

### What is The Neigh Station?

The Neigh Station is the first activity center for horses! The 3-in-1 activity center features components that are designed to keep horses entertained and happy. The product includes:

- **Shatterproof mirror** which is designed to provide *visual contact* for horses that are separated from their stable mates
- **Sliding latch** with clicking sound is fun for any curious horse and can provide needed *oral stimulation*, which may prevent cribbing and chewing
- **Rope with detachable toy** encourages play, keeping your horse occupied and engaged

### Are the toy riders also available separately?

Yes. Toy riders are available in two models: English (Charlie the Hunter Jumper) and Western (Earl the Cowboy). One toy rider will come with The Neigh Station and the toy riders will also be sold separately.

### How will my horse benefit from using The Neigh Station?

The Neigh Station is an enrichment tool that can provide needed visual and oral stimulation as well as play to help minimize the potential for unwanted habits or vices—such as cribbing, wood chewing, weaving, head nodding, and box walking—displayed by your horse. Such vices are widely linked to anxiety and frustration related to a horse's feeding, social and leisure-time activities.

### Why is visual contact important for my horse?

Horses are herd animals, naturally seeking the company of companions. Equine behavioral studies often find stalled horses are happier with a mirror or enrichment tool. The University of Lincoln conducted a study that found horses that weaved, head-nodded, and box-walked "benefited enormously" from the use of a stall

mirror.<sup>i</sup> Studies have also shown that, "horses who have limited social contact with horses, especially limited visual contact, engage in more stereotypies than horses who socialize regularly with other horses."<sup>ii</sup> The Neigh Station's mirror provides opportunities for your horse to regularly experience visual contact.

### Why is oral stimulation important for my horse?

Stalled horses are often fed "meals" instead of being able to graze. A horse's preference for continual grazing is both psychological and physiological. According to the ASPCA, "... Stabled horses spend approximately 15 percent of their time eating. This drastic difference between their natural behavior and their stabled behavior is thought to be very stressful for horses and one reason for the development of stereotypies."<sup>ii</sup> The Neigh Station's toys offer oral stimulation for horses that don't graze regularly.

### Why does my horse need to play?

Curious and inquisitive, horses enjoy play. In the absence of other equine companions, leisure-time should include something to keep horses occupied and engaged. The Neigh Station provides a variety of suitable entertainment. Your horse will think he or she is getting away with something when hearing the sound of the sliding door latch toy, and will want to spend hours nuzzling his or her English or Western toy rider.

### Where can I buy The Neigh Station and toy riders?

The Neigh Station and toy riders can be purchased in tack stores, through equine catalogs, or from online retailers. The Neigh Station is sold for a suggested retail price of \$87.95 USD. Toy riders are sold for a suggested retail price of \$28.95 USD. To find a retailer near you, please visit **www.twofairmares.com**. If you cannot find a local retailer, you may also order the product directly from our website.

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<sup>i</sup> Mills, DS (in press) Recent Advances in the Treatment of Equine Stereotypic Behaviour. *Animal Behaviour Cognition and Welfare Group, University of Lincoln*.

<sup>ii</sup> ASPCA Virtual Pet Behaviorist ([www.aspcabehavior.org](http://www.aspcabehavior.org)) *Compulsive Behavior in Horses*.

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