

ARE YOU SITTING ON A TIME BOMB??

Most of us think our horses are pretty safe and easy to get along with. We live with their little "expressions of individuality, and as long they generally do what we ask, we are happy. We have been handling them a certain way for years and do not see any need to change.

I would like to challenge you to think again!!

If your horse does not have a desire to be with you and work with you, then if he gets a fright or has had enough, he is going to get you off or get away from you any way he can, and you are potentially SITTING ON A TIME BOMB?

Here are a few simple tests to try with your horse to see how safe your horse is:

- Try to catch him in an open paddock without food and see if he walks straight up to you
- Throw a rope over his entire body and see if he can stand still
- Give him a little bit of a fright and see if he runs away or trusts you enough to stay with you.
- Can he go into the float without the enticement of food?
- Can you keep him on the bit and from tossing his head without a martingale?

If you and your horse cannot successfully complete all of the above tests, then there is room for improvement in your relationship.

Some may say there is no point to having your horse successfully complete all of the above tests, but the reality is, your performance and safety will improve **DRAMATICALLY** if he actually **WANTS** to perform and be with you. I guarantee it!

My philosophy is based on humans learning to communicate with horses in a language the horse understands. I have taken the best training techniques from all the best trainers and can help you figure out what works best for you and your horse.

I offer individual lessons and also run two-day clinics to help you achieve better results and harmony with your horse. The clinics offer group and individual tuition.

And even better, imagine learning to ride this way right from the start!!

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