## **SMART EQUINE CARE SECRETS**

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## **Horse Care Matters**



Horse owners have important responsibilities associated with owning and caring for their horses. It is a rewarding and enjoyable experience, and horses make wonderful companions. However, owning a horse requires significant time and effort, and can be expensive to care for. To keep your horse healthy requires preventative care, as well as proactive care.



Besides the basic requirements, which include adequate water, feed, shelter, space, exercise, company and health care along with treatment for illness. You need not just love them, but commitment to keep them healthy and happy. Horses and humans develop a connection or trust by way of grooming and care.



Horses are herd animals and need the company of others, whether in the same paddock or a neighboring paddock.

Keeping a horse on its own, so that it cannot see other horses, may lead to behavioral problems such as pacing along fence lines in the paddock or being difficult to control when being handled or ridden.