

## **EQUINE BODY LANGUAGE**

### **Eyes**

Rolled back-Anxious, angry

Half closed - Tired, relaxed, sleeping

Blinking - Processing information, thinking

### **Ears**

Pointing forward - Attentive, curious

Rigid pointing - Fear, uncertainty

Droopy - Tired, sleepy, bored

Pinned back - Threatening, aggressive, angry, warning

Pointing in different directions - Focused on two things at once

Rotating - Lots going on, curious, nervous, indecisive

Drooped out to side - Depressed, drugged, unwell, sleeping

### **Muzzle, Lips and Nostrils**

Tight/hard lips - Anxious, tense

Flared nostrils - Nervous, excited, alert

Flapping lower lip - Unfocused, nervous

### **Head and Neck**

Low -Accepting, relaxed

High - Fear, anxiety, defiance

Level - Neutral

### **Tail**

Swishing - Annoyed, irritated

Low - Submissive

Clamped down - Fearful

### **Legs**

Pawing - Frustrated

Standing square – Attentive (may be good or bad)

Hind hoof resting - Relaxed

Leg lifted - Warning, defensive

Stamping- Irritated

Striking - Angry, threatening, attacking

Dancing around - Nervous, excited, frightened