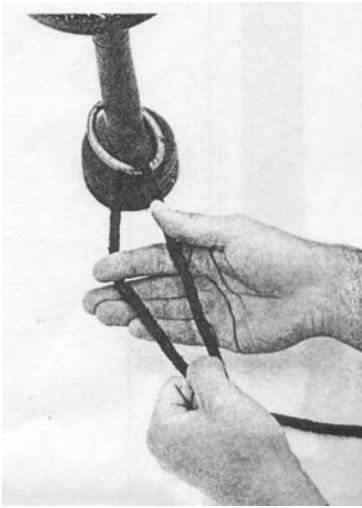


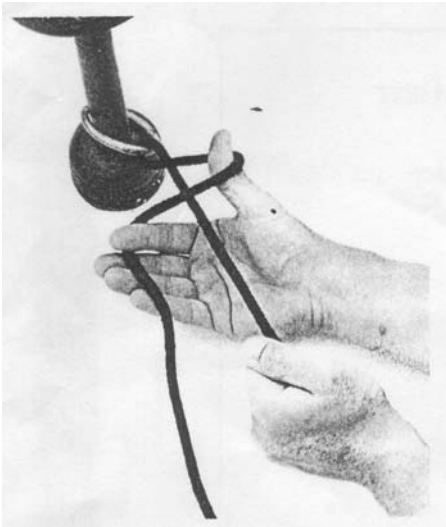
The Falconer's Knot



1. With the hawk sitting on the gloved left hand, and the leash secured around the little finger (do not allow the hawk to sit on a perch), pass two-thirds of the free end of the leash through the tethering ring on the perch. Hold the free end of the leash approximately 3 in from the ring with the right hand, palm uppermost. The leash should run under the end joint of the index finger and over the second third and fourth fingers.



2. Move the hand under the length of leash which runs from the swivel, grasping it in the fork between the thumb and index finger.

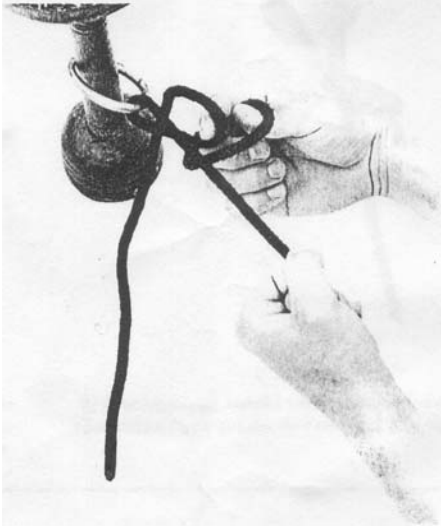


3. Hook the free end with the thumb, between the fingers and the tethering ring. Bring the thumb back, allowing the leash to slide through the fingers to the original position to form a backward figure 4.



4. Leaving the thumb in an upright position, turn the hand palm-side down and out to the right, thereby forming a loop around the index finger.

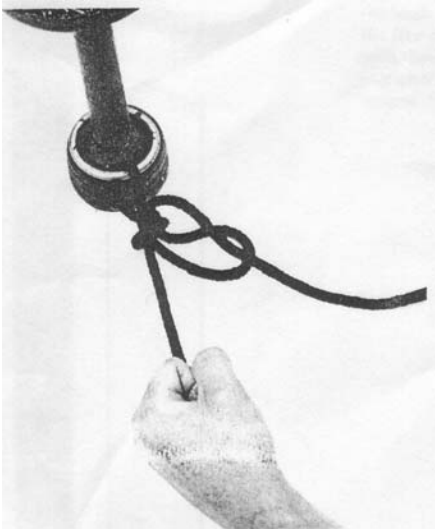
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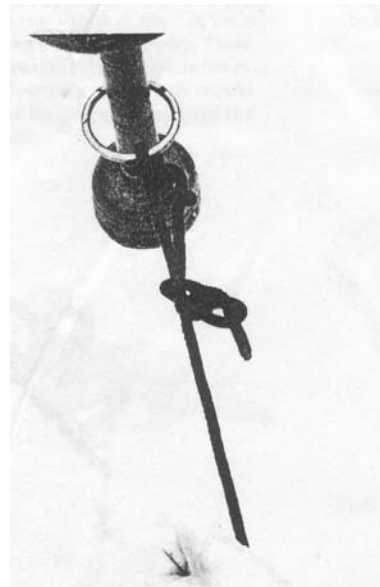
5. Bring the leash on the index finger to meet the point of the thumb and push the loop down, through the loop formed by the thumb, to form a figure 8.



6. Tighten the knot with the second finger and thumb.



7. Pass the free end through the loop and pull tight. Slide the knot down to the tethering ring by pulling the end of the leash attached to the swivel. This completes the knot.



8. A second knot should always be tied for safety. To release, take out the free end and pull sharply.