



## **Apps Cane Practice Chanter Reeds Care and Maintenance**

Cane practice reeds are designed to be played wet all the time. No more worrying about your reed getting too wet during practice, in fact, the moisture from your breath will help the reed play the way it was designed to.

When you receive your reed it will be dry and the sides may have opened up. Dip the blades in water until the cane is completely saturated. Take it out of the water and blow through the staple to remove excess water. The sides will close up and the blades will regain their shape and curvature. The bridle regulates the strength of the reed. If the reed is too strong simply squeeze the bridle either by hand or gently with pliers to close the blades. If you go a little too far just squeeze the staple from the side to open the blade again. Ensure that the bridle stays just above the binding. This is its ideal position.

Care must be taken to ensure that there is enough clearance in the chanter cap to avoid breakage. If there is a water trap fitted it must be removed. The space between the base of the cap and the top of the inside must be at least 3 1/4ins. or around 80 mm.

For a demonstration of these instructions please refer to our video. You can find a link from our website <http://www.appsreeds.com>

### Trouble shooting

1. If the reed is too sharp on the top hand, first make sure that it is fully wetted. This will bring the reed into balance. If it is still too sharp on the top register add some hemp to raise it in the reed seat.
2. If the reed is too flat on the top sink it further into the reed seat
3. If the reed starts to mold, place the blades in some diluted Hydrogen Peroxide and allow the reeds to dry. Re-wet before playing.