



## TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS for The Drinking Post horse waterer

1. There must be NO WATER within reach except what is available via The Drinking Post (that means no buckets of water or old troughs full of water-no water anywhere)! Your horse will not rely on The Drinking Post horse waterer unless he has no other means to quench his thirst.
2. Your horse needs to be thirsty. Depending on weather and feed (i.e. - lush grass vs. dry hay) thirsty can mean 8 hours without water. Offer water (from The Drinking Post) following a morning feeding of hay for example and then again after evening feed.
3. When your horse is thirsty....walk to the bowl with him. Push the paddle down once and hold to fill the bowl (only once) and walk away immediately. If you stay and continue to fill the bowl for your horse he will be training you to fill his bowl for him!
4. The number of times you need to repeat this training schedule varies. Some horses take a few days (i.e. showing them twice a day); some only one lesson. Our Posts have been in the field since 1978 and we have yet to have a report of a horse that would not use The Drinking Post.
5. I imagine that you have been "butted" by your horse as he rubs his head on you after a ride or as he tries to get a bucket of grain...your horse's nose and neck are tremendously strong. The paddle is very, very, very easy for him to activate. A two-month-old foal can *easily* use the drinking post.
6. In a herd situation, other horses usually do not have to be trained by you. They will imitate the one horse that uses the Post. Foals learn quickly from their dams.
7. As with any sound horse management program (even horses on pasture) each horse, his housing, and equipment, should be visually checked on a daily basis. Any health, injury, or maintenance problems can be easily identified at this time.