

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR HORSES

- 1. My life is likely to last 20 or more years. Any separation from you will be painful for me. Remember that before you take me home.**
- 2. Give me time to understand what you want from me.**
- 3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial to my well being.**
- 4. Don't be angry with me for long. Don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your entertainment and your friends. I..... have only you...**
- 5. Talk to me sometimes. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when it is speaking to me.**
- 6. Be aware that however you treat me, I'll never forget it.**
- 7. Remember before you hit me that I am powerful enough to hurt you, but choose not to.**
- 8. Before you scold me for being uncooperative, obstinate, or lazy, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I have a problem that you are not yet aware of.**
- 9. Take care of me when I am old. You too will be old one day.**
- 10. Go with me on the last journey. Never say "I can't bear to watch or Let it happen in my absence." Everything is easier for me if you are there...**