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NORTHWOODS GAUNTLET CARE

You have received a *Northwoods Falconry, LLC Gauntlet* made with durable calf, goat, elk or kangaroo leather. These are tough leathers to begin with but some simple maintenance will greatly extend their life. Here is what we suggest you do before and during the life of the gauntlet:

1. Before you start using it, rub in a light coating of Lanolin, Jesse Grease or Nurtureseal leather grease. This will darken the leather but provide a barrier to meat juices, water and keep the leather from becoming stiff.
2. After feeding your bird on the fist simply wipe off any meat and juice and hang it in a dry place. If really messy, run the gauntlet under tap water until clean and then dry with a paper towel. The coating of leather grease will prevent the gauntlet from absorbing a lot of water.
3. Once per month or more frequently when your gauntlet leather appears to be "dry", re-coat the gauntlet with the leather grease.

TIP: Use a hair dryer (if you have one) to heat in the grease after it has been applied to the gauntlet. Simply wear the gauntlet and apply the heat with the blower one inch away until you see the grease disappear. The grease liquefies and is absorbed into the leather like a sponge. Grease applied this way will stay in the fibers of the leather and you will not have to apply so often. If you do not have a hair blower then you can put the gauntlet in your oven on a paper towel for one hour. **PLEASE BE CAREFUL AND DO NOT LEAVE IT IN THE OVEN ANY LONGER OR ON A HIGHER HEAT SETTING!** Do not use a Microwave for this process. Last, use heating methods on your jesses and anklets too—you will be amazed!