

Understanding Horse Body Language

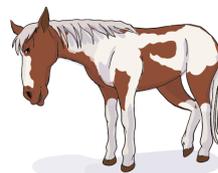
Happy/relaxed horse body language

1



Standing upright with a relaxed posture, resting hind leg, ears facing up and forward, relaxed face with closed mouth, natural shaped nostrils and eyes with no white showing in the eyes.

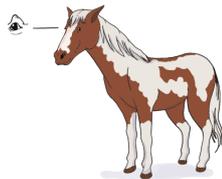
2



Relaxed, resting posture, upright with head and neck low, resting hind leg, ears low and pointing outward, relaxed muzzle, nostrils, and eyes, dozing and easily startled.

Worried/anxious horse body language

1



Standing upright with raised head, ears pointing backward or in different directions, tense eyes, cheeks, and muzzle, and square nostrils. Horse may be feeling anxious and in pain.

2



Leaning back posture, ready to run, with a raised head, ears back, white of the eyes showing, tense eye muscles and muzzle, and square nostrils.

Angry/unhappy horse body language

1



Long, wrinkled nostrils, ears held slightly back.

2



Long, wrinkled nostrils, ears held back, facing source of annoyance.

3



Long, wrinkled, open nostrils, ears back and flat, whites of eyes showing, teeth showing, lunging posture.

4



Ready to kick, tense, swishing tail, wrinkled, long, open nostrils, ears flat against neck, white of eyes showing, and head raised.