

GENERAL SKILLS

Examples:

- ♥ Leading (there is lots to it)
- ♥ Mounting / dismounting
- ♥ Saddling
- ♥ Bridling
- ♥ Bit fitting
- ♥ Bridle fitting
- ♥ Bitless bridle fitting
- ♥ Tying
- ♥ Farrier and hoof trimmer preparation
- ♥ To bit or not to bit



The better a horse accepts a well fitted bridle and saddle, helps their human mount and understands to wait until they are asked to do something, believe it or not, the better they can do & understand everything else.

Tension and spooking can be understood so much better if the human learns how to prevent rather and build a communication to create relaxation.

If a horse cannot stand still quietly for grooming with hands that love and feel for them, then I find only the same happens in everything else the rider does with their horse.

The spooky corner in the arena, the plastic bag that 'can kill' and the white dressage boards that 'eat horse's legs' at a competition – it is not about the....!
It is about self-confidence and understanding the nature of the horse first.

Too many times I hear people say – I do not use a stick or whip because my horse is afraid of it.

This is such a shame and for the horse's sake and a better quality of life we can address this. In my training a stick is not used to punish, the stick is used to communicate, reinforce and refine.

Horses have a great ability to forgive and we can ask for their forgiveness but then for the sake of our own conscience, we must keep that promise.