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Money Saving Tips For Horse Owners

Cut back on the cost of horse care with these money saving tips for horse owners.

Feed

- The one thing you should never skimp on for your horse is high quality hay. Hay is least expensive in summer. Buy off the field, loading your own hay during hay season or have it delivered, but always buy the best. You'll pay top price for delivered hay in the middle of winter.
- Cut back on concentrates unless there is a very good reason to be feeding them. Most horses stay happy and healthy on good quality hay alone. Don't however, feed cattle feed. It can contain additives that are deadly to horses.
- Bulk purchases of grain can be cheaper than buying by the bag. If you have a way to store loose grain, check with your local farmers' co-op or feed store and compare prices.
- Feed 'generic' feeds from your local feed mill rather than name brand. Compare prices, ingredients and quality.

Equipment

- Buy equipment such as saddles, bridles, halters, riding boots, blankets, and other accessories from the consignment section of your tack shop. Don't buy used helmets.
- Repair instead of replace. Learn to do your own repairs. A lot of equipment can be hand sewn if you don't have access to a heavy duty sewing machine.
- Clean your own rugs and blankets. A water hose and car brush combined with a little inexpensive livestock shampoo and elbow grease does a good job on soiled winter rugs.
- Organize or take part in a tack swap to clear out unused equipment and get stuff you need.
- Make your own polish to shine brass on harnesses, bridles and halters with salt or baking soda and vinegar instead of chemical polishes. It's better for your pocket book and environment.
- Learn to make your own riding clothing and other accessories. A dressage dickie that costs \$15 or more in a tack shop can be made with about \$2 of white cotton fabric and a little handiwork.
- Any item that has the word 'horse' on it, or a horse image on it will probably be more expensive than identical items that don't. Your horse won't care if its bucket or brush has a horse image on it. Glycerin soap is glycerin soap regardless of whether the packaging has 'saddle soap' on it or not. Anything you put on your horse's skin, or is meant to be eaten should be made for horses though.
- Sell unused equipment to raise money for things you really need. Get together with friends or neighbors and hold a 'paddock sale' just like a yard sale.
- Horse rescues may give you a tax receipt for equipment you donate. Make sure they are a registered charity.

- Be patient and wait for big ticket items to come on sale. Be a bargain shopper. Buy things on sale at the end of the season. For example, winter rugs often come on sale in late winter/early spring and show clothing comes on sale in the fall.
- Check auto-part and farm supply stores for inexpensive tubs, buckets, manure forks, brooms, even halters, brushes, de-wormer and other supplies.

Riding

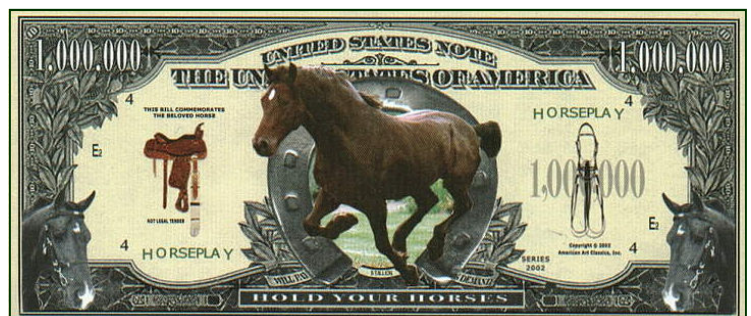
- If you take lessons consider switching to group lessons, or taking lessons bi-weekly.

Stabling

- Reduce the size of your herd.
- Some lumber mills sell softwood shavings. They may deliver in bulk or you may be able to bag it yourself.
- Turn off lights in your barn and arena when not in use. If riding at night, only turn on half the arena lights unless you are doing something that requires excellent lighting, such as jumping.
- Change the type of board you are paying for. If you're paying for full board, consider pasture boarding.
- Barter barn chores for a discount on your board. Just make sure you are willing to commit to the work.
- Turn out horses as long as possible so they don't soil costly bedding.

