

Small Animal Webbing Harness & Muzzle

Use: To lift an animal out of a hole or up a cliff or to secure animal to a rescue glide for transport

Materials: 1"x 12'-20'webbing, depending upon size of animal **Personnel:** 1animal handler, 1 rigger

Procedure:

- 1. When applying to a dog, fit with a muzzle first.
- 2. Make a loop in webbing using a water knot.
- 3. Place loop under and around barrel of animal bringing up over back so you are holding both ends of loop in one hand.
- 4. Bring front of loop forward between legs, twist loop (cross webbing on chest) and slip over animal's head.
- 5. Feed front loop through the two side loops and take up slack making sure the webbing is cinched tight over the shoulders and around the barrel.
- 6. Secure with an overhand knot around the loops above the shoulders and make a loop to attach carabiner for lift.
- 7. Apply harness to hind end for added security, large dogs, and longer hauls using the same procedure. The hind should hang lower than the front.
- Keep water knot off of animal and adjust webbing so it does not create pressure points or bind the animals' genitals during the lift.
- Have an attendant handle the animals head during the procedure. The animal may struggle at the beginning of the lift but will usually settle. If they continue to struggle, check placement of harness for pinching of body parts, hair or skin.
- Long and fine coated dog hair will tangle in webbing.







Temporary Muzzle

Material options: Gauze roll, leash, webbing, belt

Caution: Make sure animal can breathe normally. Animal will usually try to get muzzle off so should not be left unattended. If animal is stressed or overheated and needs to pant, remove muzzle. Gauze muzzles will tend to stretch with time so need to be monitored and may need to be tightened.

Procedure:

1. Make a loop and slide over nose.



3. Tie off at back of head.

2. Snug knot and wrap ends under jaw. Cross under jaw and bring around neck.



