

Dream Big
Napoleon



DREAM BIG PONIES

C/O PENNY MIKEMAN

6273 FM 1833

ROBSTOWN, TX 78380

361-228-3525

WEBSITE:

www.dreambigponies.com

E-mail: NAPOLEON@USAWIDE.NET

BASIC SAFETY GUIDELINES

Whether you are learning to handle your first horse, or just enjoy leaning over the fence watching, learning a few safety precautions will prevent accidents and injuries. The calmest horse or smallest pony has the potential to hurt someone if it is startled or scared. These recommendations may help you avoid kicks, trampled toes, bites, drags, or run-aways. If you are just starting out, you may feel a bit overwhelmed at all you need to remember. But quickly safety rules become habits, just like looking both ways before crossing the street.

Horses are NOT like dogs and cats. Dogs and cats are predators. Horses are considered PREY animals. As prey animals a horse's ability to react quickly and out-run a predator was key to their survival in the wild. This instinct remains strong in domestic horses.

- You should never:** Wind lead ropes, reins or lunge lines around your hands, arms or body
- You should never:** Stand directly behind your horse no matter how much you trust him or her. Why? A horse can kick you and seriously injure or kill you when he is scared or upset.
- You should never:** Put your hands on the wheels of a cart or buggy.
- Horses are considered prey animals. When a horse is scared his primary means of protection are to KICK, STOMP, BITE or RUN to save himself.
- You should never** sneak up on a horse, this can spook him. Always begin speaking to him before approaching his personal space from at least 10 feet away so he knows you are coming near him.
- Feed treats from buckets or tubs. Horses can very quickly become greedy and mistake fingers for carrots. If you must use your hands, use an open palm with fingers closed.
- Wear sturdy shoes or boots with a heel that will protect your feet if your horse or pony steps on them. No sandals or thin shoes!
- FOR MORE SAFETY MATERIAL PLEASE GOOGLE SEARCH "HORSE SAFETY" AND EDUCATE YOURSELF AND YOUR CHILDREN ON WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAFE AROUND HORSES AND GIVE THEM A GOOD FOUNDATION FOR THEIR FUTURE HORSEMANSHIP. IT'S AN HONOR TO BE KNOWN AS A GOOD HORSEMAN (OR HORSEWOMAN).

We have read and understand these basic rules for our safety. We have also been provided an extra copy to keep to refresh our memory for next time we are around horses.

Event Host(s) Signature

Date

Event Host(s) Signature

Date