

Exceptional equines

This is less of an experiment but a very important part of the quest.

I am looking for examples of how horses push their own natural desires and needs aside to accommodate the needs of others.

Horses strive to understand the demands made of them in order to please their owners. These demands may mean jumping over huge fences, spinning and performing sliding stops or achieving collection and extension of his natural paces. These skills add nothing to the horse's self-worth. He has no personal need to excel in these disciplines or win ribbons. His motivation and reward is the love and appreciation of his owner.



You may have heard stories about how usually high-spirited and nervous horses are quiet and docile when there are young children or people with disabilities around them. It's as if the horse knows he must be extra careful not to harm them in any way. This happens more often than you may imagine. However I want you to ponder this scenario for a moment.

The horse is able to modify his true nature to accommodate the needs of someone who obviously cannot cope with his authentic highly strung personality. He consciously calms down to care for the well being of another — and they are not even the same species.



I would love to hear your stories of exceptional equines you either own or have owned in the past.

Unfortunately I can't think of a way to get this theory but perhaps if we can gather enough real life examples — we can add this exemplary character trait to their resume.

Please share your stories.

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