



Horses and Dogs

Most horse lovers also love dogs. So we need to make the most of this relationship while keeping safe. Here are some tips:

- 1. Introduce your dog to your horse in a low-key environment.** Pick up the dog and present it to the horse. It's better to do this while the dog is a puppy so he/she won't be aggressive toward the horse.
- 2. If your horse is scared of dogs, be very calm and assure both dog and horse that it's a good thing to be friends.** Don't rush. It may take months before they are comfortable. If one does not accept the other, don't force the issue.
- 3. Do not ride a horse in the presence of a dog that you are not familiar with or bring a dog around a horse that you're not familiar with or a horse that does not like dogs.**
- 4. Be responsible – teach your dog respect for livestock, to stay away from the horse's heels, and that it's a privilege your dog must earn to join you and your horse while riding.**
- 5. Don't put your pooch in a situation where he/she can get hurt by an aggressive horse.**

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