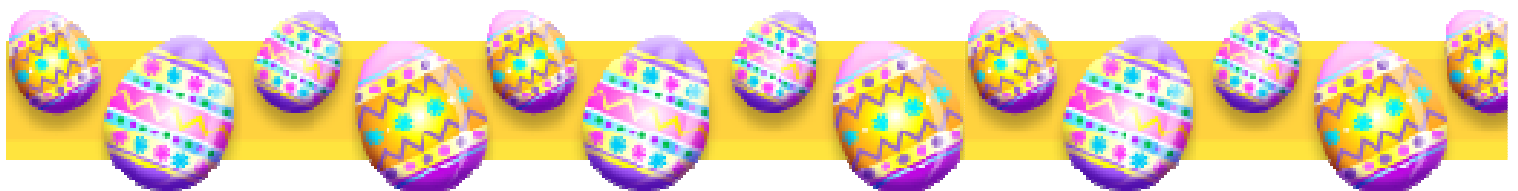
Care

- Simple ways to keep the cost of horse care down:
- Let your horse go barefoot if possible. Try front shoes only if your horse must be shod.
- Good basic horse care can prevent colic and other health problems that can result in vet bills.
- Don't breed your mare. In most cases it is less expensive and risky to buy a four year old horse, than it is to raise one from a foal.
- If your vet normally de-worms your horse, consider doing it yourself. Skimping on immunizations however, is false economy.



Equestrian Events April 2011

- **Mar 31-Apr 3, Burbank** - *Festival of the Horse Dressage Show*, Los Angeles Equestrian Center, Cornerstone Ltd, 818-841-3554
- **Apr 1-3, Del Mar** - *Diamond Jubilee Morgan Horse Show*, Del-Mar Arena, www.diamondjubileehorsheshow.com
- **Apr 2, Sunland/Tujunga** - *Weston Transformation Workshop*, Free Horsemanship clinic, 1st Saturday of every month, Celie 818-352-7709 or cw@celieweston.com
- **Apr 2, Ramona** - *Ranch Sorting and Shootout*, CowHorse Ranch Cattle Club, Every Saturday, www.cowhorseranch.com
- **Apr 2, Hemet** - *12 Acre Obstacle Course*, Cactus Valley Equestrian, first Saturday of every month, 951-766-0246 or info@cactusvalleyequestriancenter.com, www.cactusvalleyequestriancenter.com
- **Apr 2, Yucaipa** - *Region 14 Gymkhana*, Check out our website for more information www.cshareg14.webs.com
- **Apr 2, Norco** - *The Iberian Halter Horse Clinic*, presented by Choice Show Horses and hosted by Renaissance Equestrian Center, www.choiceshowhorses.com
- **Apr 2-3, Del Mar** - *Spring Del Sol Classic Horse Show*, Fairgrounds Horsepark, www.delsolclassic.com, 858-259-1148
- **Apr 3, Orange** - *OPA English Horse Show*, Sandy Forkert sforkert@socal.rr.com or 714-997-3377
- **Apr 3, Somis** - *The Benchmark Program Rally #2*, El Sueno Equestrian Center, Lisa Westin 818-426-8668, www.elsuenoequestrian.com, www.thebenchmarkprogram.com
- **Apr 4-8, Hemet** - *2011 Ultimate Camp Clinic*, Reed Valley Ranch, call for reservations. 760-285-0160
- **Apr 8-10, Burbank** - *Gold Coast 2 Hunter/Jumper Show*, Los Angeles Equestrian Center, Langer Equestrian Group 818-567-7317
- **Apr 8-10, Del Mar** - *Fiesta Del Mar Arabian Horse Show*, Contact Debra Duncan Montoya 760-525-2589
- **Apr 9, Ramona** - *Ranch Sorting and Shootout*, CowHorse Ranch Cattle Club, Every Saturday, www.cowhorseranch.com
- **Apr 9, Moorpark** - *"COWBOY" BBQ and Trail Ride to Benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital*, www.eticorral54.com \
- **Apr 9, Poway** - *PVRA Gymkhana*, www.pvra.com/gymkhana/
- **Apr 9-10, Vista** - *Southern California Horse Show Circuit* - Vista Palomar Riders, Scott Hichey, Lance 760-744-3648
- **Apr 10, Riverside** - *Trails Trials - Benefiting Relay For Life / American Cancer Society*, Hidden Valley Wildlife Area,
- **Apr 11-15, Hemet** - *2011 Ultimate Camp Clinic*, Reed Valley Ranch, call for reservations. 760-285-0160
- **Apr 14-17, Burbank** - *West Coast Quarter Horse Circuit*, Los Angeles Equestrian Center, Kathy Warne 541-826-9880
- **Apr 16, Ramona** - *Ranch Sorting and Shootout*, CowHorse Ranch Cattle Club, Every Saturday, www.cowhorseranch.com
- **Apr 16, Lancaster** - *Introduction to Pleasure Driving Show Clinic*, be taught by experienced driving instructor, judge, and TD, Contact carpediemfarm@aol.com
- **Apr 16-17, Del Mar** - *Signature 2 County Horse Show*, Fairgrounds Horsepark, Robin Serfass, robinserfass@cox.net
- **Apr 17, Fallbrook** - *Dressage and Cross Country ~ Combined Training*, by Fallbrook Pony Club, Located at Fallbrook Riders Field, www.fallbrookponyclub.com
- **Apr 21-24, Del Mar** - *Del Mar National Horse Show Western Week*, www.delmarnational.com, horseshow@sdfair.com
- **Apr 22 -24, Burbank** - *L.A. Chapter Dressage*, Los Angeles Equestrian Center, Cornerstone Ltd. 818-841-3554
- **Apr 23, Burbank** - *Saddlebred and Western School League*, Los Angeles Equestrian Center, Elizabeth Curren 626-685-5255
- **Apr 23, Ramona** - *Ranch Sorting and Shootout*, CowHorse Ranch Cattle Club, Every Saturday, www.cowhorseranch.com
- **Apr 23, Woodcrest** - *Monthly clinics with Jutta Schott Feitlehrer FN*, Saturdays, Liston Stables www.listonstables.com
- **Apr 23, Bonsall** - *2nd Annual Tack Sale*, Rawhide Ranch, www.rawhideranch.com
- **Apr 23-24, Del Mar** - *Showpark County 1 Horse Show*, Fairgrounds Horsepark, www.showpark.com, 858-481-9085
- **Apr 28-May 1, Del Mar** - *Del Mar National Horse Show Dressage Week*, Del Mar Arena, www.delmarnational.com, horse-show@sdfair.com
- **Apr 28-May 1, Del Mar** - *Showpark Spring Classic Horse Show*, Fairgrounds Horsepark, www.showpark.com, 858-481-9085
- **Apr 28-May 1, Burbank** - *Hollywood Charity Horse Show*, Los Angeles Equestrian Center, www.LA-EquestrianCenter.com
- 714-444-2918
- **Apr 29-May 1, Hemet** - *Best of America by Horseback*, as seen on RFD TV, ride with Tom Seay and the crew from, Reed Valley Ranch, "Best of America by Horseback", Ranch managers Don or Janet, 951-581-4866





