

Handy Hint

Training a young bull to yield to a nose ring.

A great way of teaching a young bull this lesson, is to let him train himself!

Equipment.

- * A two litre milk or cordial concentrate plastic bottle (must have a handle).
- * A long piece of baling twine.
- * A dog clip.
- * A solid fence preferably with a smooth rounded rail on the top.
- * Water.

Method.

Tie the bull to the fence so that he cannot lie down.

Attach the dog clip to one end of the baling twine. This will be clipped on to the nose ring. Run the twine up over the smooth rail and down the other side. Half fill the bottle with water and tie the loose end of the twine to the handle. The twine should be the correct length so that when clipped onto the nose ring and the bull has his head up in 'show ring position,' the bottle of water is sitting on the ground.

Result.

When the bull lowers his head, the bottle of water rises from the ground and puts pressure on the nose ring. When he yields to the pressure and lifts his head, the bottle sits on the ground, relieving the pressure on the nose ring.

Caution.

Tie the bull in this manner for short periods of time at first. Say half an hour.

Make sure the bull is well halter broken first, and is accustomed to being tied with a halter.

Use a halter that does not tighten on the bulls head – eg a rope horsemanship halter.