

Horse Senses

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Description:

Horses perceive the world differently from humans. They are essentially prey/flight animals and their senses have evolved over time to ensure their survival. In this book the author compares the horse's sensory organs with those of humans to avoid misunderstandings that can lead to many problems.

The five senses are covered in this book – hearing, sight, smell, taste and touch. The author explains how each sense works and then relates this to care, behaviour and riding, explaining why some practices are appropriate and others not. Behavioural aspects of dealing with horses are emphasised throughout.

The book is of value to all those who wish to gain a better understanding of how the horse's senses function — horse owners, riders, breeders and trainers, veterinary students and practitioners.

Contents: Part 1: General Anatomy and Physiology, 1. The Nervous System, 2. The Endocrine/Hormonal System. **Part 2: Systems of Communication and Control**, 3. The Senses of Smell, 4. The Sense of Taste, 5. The Sense of Hearing, 6. the Sense of Sight, 7. The Sense of Touch. **Part 3: Management and Work**, 8. The Sense of Smell, 9. The Sense of Taste, 10. The Sense of Hearing, 11. The Sense of Sight, 12. The Sense of Touch. Further Reading. Index.



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Readership:

Horse owners, horse breeders and trainers, veterinary and equine students, veterinary practitioners.

Key Features:

- The author explains how the five senses define the horse's perception of the world and how they are very different from our own.
- The senses are related to care of the horse, behaviour and riding.
- The behavioural aspect of dealing with horses is emphasised throughout.