

TIPS AND TRICKS OCTOBER 2013

Tying a rope halter correctly is important so that it doesn't loosen up on its own or if your horse pulls back so that it gets too tight and you can't undo the knot, so here is a tip to make it safe and it is so easy.



Figure 1. Standing on the horse's on-side, pass the free end of the crown piece through the halter's loop eye, then slip the same free end UNDER the loop eye.

Figure 2. Next, bring the free end of the crown piece back OVER the loop eye, then through the loop the crown piece has formed.

Figure 3. Finally, pull the knot snug and tuck the free end beneath the jaw piece so that it is out of the way and won't flap.



We all know the saying, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink". Well, that's very true, but if you lead a horse to warmed water with some molasses or apple juice added, you may be able to convince it that it WANTS to drink. This is a great trick to encourage your horse to drink while travelling or under stress while at shows, horse camp, etc. Just a tablespoon of molasses in a bucket of warmed water is all it takes or one cup of apple juice works too. Don't do this on a regular basis at home or you will have a "junkie" horse waiting for his next fix!!!

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