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## Case Scenarios

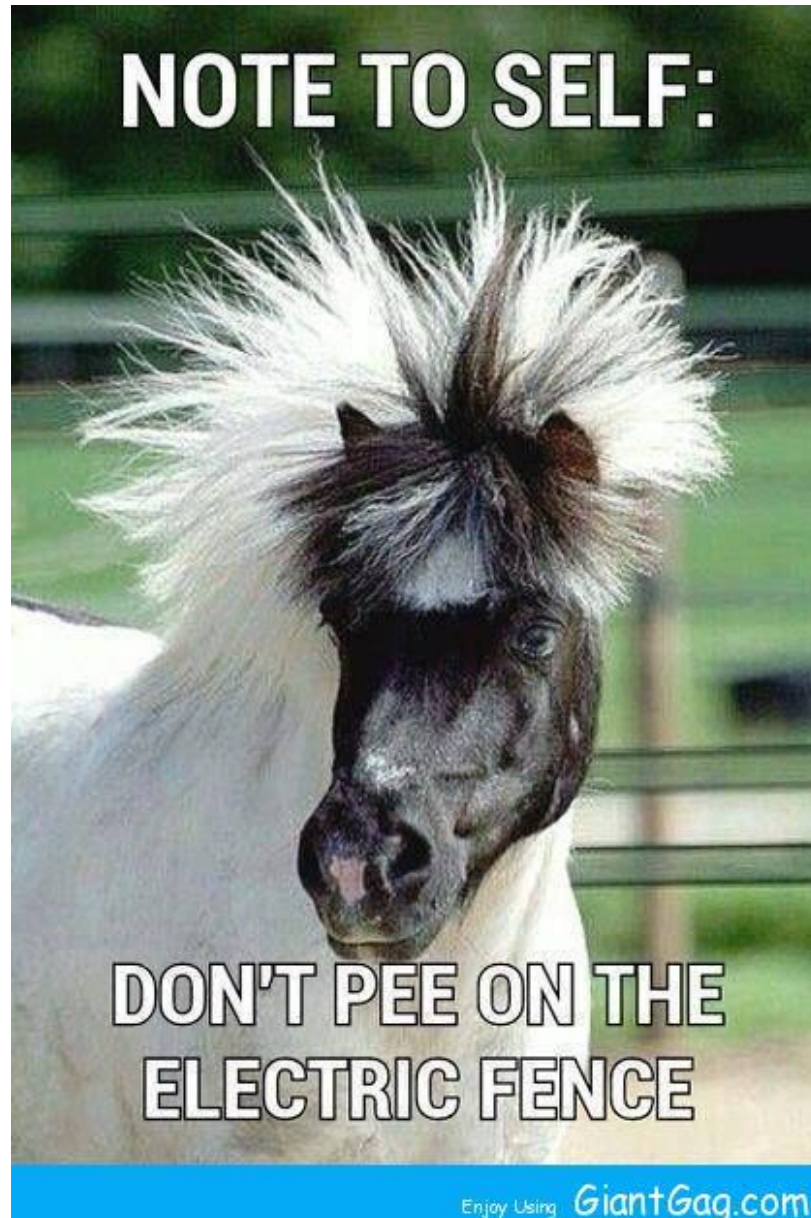
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# Bargy when Led

The Problem – the horse is not obedient to the basic leading signals

They are not 'dominant', 'naughty' or 'disrespectful'

The solution – retrain the basic responses in hand esp back up and park, also go/stop

Turn may need to be re-trained, to maintain

Straightness when leading



# Worming



# Loading into Stocks

History - Horse needed loading into examination stocks daily at the vet school

She had poor lead responses even trying to leave the stable. She also kicked if anyone went behind her with a whip/brush etc







# Retraining



# The following day





# Application of Sarcoid Cream

History – this horse had a small sarcoid on his muzzle

For the last application he was throwing the vet against the walls. The vet tried to apply a twitch for control, this resulted in the horse rearing and striking out

He barged people into the wall, injuring one person and reared up striking the vet on the shoulder

Eventually the cream was applied but the owner was so scared when I came for the next visit she led the horse into the box and quickly came out, refusing to be in the stable for the procedure





# Anaesthetic Recoveries

- 10 year old 'nervous' mare undergoes emergency arthroscopy for a septic DIPJ of her LH
- Due to her unpredictable temperament and tendency to panic the decision is made not to rope recover her
- In recovery she fractures her LF carpus and requires a second surgery in a few days





# Anaesthetic Recoveries



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# Blocking a Distal Limb

A horse is admitted for investigation of a hind limb lameness, given its signalment, history and response to flexion you decide to start with a TMT joint block





# Scenario - Blocking

- The horse is hard to catch in the stable – the nurse chases it round the stable and then yanks the head collar once caught
- It refuses to enter the exam room – another nurse chases it in with a broom
- It is aversive to clippers...





The horse is eventually clipped, by twitching it

The nurse then starts to scrub the limb – each time the horse feels the wet swabs it lifts the leg

-each time higher and faster, until it makes a small kick out

-eventually it kicks the nurse, the horse is reprimanded

-The vet arrives to block the horse...

# Improving the Scenario

- Catching
- Entering the exam room
- Clipping the limb
- Scrubbing the limb



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# Mounting



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# Auditory induced headshaker



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# Counter conditioning headshaking



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