

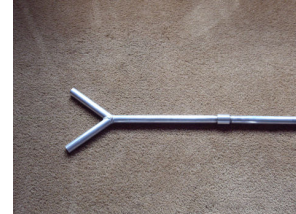
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Finishing the GWR Aluminum Y Pole

Thank you for purchasing the GWR aluminum Y pole. This Y pole is unfinished and the tines must be wrapped before it can be used with dogs.

This Y pole is built from 10 gauge aluminum with a two piece handle that screws together with an attached aluminum coupler. Aluminum is very strong, yet lightweight and won't corrode over time. Total handle length is 4.5 feet (1.4 m). Each tine is 6.5 in. (16.5 cm). Two pieces make it portable in vehicles and the shorter length can be used in confined kennel spaces. Since it is unfinished, the tines can be cut shorter before wrapping if you are working with smaller dogs.



To finish the Y pole, the tines must be thoroughly padded. Before you pad the tines, you can cut the tines shorter for medium and smaller dogs. Even though the Y pole is primarily psychological restraint, the Y pole works best if the dog cannot slide its head and neck through the Y pole when it is being applied to the animal. A five inch length for each tine might work better small or medium-sized dogs.

The first layer should thoroughly cover the tines with a rugged material to prevent the dog's teeth from touching the metal. You can choose from automotive heater hose, 1" black plastic poly pipe, or many layers of bicycle inner tubing. Reinforce this first layer with duct tape then add a second layer using closed-cell foam. (Closed-cell foam does not soak up water.) This can be foam for insulating pipes shaped like a long tube. Then add many, many layers of duct tape. Don't forget to cover the ends well. There should be no place where you can feel the metal of the tines. The padding and tape will protect the animal's teeth when they bite on the pole. The pole is now ready for use.



Remember to use the Y pole like a safe and caring extension of your hand. For this to work humanely, the handler must not use the Y pole in a threatening manner. Learn to first greet the dog with the Y pole in a way which teaches the dog that the Y pole (like your hand) is kind and safe. Use a combination of dominance with compassion to teach the dog it is safe to submit and allow the Y pole to be placed across its neck. From that point you can then conduct physical exams, collect blood, add further restraint to move the animal, or administer anesthetics. Work in a calm, kind and compassionate manner.

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