

Measuring and photographing
your horse for a FitGrazer
grazing muzzle

What you will need

- A tailor's measuring tape; a folding ruler is also useful, but not essential.
- A sticker, a piece of adhesive tape, paint or wet mud to mark the measuring points.
- A second person to photograph the measurements.
- A cooperative horse or plenty of patience - ideally both.

Start by marking the horse's head

Use anything that makes a clearly visible mark that stays in place on the horse's head.

1. Mark muzzle depth C when viewed from the side. Do not add any allowance!

Approximate muzzle depths:

Ponies: 14-19 cm

Medium-sized horse: 19-23 cm

Large horse / giant: 22-25 cm

2. Mark the position of the halter ring to which the poll strap and throatlash will attach, preferably on both sides.

These two marks are enough for all the measurements.

If absolutely necessary, a photograph of the horse's head showing the marks where you took the measurements will suffice.

Example of correctly marked measuring points



Start measuring and taking photographs

MUZZLE DEPTH C

A folding ruler is easiest to use because you can hold it with one hand. A tailor's tape also works, using both hands.

The reading on the tape does not have to be legible in the photograph; I obtain it from the order. I am checking where and how the measurement was taken.

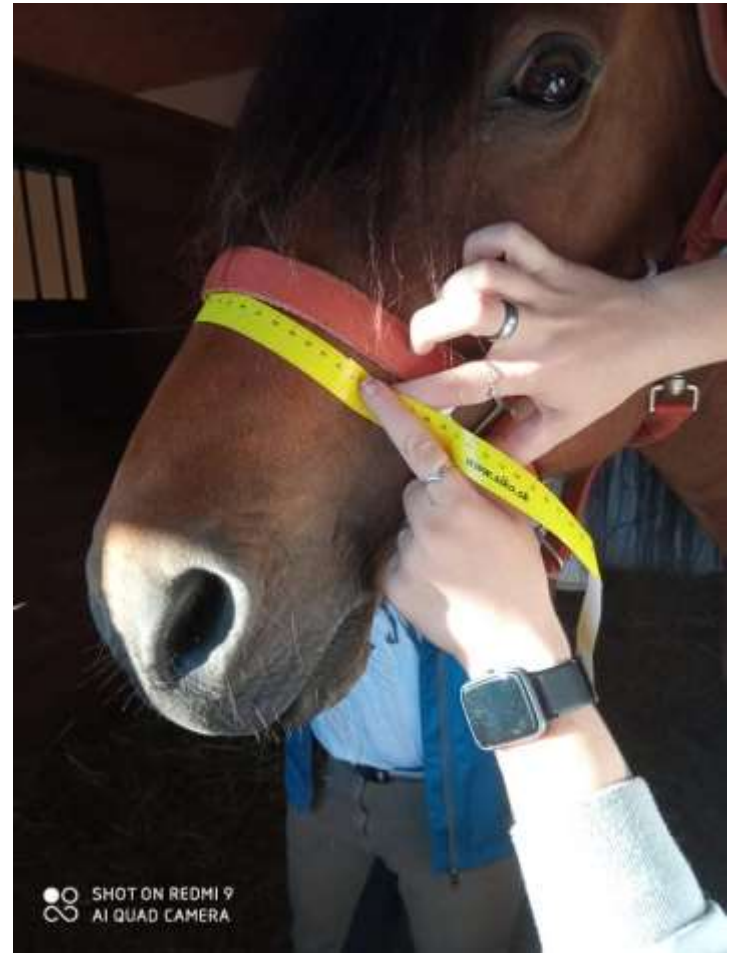
Examples of correctly measured and photographed muzzle depth



Upper circumference A

Measure all the way around the muzzle at the depth mark. Again, do not add any allowance. Try to keep the measuring tape perpendicular to the line of the lips.

Examples of correctly measured and photographed upper muzzle circumference



Check measurement



Measure from one corner of the lips, taking the tape behind the ears to the other corner. Both ends of the tape should be at the level where the bottom of the muzzle will sit, without any allowance.

Cheekpiece D

Measure the cheekpiece from the muzzle-depth mark to the mark for the poll-strap ring.



Poll strap E



- Measure from the ring mark on one side of the head to the ring mark on the other side.

Lower muzzle circumference B

This is the hardest circumference to measure and is usually the measurement horses object to most. Measure around the widest part of the lower muzzle, across the prominence of the chin and the nostrils.

This measurement helps me determine how wide the bottom of the muzzle must be so that it does not rub the horse's chin.

Examples of correctly measured and photographed lower circumference



Measuring the throatlash F

- Measure from the ring mark, passing under the jaw to the ring on the other side.



Measuring is not easy: a horse is a living animal and will naturally move. It is therefore better to take measurements twice, especially the muzzle depth and upper circumference.

All other measurements can be adjusted to some extent or remade if necessary.

The circumference and depth of the muzzle basket cannot be remade or adjusted.

Thank you for your cooperation

