

Chapter 9 - Hackamores & Their Uses

The Hackamore With Bosal

The classic hackamore features a Bosal noseband, and sometimes called a "Bosal" or a "Bosal hackamore." It has a long rope rein called a mecate and may also add a type of stabilizing throatlatch called a fiador that is held to the



hackamore by a browband. Like a bit, a hackamore can be gentle or harsh, depending on the hands of the rider. It is a myth that a bit is cruel and a hackamore is gentler. The animal's face is very soft and sensitive with many nerve endings. Misuse of a hackamore can not only cause pain and swelling on the nose and jaw, but improper fitting combined with rough use can cause damage to the cartilage on the mule's nose or even break the fine bones that protect the nasal passages. Remember, the larger the hackamore is not necessarily the better 'enforcer', but it's the shape,

