

# After riding Saddlebred horses for over 20 years

## I have learned the following important facts:

1. The only way to really enjoy your weekend is to ride a horse while someone is shooting off roman candles at you.
2. You can fix just about *ANYTHING* with a little shoe string and some 'lectric tape.
3. The only words that matter are "Yeah Boy!" and "'Ep Here!"
4. Clucking to your horse always gets it done....Clucking at your spouse does not.
5. My horses will always be worth more than my cars.
6. Whips, chains and leather have nothing to do with sexual deviancy.
7. NEVER wash your clothes at a Laundromat. But if you must, never, ever use the big washer.
8. Baby powder has many uses besides use on a baby.
9. I will always own more ties than my husband.
10. You have not lived richly until you have spent a 30 degree weekend in Kansas City.
11. To make a small fortune in horses you must start with a large one.
12. I can magically lower my voice five octaves to bellow at a pawing horse.
13. I will always know more about my horse's nutrition than my own.
14. Real jogging does not include sneakers and sweats.
15. My horses will get new shoes more often than I do.
16. Golf courses are a complete waste of good pasture land.
17. A hoof pick can double as a screwdriver.

18. When in doubt- get on around.
19. Never pick a fight (with horses or people) that you can't possibly win.
20. When the horses are not fun they are expensive. So ALWAYS make it fun!

## Horse Terminology

Gaited Prospect = Big Fast Horse  
Dressage Prospect = Big Slow Horse  
Western Prospect = Pretty Color  
Sporting Prospect = Short Fast Horse  
Endurance Prospect = Fast Horse which will turn on occasion  
Flashy = Crazy with White Socks  
Attractive = Bay  
15.2hh = 14.3hhh  
16.2hh = 15.3hh  
To Loving Home = Expensive  
To Show Home Only = Very Expensive  
Needs Experienced Rider = Potentially Lethal  
Elegant = Thin  
In Good Condition = Foundered  
Free Moving = Bolts  
Quiet = Lameness in Both Front Legs  
Dead Quiet = Lameness in All Four Legs  
Good in Traffic/Bombproof = Lameness all Round, Deaf and Blind  
Loves Children = Kicks and Bites  
Pony Type = Small and Hairy  
Warmblood Type = Big and Hairy  
Draft Type = Big and Exceedingly Hairy

Arab Type = Looks startled  
Quarter Horse Type = Fat  
Easy to Catch = Very Old  
Must Sell = Spouse has left home and taking kids

**And finally, I believe  
Shakespeare may have been a  
Saddlebred fan....**

*He's of the color of the nutmeg. And of the heat of the ginger.... he is pure air and fire; and the dull elements of earth and water never appear in him, but only in patient stillness while his rider mounts him; he is indeed a [Saddlebred] horse, and all other jades you may call beasts.*

*~William Shakespeare, Henry V*