



"We had been looking for a long time for something that works for my daughter Ramzi and her pony Sharpi. We finally found it with the P.P.C. tie down, tie down strap and 3-Piece Cow Pony bit."
- Brittany Guthery -

Tie Downs

Tie downs should fit similar to a halter with the nose band sitting 1" -2" below the point of the pony's cheekbone.



#4008 Rolled leather tie down w/ latigo leather crown piece. Provides more bite.



#4009 2-tone Russet harness leather tie down w/ latigo leather crown piece. Better for sensitive ponies.

Tie Down Strap

When your pony's head is at a resting, neutral position, there should be some slack in your tie down strap. Gently push the pony's head up and adjust until there is pressure at the furthest point you want your pony's head to reach.



#5001 Tie down strap with SS snaps and extra holes.

Why is my pony's nose in the air?

Noses in the air can mean a few different things; the pony is trying to escape pressure, it's not balanced, it's in pain and sometimes it's just being a pain!

Inexperienced riders tend to use their reins to balance more than their body. Learning what kind of pressure to apply, how much, where and when can result in excessive pulling, poor angles, jerking etc. Over time, ponies start finding their own relief by putting their heads in the air, dropping them down, over turning, etc. Before trying a tie down, make sure your rider has learned how to balance with their body. (See pg. 29)

When Do I use a tie down?

If your pony is being naughty with head tossing or holding it's head high and making it complicated for your rider to communicate, a tie down may be worth trying.

For performance ponies, properly adjusted tie downs aid in keeping the pony's body balanced in fast turns and stops. Without a tie down, ponies can get "strung out", meaning they hollow out in their back and struggle to collect back up for turning or stopping.

Picture a basketball player running full speed to the other end of the court to catch their opponent. If the defender builds up too much momentum and doesn't have the strength, skills or knowledge to slow themselves down as they approach their opponent, the opponent who is collected up and ready to move will be to make the quick move to avoid the defender. This is the same as a pony who doesn't have the skills, knowledge or strength to make that quick move in a turn or stop.

Eliminate any possible pain related issues in the mouth, head or body before trying a tie down as they can mask certain problems that will create bigger issues in the future.

SAFETY ALERT!

Ponies that learn bad habits can lead to out of control ponies who are difficult to maneuver inside and outside of the arena. Bumping into other horses, gate sour, rearing and ponies that won't stop can lead to dangerous situations. The rider, pony, people on other horses, spectators and everyone who tries to help are put into danger. Take control of what you can control by using the proper tack. If you sense anything starting to go wrong, be proactive and get help from professionals before issues arise.