

Rescue Glide Ratchet Strap Application

Use: Move recumbent animal

Materials:

- 4'x 8' Rescue glide
- 2 – 2"- 4" HD Ratchet straps
- Hobbles, rope, pulley, webbing
- 2" x 6' Velcro head strap
- Padding or towels
- Head protector or life jacket
- Blind fold

Personnel:

- 2+ riggers
- 1 animal handler - controls head at all times
- Haul team or vehicle to pull glide

Procedure:

1. Apply head protection and blindfold if appropriate.
2. Slide or roll animal onto glide.
3. Attach ratchet straps to sternal side cut outs and lay across barrel between legs.
4. Apply padding material under straps and attach ratchet hooks on dorsal side.
5. Crank ratchets until sides of glide elevate around animal. Pad any pressure points.
6. If legs are uninjured and can be bent, apply hobbles to pasterns and bring hooves together with carabiners and webbing.
7. Use a rope and pulley to draw hooves towards belly and tie off on dorsal side. Place padding under rope as needed.
8. Strap neck to glide with Velcro if sedated.
9. Attach haul ropes to front and tag lines to back of glide to help direct.
10. Animal handler attends head during transport.
 - Animal should be sedated if possible. If not animal may struggle especially when glide stops moving.
 - Make sure the path is clear when ready to transport so there will be no unnecessary stops.
 - Work from dorsal side of animal avoiding the leg "kick zone" even if animal is sedated.



Bottom 3 photos courtesy of Gary Larson