

RWG HORSEMANSHIP

Safety Tips

SAFETY AROUND A HORSE

- Always keep your feet on the ground. Do not groom a horse while sitting or kneeling.
- When grooming, keep one hand on the horse at all times, especially when working on legs.
- When walking behind a horse, remain close to the horse, keeping one hand on the horse at all times. While placing the near hand on horse's ribs slowly walk behind the horse talking to the horse as you walk around the horse to the other side.

HOW TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO A HORSE

- First stretch hand out as you slowly approach the horses shoulder, allowing the horse to sniff you.
- If the horse is accepting of your hand then you can proceed to pet the horse's shoulder.
- Remember to be respectful of horse's feelings, a good relationship is built on mutual respect for one another.

OR

- Rubber Curry-used to remove mud, sweat and bring dirt to the surface of the coat, use in circular motion
- Hard Brush-brings the dirt to the surface of the hair
- Soft Brush-flicks dirt off coat and brings the oils out of the coat to leave your horse looking shiny
- Hoof Pick

Horse's should be thoroughly groomed before each ride. Grooming is a time to bond with your horse and inspect your horse for any scrapes, bites or swelling.