

Haltering a Horse

1. First, acquire a halter that is the appropriate size for your horse's head with a lead rope attached to the tie ring. (See figure 1)

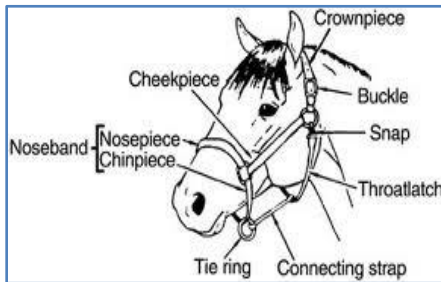


Figure 1: Example of a horse halter (Gore)

2. Before entering the pen or stall, unbuckle the halter.
3. Enter the pen or stall. Stand on the horse's left side and place the lead rope over the horse's neck. (See figure 2)



Figure 2: Approaching horse (Riding)

4. Hold halter in your right hand. Take your left hand above your horse's neck, slightly behind the ears. (See figure 3)



Figure 3: Demonstration of steps 4 through 7 (Lynch)

5. Pass the crownpiece below your horse's head to the left hand. Then widen your hands to open up the noseband. (See figure 3)
6. Guide the noseband over your horse's nose and below his chin. You must always keep a tight hold of the crown piece. Any adjustments before buckling the halter may be done with your right hand as seen in Figure 3.
7. Buckle the halter securely. Make sure to check for twists in the halter. (Figure 3)
8. Make sure that all snaps are fastened so that the halter may not slip off over the horse's head. (See Figure 4)



Figure 4: Secure snaps (Shop4)

WARNING: These instructions are intended on the use of animals well practiced in being haltered and led. Horses being taught to halter should be handled by experienced professionals only!

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