

Bareback Pads Make Better Riders

Horse enthusiasts know that riding bareback makes you a better rider because without a saddle horn to hang on to, novice riders have to learn balance and the feel of the horse. A new "bareback pad" simulates the feel of bareback while still providing the rider with some of the protection offered by a saddle.

The Lady Godiva Bareback Pad, from Best Friend Equine Supply Co., relies on Cordura canvas fabric and a steel tooth buckle to help its riders stay in place. Co-owner Carol Vandre says the fabric, which is rot and mildew resistant, seems to grip the horse better than other fabrics, and the steel tooth gives unlimited adjustments to the girth even while riding.

Padding is high-density foam, so it keeps its shape. The Lady Godiva also offers extra padding in the withers area, which Vandre says is uncommon in other pads. A pommel strap does provide a rider with some security should it be needed. The 2-in. wide strap comes with a removable black fleece cover.

"My business partner likes to ride bareback, but she wasn't satisfied with available pads," says Vandre. "She wanted one that didn't slip. This one is convenient for hopping on a horse without bothering with saddle gear."

Pads are available in English style for \$49.95 and Trail style for \$59.95. Best Friend will soon be carrying another pad for the



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serious trail rider, notes Vandre.

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Saddle-Fitting Kit

Horsemen who prefer a traditional saddle, but can't find one to fit their favorite mounts may want to try the new EQUI-measure Kit. Developed by Eric and Michelle Buitenwerf, Bemidji, Minn., the kit allows a horse owner to create a 3-dimensional map of their animal's back.

The standard kit, which sells for \$79.99, utilizes material that can be warmed in an oven to soften it and includes an insulated bag. The bag keeps the sheet warm and pliable for up to 20 minutes or until it can be placed on the horse's back. Within five minutes of being placed on the horse, the sheet becomes rigid producing a 3-dimensional map of the horse's back.

The non-toxic, hypoallergenic, latex-free and non-stick material can be reused several times, says Buitenwerf. "It's not just for having a custom saddle made," he adds. "You can use it when looking for a pre-made



EQUI-measure kit is first warmed in an oven to soften it and then placed on a horse's back to make a 3-dimensional model.

saddle. Carry it in and set saddles on top to check for fit instead of bringing saddles home to try."

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"Milk Jug" Fly Trap

You can turn ordinary 1-gal. plastic milk jugs into insecticide-free fly traps, says Farnam Horse Products, Phoenix, Arizona.

The Milk Jug Trap can trap more than 35,000 flies at a time, says the company.

The trap includes a reusable trapping device that fits on top of a standard-sized 1-gal. plastic milk jug, plus a yellow-colored fly attractant. You fill the jug about half full with water, add the fly attractant, and put the black and yellow trapping device on top. Flies are drawn to the attractant and enter the jug through a baffle. Once inside the flies can't find their way back out.

The trap can be set on the ground or hung up in a barn, stable, corral or back yard. It's not recommended for indoor home use.

It's sold in twin packs containing two trapping devices and two containers of attractant. Sells for \$12.50 plus S&H.

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Utility Box Fits Deere Gators, Others

"We've had a tremendous response. Everyone who sees it likes it," says Robert Nall about his company's new "Ultimate Utility Bed" that's designed to greatly increase the storage capacity of utility ATV's like the Deere Gator and others.

The 24-in. high bolt-on box is made from 18-gauge steel and measures 48 by 60 in. It weighs about 300 lbs. There's a compartment on each side for tools and cargo, with a weather-tight lid and stainless steel lid lock on each compartment. Large objects can be carried in the bed, which has a small tailgate on back.

The bed dumps using the machine's original trip lever. Installation requires drilling four holes in the rear part of the utility vehicle's frame and transferring the trip lever hook-up.

"I got the idea one day when I passed by a golf course and noticed a greens keeper riding on a Deere Gator," says Nall. "There

were a lot of objects hanging off the little bed and several things dragging behind it. I thought there had to be a better way to haul all those different things without having to just pile them on. I went home and pulled my Gator 4 by 2 inside the garage and used pieces of plywood to make a test model."

At this time the unit is designed to fit the Deere 4 by 2 and 6 by 4 Gators, the new Cub Cadet 6 by 4 utility vehicle, and the Kawasaki Mule.

Suggested retail price for the Gator 4 by 2 model is \$1,450; Gator 6 by 4, \$1,700; Cub Cadet, \$1,700; and Kawasaki Mule \$1,650. All prices are fob Quincy, Ill.

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Fenceline feeder holds two bales. It's sold as a kit that consists of a steel pipe frame and brackets.

"Build-It-Yourself" Bale Feeder

This new "build-it-yourself" fenceline feeder holds two bales and is designed to stand outside the cattle pen.

The "Ultimate Hay Saver" is sold as a kit that consists of a steel pipe frame and brackets. It measures 8 ft. wide. The buyer furnishes the boards and plywood sheets that are used to build the floor, which slants down toward the front. There's a 2-ft. high wall at the bottom where cattle feed and a 2-ft. space between the wall and a series of slanted steel pipes that the bottom bale rests against. The hay continuously moves down into the manger as the cattle eat. The unit can handle

up to 4,000 lbs. of hay at a time.

"It saves hay because cattle have to keep their head inside the feeder. Any hay they drop stays inside the fence," says Robin Klene.

Sells for \$665 not including optional roof brackets. A full line of bale feeders and feed bunks is available.

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