



Teach Your Horse to Tie

Horses need to learn to be tied and stand quiet so they can be safely handled, saddled and taken care of by vets and farriers.

One technique to teach your horse to tie is to connect the horse by its halter to a cotton cinch around a donkey's neck. Donkeys are stronger and more determined than horses. So the horse gets to be a donkey buddy for two weeks. That donkey will teach the horse to stand patiently, to yield to pressure and to do what the donkey (and later on, you) wants it to do. If the donkey wants to eat hay, he pulls the horse to the hay manger and they both eat. And that goes for everything: drinking, coming to the gate, etc.

Pretty soon the horse will figure out that it had better safely follow whoever is leading its halter.

The good news is you don't have to teach a donkey to teach your horse; they do it instinctively.

To learn other tying techniques, go to **saddleupsafely.org** and click on the blog.

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Read Dr. Camargo's horseback riding safety blog
by following the link at **saddleupSAFELY.org**.