

Stable Vices

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Date: _____




What is a stable vice? _____

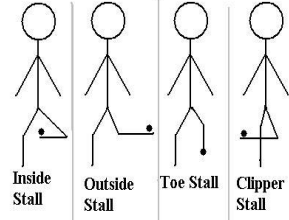



Why do horses get them? _____

What kind of horses have vices? _____

What can you do?

- _____
- *Keep your horse happy and occupied:*
 - _____
 - _____ toys
 - stall _____ instead of a closed door
 - but especially, give him plenty of time in the _____!

	<u>Name of Vice</u>	<u>What is it?</u>	<u>What does it hurt?</u>	<u>Why do they do it?</u>	<u>How to fix it.</u>	<u>Picture</u>
1)		-Grabs solid object with teeth. -Arches neck. -Swallows air.			Incurable. 	
2)		Chews on wood, does not suck in air			Manageable.	

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3		Kicking and smashing stall walls and doors with hind hoofs.			Manageable.	
4		Pony sways from side to side, swinging his head, shifting from foot to foot.			Manageable.	
5		Digs holes in stall floor. Tips over buckets.			Curable.	
6		Swaying the tail and rump hindquarters against fence or stall wall.			Manageable.	

Bad Habits





What is a *bad habit*? _____





Why do horses get them? _____






What kind of horses have bad habits? _____.



What can you do?

- *Educate yourself!*
- *Understand the needed retraining techniques*

	Name of Habit	What is it?	Why does it happen?	How to fix it	Picture
1)		Biting humans	-when groomed roughly - girth too tight -being harassed	-remove cause -short slap and loud NO!	
2)		Horse gallops off at high speed	-poor fitting saddle -painful bit -past abuse and fear	Manageable -check tack - retraining -avoid riding in open spaces -pull horse into circle	
3)					
4)		Refusal to go forward often followed by violent temper if rider			

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		insists.			
5)		Balking, rearing, swinging around, screaming and then rushing back to the barn or herd.			
6)		Avoids humans with halter and lead.			
7)		Swaying, leaning, rearing, jerking foot away, kicking, striking.			
8)		Rearing or setting back when tied, often until something breaks or horse falls and/or hangs by halter.			

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9)		Moves head away during grooming, bridling, clipping, vet work.			
10)		Short, stilted walk/jog with hollow back and high head.			
11)		Standing on hind legs when led or ridden, sometimes falling over backwards			
12)		Spooking at real or imagined sights, sounds, smells, or occurrences.			
13)		Losing balance or catching the toe on the ground and missing a beat or falling.			

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14		Switching and/or rotating tail in an irritated or angry fashion.			
15		Taking a swipe at a person with a front leg.			

➤ *What is the difference between a VICE and a BAD HABIT?*

Rating Requirements:

D2 - Name three common stable vices.

C1 - Discuss types and causes of stable vices.

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