

Freizeitreiter und -fahrer

Vereinigung der Freizeitreiter und -fahrer in Deutschland e. V.

VFD GUIDELINES FOR HORSEMANSHIP

- ❖ We accept our animals as our partners. A fair handling and adequate ethical keeping plus fundamental esteem are the basis and result of that principle.
- ❖ Mutual respect and confidence are the fundament of our horsemanship philosophy. On these grounds joy and safety can develop.
- ❖ Horses need the protection and care of people in order to survive in our environment. So we have to respect their natural needs. We also have to avoid any kind of harm when working with the horse and we must care for its health and welfare.
- ❖ As social beings horses are capable of working together with us. Therefore, our communication must be characterized by respect.
- ❖ Life long self education in order to achieve harmony between man and horse should characterize the members of the VFD. VFD supports the constant effort for more equestrian knowledge, personal skills and ability.
- ❖ The foundation for harmony is given, if man
 - can make himself understood by the horse
 - understands his horse
 - gives his horse safety
 - avoids to overcharge the horse
- ❖ Man has the responsibility for his horse as long as it lives and also for the end of its life.



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