

SOP No: ATT 041

SUBJECT Tie a horse up in a safe manner.

POLICY: These procedures may only be performed by operators who have been educated in the correct techniques, and under the supervision of their Demonstrator who is skilled in horse handling. Leather boots must be worn.

PRECAUTIONS: Be constantly aware of the horse's body language and responses. At all times work calmly and quietly. Make sure gates are closed securely. Ensure there are no immediate hazards which could cause injury. Make sure you do not get into a position where you could get crushed between the horse and the rails. No other horse must be tied up within kicking distance of the horse.

EQUIPMENT: Safe stock yards, halter, lead rope, short length of baling twine

PROCEDURE:

1. Tie the horse's head "up" (at least shoulder height) to a short loop of bailing twine attached to an upright sturdy post. The length of rope should be long enough for the horse to move his head around but not long enough to allow it to get a leg over the rope. Use a quick release knot so that when the lead rope is pulled to release the horse, it comes completely away from the twine.
2. If using a long lead rope, shorten the excess free length of rope by repeatedly pushing a loop of the free rope through the previous loop.
3. When applying the loops to the rope, make sure your fingers do not go all the way through the loop. It could injure your hand if the horse suddenly pulled back, trapping your fingers.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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