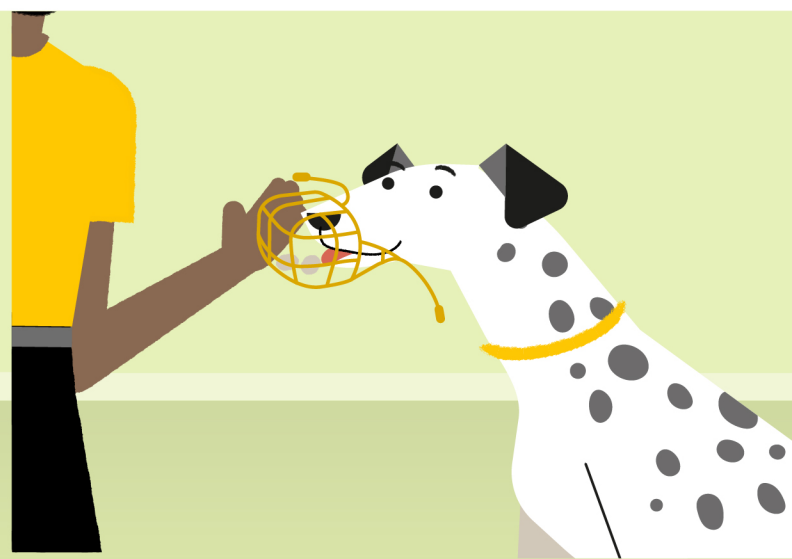
Place the muzzle on the ground to give your dog a chance to investigate it. It's important that we don't try to put the muzzle on their face straight away.



Whilst the muzzle is still on the floor, reward your dog when they interact with it, this could mean them just looking at the muzzle or having a full-on sniff-spection!



Once your dog is happy engaging with the muzzle on the floor, you can pick up the muzzle and pop some tasty treats inside, you can start from the opening of the muzzle and gradually move the treats in further. Go at your dog's pace and let them come to you!



Well done for helping your dog to get to this stage, making sure that they're comfortable with the muzzle!

Just remember- keep sessions short and sweet. This is a process and there's no time limit to get to this stage- your dog will guide the pace!

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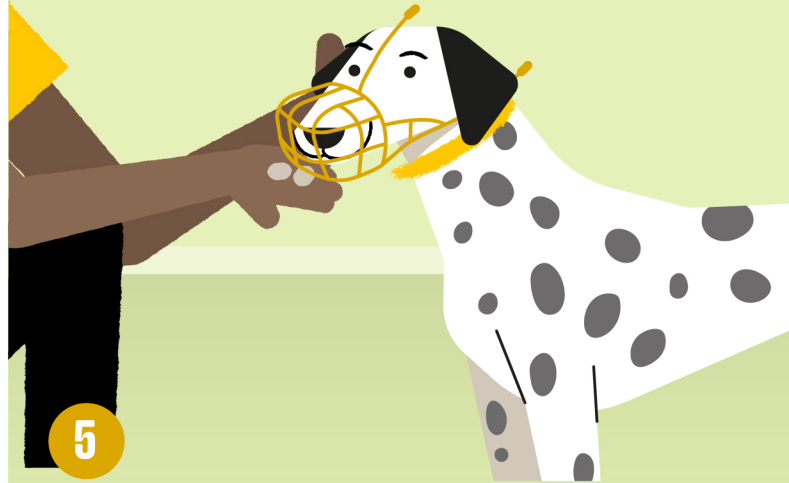
4,5,6... YOU GOT THIS!

Once your dog is comfortable working with the muzzle you can move onto the next steps.



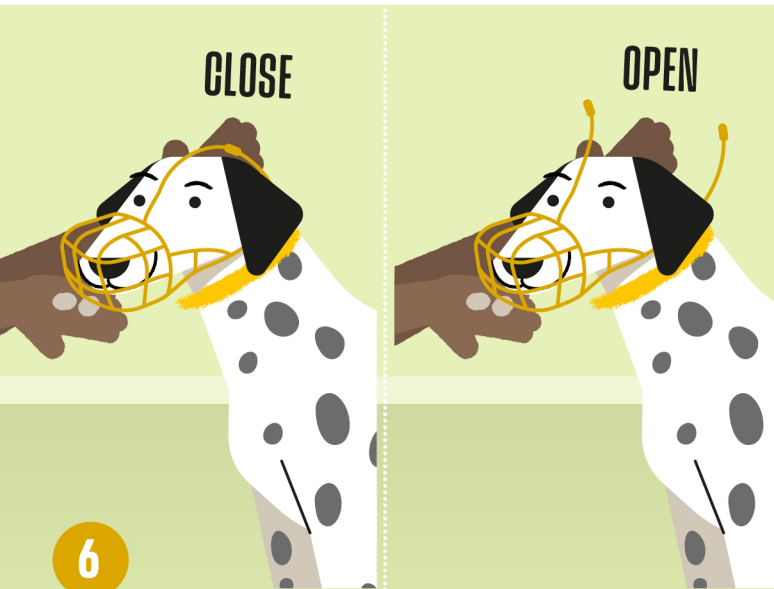
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Now that your dog is getting used to it, you can offer a reward from the outside of the muzzle when they place their head in.



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If your dog is comfortable with the previous step, try lifting the straps of the muzzle up behind your dog's ears. Don't click them closed just yet!



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While repeating Step 5, now try click closed the straps. The key part here is that you open them again quickly initially, but then start to build up the time that they're kept closed for.



Congratulations!

You now have the skills to help your dog wear their muzzle with comfort and confidence!

Top Tip: It's important to take your time with muzzle training and always be prepared to go back a step if your dog is appearing unsure or uncomfortable. After all, the aim is for them love their new muzzle!

