



HORSE BEHAVIOUR & SAFETY

Equine Guelph Horse Behaviour & Safety Workshop

Who Should Take This Class?

This workshop is designed for horse people (ages 16+) who would like to learn more about the best practices for handling horses safely. This workshop is ideal for those new to horses including; new owners, new riders, mounted police units and first responders.

Our goal is to provide basic tools to help keep you safe around horses

Other Resources

Equine Guelph
Horse Behaviour & Safety eWorkshop
(2 week online course)

www.EquineGuelph.ca

What This Class is About

- The Horse in the Wild – A Herd and Flight Animal
- The Modern Day Horse
- How Horses See
- How Horses Hear
- Horse Herd Behaviour
(How Horses Interact with Each Other and You)
- Horse Handling/Approaching a Horse
- Rider/Helmet Safety
- Trailer Safety
- Safety around the Barn and Paddocks
- Fire Safety

Why is This Class Important?

- Knowledge gives you confidence
- **Knowledge keeps you safe**
- In an emergency situation you may be the only person who has knowledge of how to work safely around horses

Knowledge Keeps You Safe

- Horses are large and intimidating
- Horses panic easily and respond unpredictably

Your Safety is Number One!

Horse instinct says, “Flee!” in the face of danger

- Let him know where you are at all times
- Move slowly
- Talk to him
- Approach at his shoulder, if possible

Evolution of the Horse



Eohippus



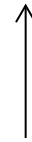
Mesohippus & Miohippus



Parahippus & Merychippus



Pliohippus



Equus caballus

Domestication

- Pony I
- Pony II
- Horse III
- Horse IV



Basic Horse Groups

- Draft
- Heavy harness
- Warmbloods
- Light harness/saddle
- Ponies

End of Section