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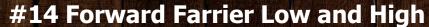




THE 5 FOUNDATION STRETCHES

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Specific muscles being stretched are identified in the stretch description and in every video!



Stretches: Hamstrings on the back of the legs and gluts

#12 Farrier Low and High

Stretches: Quads on the front of the back legs

#11 Hips and Pelvic Rock and Hold

Stretches: Hips and gluts and "lower back"

#3 Shoulder and Bent Front Leg

Stretches: shoulders, top of front legs and base of neck

#5 Inner Bent Front Leg & Armpit (pectoral)

Stretches: Pec muscles in girth/conch area and in the arm pit. Inside of front legs

BONUS 6th Stretch

#19 Neck and Head Side Curve

Stretches: Almost all neck muscles

TIP: Once your horse has mastered #19, do #21 Advanced

Neck and Head Side Curve with a Twist!

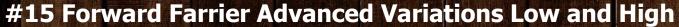




5 ADVANCED STRETCHES

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Stretches: Additional muscles surrounding point of hip, hamstrings, adductors (outside of back legs) and abductors (inside of back legs)

#13 Farrier Advanced Variations Low and High

Stretches: Stretches: Quads (front of back legs), muscles around the hips and the outside muscles of the back legs

#9 Belly Lift Back

Stretches: Back and rib (intercostal) muscles

#20 Head on Diagonal Behind Knee Without and With Twist

Stretches: Neck, base of shoulder

#8 Rib, Shoulder and Bending Neck

Stretches: Ribs, shoulder, neck, obliques and back

#7 Straight Front Leg Low and High

Stretches: Front leg muscles and shoulders

Bonus 6th Stretch: Alternate Among....
#23 Nose to Hip and Stifle, #16 Chin to Chest and #17
Extended Neck Forward





5 HARD WORKING HIND END STRETCHES

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Stretches: "Low back" (lumbar/sacral area) and muscles around the point of hip, gluteals and obliques

#14 Forward Farrier High and Low

Stretches: Hamstring muscles located on the very back of the horse's hind end and back of legs

#12 Farrier Low and High

Stretches: "Quad" muscles located on the front of the horse's hind legs, gluts and some muscles surrounding the hips

#15 Forward Farrier Advanced Variations

Stretches: Additional muscles surrounding point of hip, hamstrings, adductors (outside of back legs) and abductors (Inside of back legs)

#13 Farrier Advanced Variations Low and High

Stretches: Additional muscles on upper portion of the inside and outside of back legs and hips

NOTE: A key "enabler stretch" is the belly lift (#9). This must do stretch stretches the back muscles thereby enabling your horse to realize the benefits of properly stretched hind end muscles!

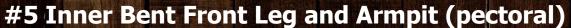




5 STRIDE QUALITY AND LENGTHENING STRETCHES

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Stretches: Pec muscles in "armpit" area and inside front leg muscles

#3 and #6 Shoulder and Bent Front Leg and Advanced Bent Front Leg Variations

Stretches: Many front leg muscles, pecs in girth/cinch area, pecs in armpit, pecs in chest, shoulders and many muscles in the neck

TIP: If your horse's neck is tight, master stretch #22, the Neck Hug, prior to doing #6 Advanced Bent Front Leg Variations

#7 Straight Front Leg Low and High

Stretches: Almost all the front leg muscles and shoulders

#4 Circling and Stationary Bent Front Leg

Stretches: Front legs with a special focus on the muscles on the front of the leg, shoulders and pecs.

Bonus 6th Stretch:

#10 Tail Pull and Tail Semi Circles

Stretches: Most of the muscles along the topline and many muscles in the neck

NOTE: A key "enabler stretch" is the belly lift (#9). This <u>must do</u> stretch stretches the back muscles thereby enabling your horse to realize the benefits of the stride quality and lengthening stretches.





5 LATERAL WORK STRETCHES

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Stretches: Ribs, shoulder, neck, obliques and back

#3 Shoulder and Bent Front Leg

Stretches: Many front leg muscles, pecs in girth/cinch area and shoulders

#16 Chin to Chest and #17 Extended Neck Forward

If your horse's neck is tight, it can inhibit shoulder and ribs/intercostals movement

#4 Circling and Stationary Bent Front Leg

Stretches: Front legs with a special focus on the muscles on the front of the leg, shoulders and pecs.

#5 Inner Bent Front Leg and Armpit (pectoral)

Stretches: Pec muscles in "armpit" area and inside front leg muscles

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