

Body Language

Horses use body language to "talk"

Their signals are easily understood by other horses

Head Positions



Equine Guelph Horse Behaviour & Safety Workshop

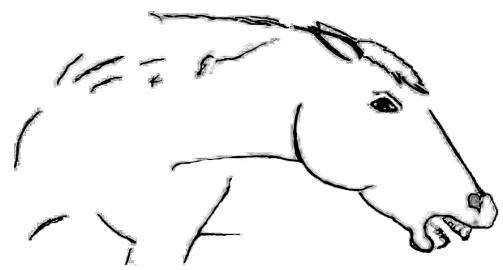
High Head

Carried high when tense or anxious/fearful



Low Head

If face is taut and tense and head is low, horse is angry



Body

Are either of these horses

relaxed?



Tail

- Carried high denotes anxiety/spirit
- Lashing is a sign of anger
- Flicking may be a sign of annoyance or a fly biting
- Clamped tight against the body is a sign of fear

First Line of Defense

- "Flight or Fight"
- Horses have a large "safety space"
- Horses have lightning reflexes

Other Creative Attacks

- Up and
- Over
- WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment) moves

How Does the Horse Kick?

- When kicking, the power comes from his hip.
 Stay in close or stay outside his kicking range, which is about 15 feet
- Horses can kick to the side as well as to the rear

How Does He Get Up?

- Heads up!
- Face forward
- And onto your feet

The Psychological Horse



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