

# **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.