



Frank Bell Horse Whisperer

Horse Won't Stand for Mounting, Doesn't Lead Well and Bolts

Dear Frank,

I have a few questions to ask you. I do not know if you usually answer people's questions - you must probably get a lot of it - so I would understand if you can't take the time to answer mine. I am from South Africa. I just bought a thoroughbred of 4 years old. He is a gelding. He's name is Passion Fire. I only have one year riding experience - and didn't grow up with horses. So my knowledge is very limited. I am also a very nervous rider - I had a few bad falls and horses always tend to take off with me.

1. I just want to know if it is ok to slap a horse when he does something wrong? For instance, when I want to saddle him up and he doesn't want to stand still. Can I slap him on his neck lightly? What do you do in a situation like that?

Begin with a shhhhhhhhhhh noise, getting progressively louder, then begin light tapping on barrel, again getting progressively more aggressive until horse stands, then quit all sound and agitation and reward with stroking. It's obvious to the horse, 'black and white zones.

2. I read your information on mounting a horse. My horse walks backwards if I want to mount him. How do I stop him from doing that? You said one must make it uncomfortable for the horse: what exactly do you mean by that?

Really back him if he wants to back. Get a hand under his chin on lead and really push him backwards while making shhhhhhhhh noise. Let it soak and begin again he may just want to stand.

3. When I lead my horse to and from the stables - he walks too fast for me - it feels like he is going to walk over me. I mean he is huge and that really scares the living daylights out of me. How do I get him to walk my pace?

Twirl the lead like a propeller in front of you and him. If he walks into it that's his problem and decision. He'll find it more comfortable behind you.



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4. I have the horse now for 2 weeks. I tried to take him on an outride - just walking - he just wanted to go faster all the time so I had to turn him back. How would I get him to just want to walk on outrides?

The very moment he tries to break gait, circle him down to a one rein stop, as described in my foundation video, "[Discover The Horse You Never Knew.](#)"

5. Because I have such a fearful nature as human, I sometimes can't distinguish when my horse is afraid or malicious. When I sit on his back and he tripples around nervously - should I just pat him and talk soft words? How can I get my horse to trust me?

Order my foundation video to teach you about bonding and relationship building. My 7-step Safety System all begins with bonding, then leads you into the saddle, but only by invitation.

Frank - my whole life I have dreamed of the day that I will be able to have my own horse. Now I have my own horse and I am scared of him because he is so unpredictable. I have searched the web for months now on proper information - your site was the only site that provided that to me. Please advice me on how to be a better partner for my horse. I know that you are selling great products - but it is all in dollars.

Thank you,
Ilze Laurens

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