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Most folks are like a barb-wire fence, they have their good points.

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Top 6 Horse Myths

There's no doubt about the mystical nature of horses. They seem to capture our imagination and are a symbol of strength and freedom. But some things that we believe about horses just aren't true.

1. Horses are Just Like Dogs

Someone asked, 'aren't horses just like dogs'. The My answer is no. Your dog and you have a number of common interests. You both like a warm bed, the same kinds of food (to an extent), humans and dogs can survive by hunting and we all live in 'packs'.

Horses are prey that hunters might like to eat, they are herbivores and their social structure is quite different from dogs (and humans). As well, if you take a dog for a walk you can safely let it off the leash and know it will stay with you. You can't do that with a horse. Although many people believe their horses are companion animals, they are not the same as dogs.

2. My Horse Loves to Jump (or Barrel Race, or Any Other Sport)

It is often said: "My pony loves doing games" or "My horse just loved the trail ride." It's fun to think that your horse or pony likes doing the same thing you do. But your horse probably doesn't share your enthusiasm for horse sports. When have you ever seen a horse run barrels, jump a course of jumps, or execute a perfect 20 meter circle spontaneously with no human prompting?

A horse may have qualities that makes them more suitable for a certain sport but that doesn't mean it likes it more. Your horse probably enjoys eating grass, hanging out with his buddies and just being a horse.

3. Horses are Dumb

Just because you can't make your horse do something doesn't mean it's stupid. Perhaps it just doesn't understand. It may mean you are not communicating clearly what you want.

Horses quickly sense which riders are clear communicators and make their cues irresistible. They also know which ones can't. Since horses aren't naturally motivated to do what we ask them, they won't if they think they can get away with it. Horses aren't smart in same the way people are, but they are very adept at being horses.

4. Horses Communicate By Neighing and Whinnying

This myth is partially true. Horses do whinny and neigh to communicate. But they don't carry on a conversation the way you sometimes see in the movies, with a constant stream of screams, squeals and nickers. Horses are relatively quiet animals. Much of their communication with each other is in the form of body language.

5. Horses Hooves are Solid Objects at the End of Their Legs

The hoof on a horse certainly looks like a solid object like a piece of wood. But it is really a complex structure of different materials including keratin, blood rich tissue and bone.

6. Riding a Horse is Just Sitting

Ask anyone who rides and they will tell you that riding is much more than sitting. Your muscles will tell you that after the first time you ride a horse! Really good riders make riding look easy. Watch reiners or dressage riders and it seems the horse is going through the patterns on its own accord.

The better rider you become the more refined and inconspicuous your signals become. It may look like sitting but riders use their legs, arms, weight, hands, balance and brains to ride.