

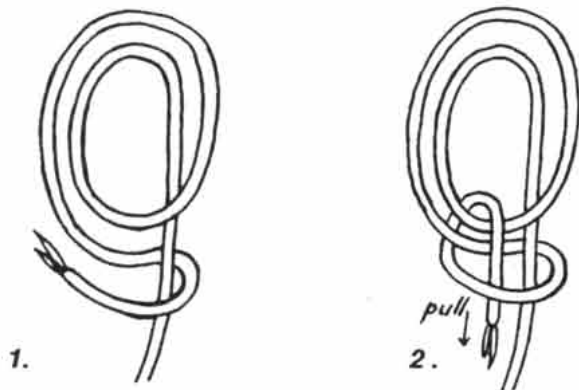
# What Knot to Know

Knowing the best knots to use for the purpose at hand is important for a Natural Horseman. I have incorporated them into the Development Program so that as you progress through each Level, your competence at handling ropes will increase.

Some of these knots are for tying horses up, and others for securing ropes around the horse's neck and onto the saddle horn.

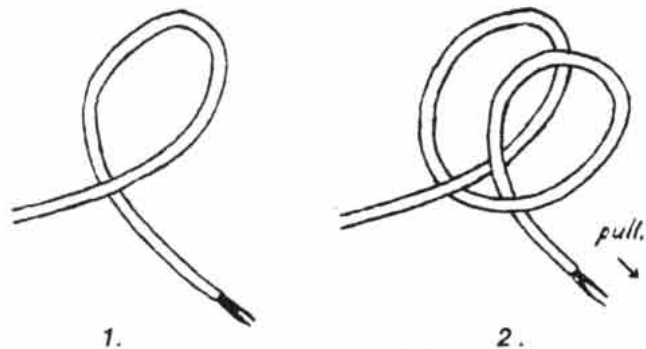
## K1. Tie the 12' Line around your horse's neck.

This secures your 12' Line or the lead on your Partnership Mecate Reins. is done by wrapping it twice around the neck, then forming a knot by looping it around itself and then back through it's own loop. In this way it will lie neat and flat against the horse's neck. See diagram below.



## K2. Tie a Clove Hitch

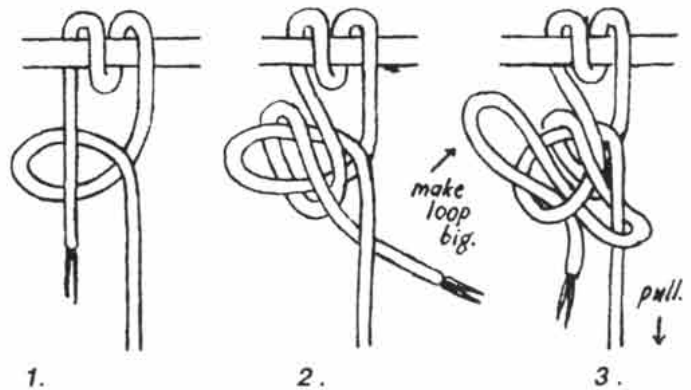
A clove hitch is actually two half hitches. If you use a Western saddle, this is the best way to tie the lead rope end of your Partnership Reins onto the saddle horn.



Form the loops on your saddle horn or on a post

## K3. Tie a Stockman's Bowline

This is an excellent knot for tying horses. It is a secure yet quick release knot that does not tighten when the horse pulls on it. It is best used on rails that are greater than 4 inches in diameter. Take two wraps around the rail.



## K4. Tie a John Wayne or "Bank Robber" Knot with a safety lock.

A John Wayne Knot or Bank Robber Knot is a quick-release knot like the Stockman's Bowline but comes completely away when you release it because it does not thread through or wrap full length around the rail / pole. It allows you to tie your horse and then release it with a single pull and walk away without having to unwrap anything. (Do not use around rails greater than 4 inches in diameter as it will not bite down and stay that way.)

The safety lock is optional, but you should know how to do it! This is for horses that are Houdini's and for situations where you cannot risk it releasing.

