

Horses and Ponies

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People who ride horses know a lot about how to take care of a barn. People who also ride horses know how to take care of them. They are responsible for the pony or horse because the horse or pony doesn't know what you want so you have to tell them. Ponies and horses are different than people because they get scared more easily because they don't know what the sound is. I think horses and ponies can teach you a lot.

First of all, Horses can teach you how to care for a barn. According to *The Spruce*, you have to clean the horses and ponies' stalls everyday, so the horses and ponies don't get sick. You should always have bedding, so the horses and ponies can get clean stalls. You need to check for broken fences, nails, loose gates and more. You should check for that because horses and ponies can get hurt from it.

Second of all, having a horse or pony can teach you how to care for horses and ponies. According to *The Spruce*, you can learn how to check horses and ponies hooves for cracks. That is important. You can learn how to clean stalls so they don't get sick. You should get a farrier to put shoes on the horses and ponies, so they have support on their hooves.

Third of all, horses can teach you to be responsible. Horses and ponies taught me to be responsible because I have to take care of the horses and ponies. If you don't have control of the horse or pony the horse is going to do whatever the horse or pony wants. When my pony hurt his leg I had to be responsible for him. I had to wrap it and then I had to duct tape it so the bandage does not get ruined. When I am riding I have a lot of responsibility because I have to tell the horse what to do. When I am riding I have to make sure that I am steering, so the horse or pony knows where to go.

In conclusion, I think horses and ponies can teach you a lot. They help teach you how to take care of a barn and teaches you how to take care of horses and ponies. Some people think that taking care of a barn and taking care of horses are not fun but it really is fun. I have seen people that are not that excited to ride then after they do, they want to keep doing it.



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