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## Eight Essential Horse Manners

### Led Quietly by Your Hand

When you lead your horse he should walk beside you quietly paying attention to you. Your horse shouldn't pull you, barge ahead, hang back, or push into you.

### Allow Every Body Part to be Touched

Your horse should let you touch every part of his body. The most sensitive spots are the ears, muzzle, sheath or udder, between legs, and chest, but these areas need to be cleaned or dressed if they are injured. Teach your horse to have these areas groomed and touched.

### Stand Quietly to have Feet Handled

Horses need regular hoof care. Teach your horse to stand quietly while you clean their hooves. They also need to remain calm while the farrier works them.

### Accept Paste Wormers

Teaching your horse to accept paste wormers will make regular parasite control easier. It also make the administering of other oral medications easier.

### Getting on a Trailer

A horse that won't load on a trailer quietly isn't just frustrating, it can be dangerous. Even though you may not plan to leave your properly with your horse, he should learn to get on a trailer. Often horses who don't lead well, also don't load well.

### Wait

Use the command "wait" to tell the horse to wait until you completely open a gate or stall door before coming through, or to stand and wait while you put feed in the buckets. A horse that barges through gates or doors is dangerous to both the handler and horse.

### Be Caught

Even if your horse is just pasture decoration it will at some point it need to be caught. There is nothing more frustrating than an hour of riding and have that time taken up pursuing your horse around the pasture. Things can get dangerous if your horse feel cornered and the only escape is over you. Teach your horse to be caught each and every time you want it.

### Stand Tied

Standing quietly to be tied, whether to a post, beside a trailer or a tree. You'll want to tie your horse to groom, clean hoofs, harness up, or just keep him safely out of the way while you attend to other matters. Teach your horse to stand quietly while tied without fussing or pulling. Oftentimes, a horse that don't stand quietly while tied don't lead quietly either.

