

Tail ribbon colour meanings

As well as armband meanings, we also have to be aware of what the ribbon in the horse's tail means before we either get kicked or cause somebody to do some circus moves which aren't needed in a working in. Let's be honest, we don't always know what they mean and it's just pot luck we don't cause an accident or end up on the floor !!!!



Red ribbon

Be careful, this horse has been known to kick. You need to give this horse a wide berth. In fact, just try your hardest to stay away from it. Always good to leave a competition with all the teeth you arrived with !!



Green Ribbon

This horse needs to be given a lot of space, it is either a green baby or at it's first competition, meaning that the rider probably doesn't know what the horse will do. We have all been to a competition on a new horse or a baby horse and we need their first experience to be a happy and safe one.



Blue Ribbon

This indicates that the horse is entire (a stallion) this ribbon is usually accompanied by the rider wearing a stallion sash or a bridle disc on either side of the bridle.

Give a stallion a wide berth, especially if you are riding a mare and even more space if your mare is wearing a pink ribbon !!

Blue can also mean that the horse is a gelding but has stallion tendencies. To confuse matters , a stallion can also wear a yellow ribbon !!!



Pink ribbon

- Pink ribbon horses should definitely stay away from a blue or yellow ribbon. Pink ribbon indicates that the horse is a mare in season or just moody !!



White ribbon

Unless you can be sure your horse is going to smash a 70% and be on its best behaviour, I'm not sure this ribbon is advisable as it means that the horse is for sale. However, if your horse has let you down again and you see a 70% horse wearing one, it could be time to buy a new horse !

Tail Ribbons Have A Meaning!

Watch for these unspoken signals when on the trail, at the show or around the barn:

