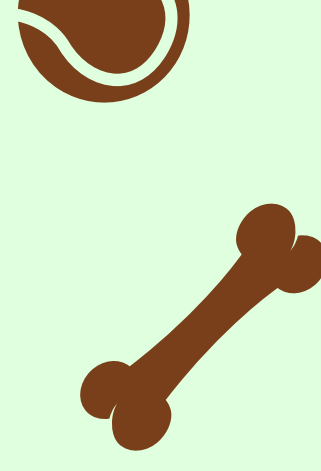


# Muzzle Training

During all the steps and games listed below **consent** will have to be given by the dog at each approximation. If dogs does not give consent the training process must back up one to two approximations.

All games are played with very **slow tiny movements** to begin with. Add playful noises and toys to the process if they elicit play and joy in the dog. Use a trail mix of very **high value** treats. Use know tricks: nose, paw, fetch.



## Nosewich Game

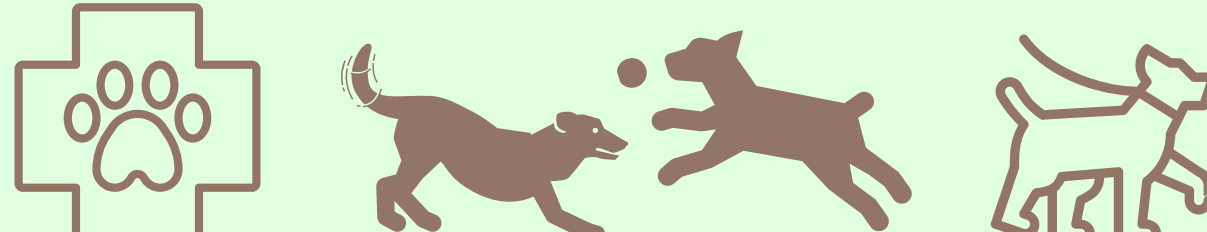
Before you introduce muzzle play the nosewich game. end result: **use your hands to create a muzzle**, top hand on top of muzzle, bottom hand cupping chin. This is lured and shaped starting with chin then moving to adding the top hand. the steps of training and the finished product are always paired with **food treats**.



## Proper Use

When to use a muzzle:

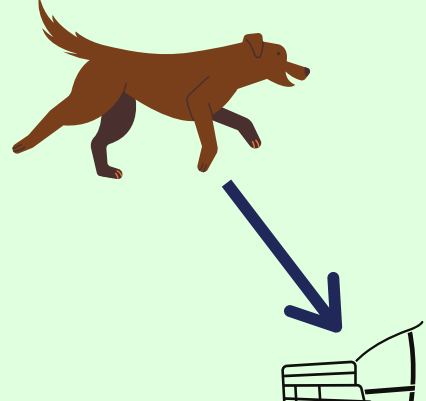
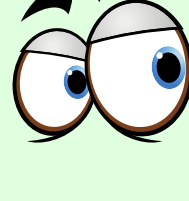
- Medical Emergency
- Taking dog for a walk
- Interacting with unfamiliar dog
- Interacting with a puppy



Always avoid **flooding** unless it is a medical emergency (such as seeing Dr. JD, our veterinary behaviorist). If possible use chemical restraint to avoid flooding.

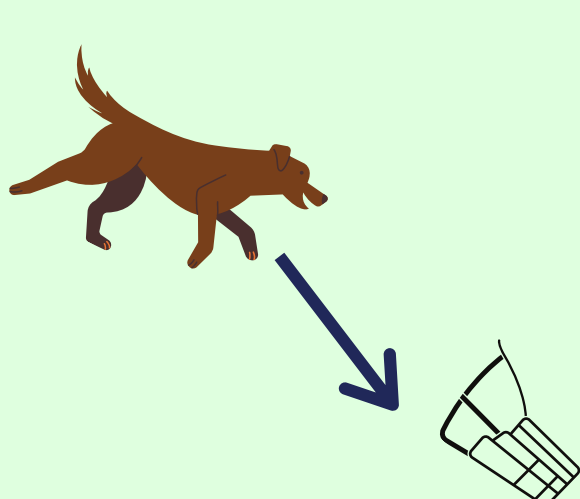
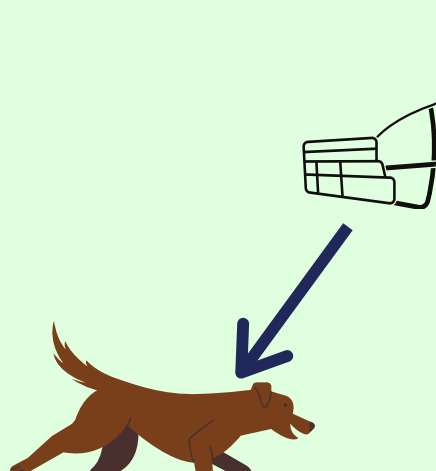
## Training Game

1. Drop muzzle on floor, give cookie for looking at muzzle.



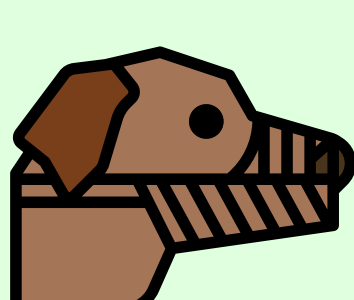
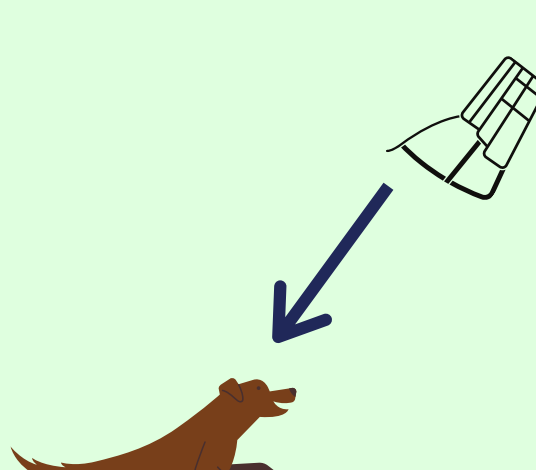
2. Dog approaches Muzzle: hold muzzle in your hand with opening facing away from the dog, shape or lure dog to touch with nose and paw. if dog picks up muzzle like a toy that is also great.

3. Muzzle approaches dog: Use chin behavior from nosewich game and have the muzzle with opening facing away, kiss dog on the nose.



4. Turn muzzle so opening is facing dog's nose, repeat dog approaches muzzle game #2 above.

5. Turn muzzle so opening is facing dog's nose, repeat muzzle approaches dog game #4 above.



6. Add the strapping of the muzzle making it a fun game.

Have fun and help all parties have fun - muzzle games are a blast!