

## How to Fit a GreenGuard Grazing Muzzle

### 1 Position muzzle



**CORRECT:** Position muzzle so the "greenguard" logo faces forward. There should be 3 slots going across the front.



**INCORRECT:** The "greenguard" logo is not facing forward. Width is now 5 slots across instead of 3.

**NOTE: Muzzle is not symmetrical. Follow instructions carefully!**

1. Position muzzle. The correct orientation of the GreenGuard muzzle is 3 slots to the front and 5 slots to each side. The front of the muzzle has a "GreenGuard" logo. Note that the muzzle is not symmetrical; if the muzzle is fitted sideways, your horse may not be able to fully open their mouth.

### 2 Attach straps



**GG HALTER:** Attach front strap to ring on noseband. Attach back strap under chin. Attach side straps to noseband or eyelets so they hang perpendicular to noseband.



**NON-GG HALTER:** Attach front strap to front noseband. Attach back strap under chin. Attach side straps to noseband or eyelets so they hang perpendicular to noseband.

**NOTE: Newer straps have an additional keeper on the back that should be used. See "Tip: Securing straps."**

2. Attach straps to muzzle. Attach front strap to the ring on your halter's noseband. Attach the back strap under the horse's chin. Attach straps on either side to the halter's noseband or eyelets so that they hang perpendicular to the noseband.

### 3 Adjust straps



**CORRECT:** Adjust straps to allow about 1 inch space between muzzle and horse's mouth (1/2 inch for mini muzzle). Ensure straps are not too tight or pulling inward on muzzle. Muzzle should move freely on halter.



**INCORRECT:** Not enough space in bottom leads to rubbing and muzzle malfunction. Horses will be frustrated if they cannot move around to access openings because straps are too tight.

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3. Adjust the straps so that there is about 1 inch of space between the bottom of the muzzle and your horse's mouth, or about a half an inch for a mini pony. Fitted correctly, the muzzle should move freely around a horse's mouth. If it is fitted too tightly, it can lead to rubbing problems.

## 4 Adjust angle



**CORRECT:** Adjust strap lengths and placement so bottom of muzzle is parallel to horse's grazing surface.



**INCORRECT:** Front strap is too short causing muzzle to tilt up. Grazing surface is on an angle rather than flat.

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4. Adjust the straps so that the bottom of the GreenGuard muzzle is parallel to the ground when your horse is grazing. For further fitting tips, we have a handy [tutorial video](#).

### Additional Tips for Fitting a GreenGuard Grazing Muzzle

#### Tip: Securing straps



**BACK STRAP KEEPERS:** Our newer straps have an additional back keeper bar. After attaching strap to muzzle, slide it through the back keeper before attaching it to the halter. This will keep the straps more secure.



**BROKEN STRAPS:** Straps are designed to break away for safety. If they break, you can buy replacement straps online. Baling twine or zip ties work well as a temporary fix.

Tip: Securing straps. Our newer straps have an additional back keeper bar. After you attach the strap to the muzzle, sliding it through the back keeper will prevent the strap from flopping about.

#### Tip: Rubbing



**TOO SMALL:** The GreenGuard muzzle fits much larger than traditional muzzles. If it is too small, your horse's chin may hit the back of the muzzle and cause rubbing.



**TOO TIGHT:** Tight straps or insufficient space at the bottom makes grazing difficult and can cause rubbing and/or the muzzle to warp or break.

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The GreenGuard muzzle is designed to fit larger and more loosely than traditional grazing muzzles. The fit is based on bit size so that it has play around a horse's nose and mouth.