HORSE-LOVERS’ ABC

Nine rules for harmony between humans and horses

1. Horses need humans

Horses depend on humans. We horse-lovers are all responsible for making sure that each and every horse is treated well – as you are, too!

2. Horses need to be taken care of – correctly

Horses need water and feeding stuff, they need movement and contact with other horses. We horse-lovers make sure that each horse has what it needs – as you do, too!

3. Health first

Health and contentedness of the animal are more important than winning at any price. As horse-lovers, we consider wellbeing more important than success- as you do, too!

4. All horses are valuable

Each and every horse deserves care and affection, no matter whether it is young or old a grazing pony or a show horse, a stallion or an old trained horse. As horse-lovers, we are aware that all horses deserve to be treated well – as you are, too!

5. Humans and horses share a long history

For thousands of years, humans and horses have had a very close connection. As horse-lovers, we are willing to learn and to profit from the age-old knowledge from our own and from other cultural backgrounds - as you are, too!

6. Horses are excellent teachers

Horses are sensitive to impatience and lack of self-control. They reward kindness and patience. As horse-lovers, we are prepared to learn from our horses - as you are, too!

7. Horses and humans need to learn from each other

In order to enjoy their sport together, both humans and horses need continuous education and training. As horse-lovers, we consider good communication with our horse the most important goal - as you do, too!

8. Performance should never be forced

Horses differ greatly in their talents and performance capacities. As horse-lovers, we respect these natural limits, without using force, coercion or drugs to go beyond them – as you won’t, either!

9. Horses are entitled to a dignified old age and life’s end

A horse’s life is shorter than a human life. As horse-lovers, we do not abandon our horse to needlessly suffer pain and agony.