

8 Principles of Horsemanship

1. Horsemanship is natural.
2. Don't make or teach assumptions.
3. Communication is two or more individuals sharing and understanding an idea.
4. Horses and humans have mutual responsibilities:
 - *Humans:*
 - Act like a partner, not a predator.
 - Have an independent seat and feet.
 - Think like a horse.
 - Use the natural power of focus.
 - *Horses:*
 - Act like a partner, not a prey animal.
 - Maintain gait.
 - Maintain direction.
 - Look where you're going.
5. The attitude of justice is effective.
6. Body language is universal.
7. Horses teach humans and humans teach horses.
8. Principles, purpose, and time are the tools of teaching.