











## Basket Muzzle Protocol

### Hints:

- ◆ Do not move to the next step until your dog will reliably and comfortably repeat the given task 8 out of 10 times
- ◆ If you find that your dog is becoming stressed at the step you are on, return to step ONE and proceed from there
- ◆ Each dog will move at their own pace
- ◆ Never rush your dog, this will always back fire
- ◆ Use small treats that are eaten quickly
- ◆ If you have not used a clicker with your dog before, click and give your dog a treat 10-15 times so they begin to understand the clicker equals a treat

### Basket Muzzle

-  Click and treat your dog for sniffing or touching the basket muzzle on the floor
-  Click and treat your dog for sniffing or touching the basket muzzle in your hand
-  Place a treat inside the basket muzzle and click the dog for retrieving the treat
-  Hold the treat outside the muzzle, when the dog pushes his nose into the muzzle, click and push the treat through the muzzle
-  Combine the previous step with using the command 'muzzle'
-  Start giving the command 'muzzle', when the dog puts his nose in the muzzle, wait one second then click and treat
-  Continue the above, but increase the time to 2 seconds, then click and treat
-  Continue the above, increasing by one second intervals, making sure that the dog is reliably and comfortably offering the behavior before moving on
-  When your dog can wait 20 seconds with his nose in the muzzle, now you can start using the strap
-  Leave the muzzle on for short intervals then remove it. This will help work up to the real thing