

The Horseman's Creed

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I will respect and honor the horse. I will consider its well being in everything I do. I will be fair. I will not ask of him more than he can give, or reprimand him when he tries, even in the slightest way I will be diligent and firm when necessary to insure that I do not create or encourage bad habits. I will be patient and consistent and praise my horse when he makes an effort to do what I ask. I will strive to have good judgment in the saddle and off, and maintain adequate focus on the horse and all that affects him. I will be knowledgeable. I will be humane. But above all else, I will love the horse, for through this love all obstacles can be overcome and horse and rider may dance as one.

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