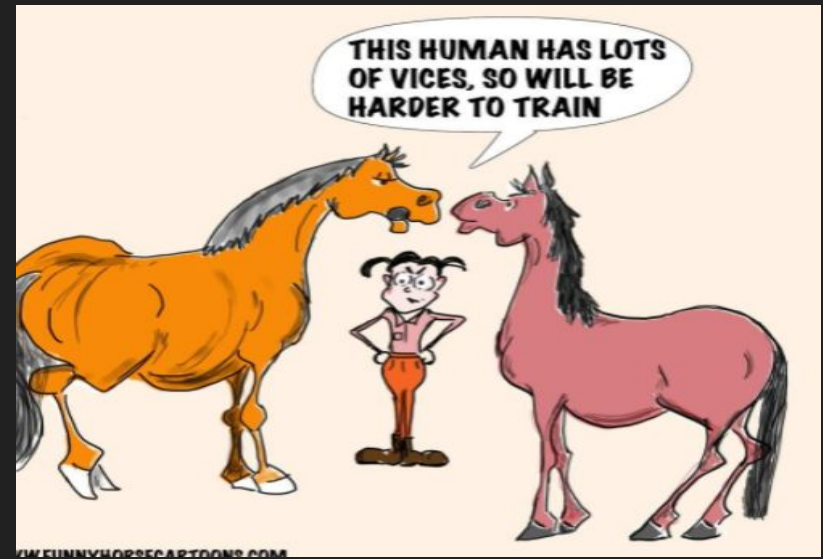


Stable vices

What are stable vices?

Stable vices are bad habits some ponies and horses learn, usually out of nervousness or boredom.



Cribbing

- Wind sucking or Cribbing is when a horse or pony grabs a solid object with their teeth and arches their neck while swallowing air
- When a horse cribs it releases endorphins. Making the horse feel good and relaxed.
- Horses may learn to crib from other horses but may start cribbing out of boredom or anxiety



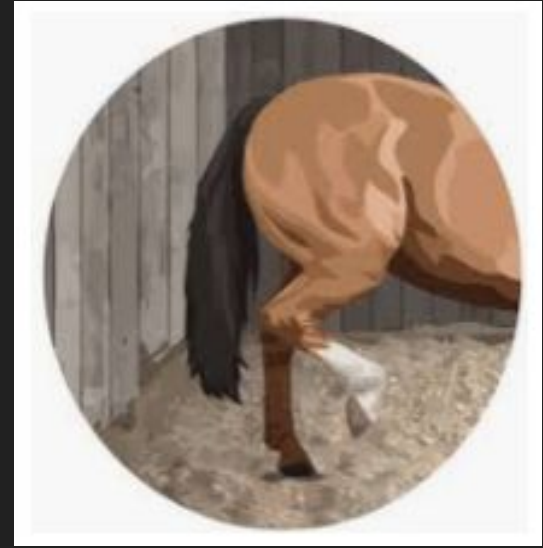
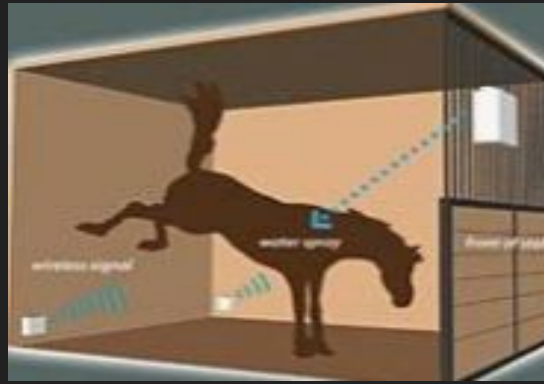
Wood chewing

- Wood chewing is when a pony chews on wood but does not suck in air.
- Horses or ponies may chew wood out of boredom, not getting enough food or because they have a vitamin deficiency



Stall kicking

- Stall kicking is when a horse or pony kicks the walls or bars or their stalls.
- Some horses may kick the walls of their stalls when they are anxious to be fed, jealous of their neighbor, or upset.



Pawing

- Pawing is when a horse or pony dig holes in their stall floors or when they are tied up.
- Some horses may paw when they are excited, bored or waiting to be fed.



Weaving

- Stall weaving is when a pony or horse sways side to side, swinging his head and shifting from one foot to the other
- This habit is usually seen in nervous horses
- Some horses may stall weave because they want to move around or leave their stalls.

