

TOP TIPS FOR NEW OTT OWNERS

WE HAVE COMPILED A LIST OF TIPS AND TRICKS TO MAKE OWNING YOUR FIRST OTT HORSE THAT LITTLE BIT EASIER! IN THIS ARTICLE QOTT SHARES WITH YOU SEVERAL EVERYDAY TIPS AND TRICKS FOR THE EQUINE LOVING BEGINNER.

- » When opening a new bale of hay, always take off all of the baling twine so that you do not accidentally feed it out when you feed hay. Baling twine can cause horses all sorts of problems if eaten and looks messy if left lying around.
- » Every time you feed your horse (or any horse for that matter) get into the habit of checking “2 eyes and 4 legs” to make sure everything is as it should be.
- » Get to know your horse’s legs so that you know what is normal. Has that bump always been there or is it new today?
- » Check your horse’s legs and pick out feet **BEFORE** you start tacking up. You do not want to be tacked up, ready to go and then notice a sprung shoe or swollen limb.



- » Invest in some liquid saddle soap and get into the habit of wiping down your gear with it following every ride, and you will have clean and supple gear that will last a lifetime!
- » Another good habit is to rinse your bit after **EVERY TIME** you ride. Your horse will appreciate a clean, smooth bit the next time that you place it in his/her mouth.
- » To save on additional veterinary call out fees, time your annual equine dental treatment with your horse’s annual Hendra vaccinations.
- » To make sure your horse’s feet are always in peak condition, book your farrier’s visit in advance so you have a routine that suits your horse’s requirements.
- » Another good tip is to be nice to your farrier! If you make his life as pleasant as possible, your farrier will look after you. Things like clean legs and no muddy rugs for him to bend under are a great start. A cold drink on a hot day will not go astray either.

