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THE FALCONER'S KNOT

1. Pass the free end of the leash through the ring on the perch. Hold the free end about six inches from the ring with the right hand, palm upwards, under the index finger and over the second, third and fourth fingers.
2. Move hand under standing part of leash, grasping the standing part in the fork of the thumb and index finger.
3. Turn hand downwards and hook the thumb under the part of the leash between the index finger and ring. Bring thumb back to original position.
4. Bring whole hand back to original side of leash so it forms a loop over index finger.
5. Tuck loop so formed through the loop over the thumb.
6. Draw the knot so formed tight with second finger and thumb.
7. Slide knot down to ring by pulling on standing part of leash. Tuck free end through loop of knot (safety).
8. Hold the hawk securely by its jesses until the knot is secure.

