

Middle California Region USPC Safety Precautions

Precautions when restraining a sedated mount

- In a safe quiet environment such as a stall
 - No food
 - Careful that with torbugesic –horse may walk even when restrained
 - Xylazine – horse may overreact to stimuli and kick
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Describe ways to aid horse cast in stall

- Get a halter on – try to pull him up –with a rope around horses middle – and even use tail to pull away from wall – or turn over away from wall – so can get up
 - Stall may be type that can be dismantled
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What does a mount in poor condition look like? List some possible causes.

- Skinny or overly fat
 - Bad coat –no shine and rough
 - Bad feet – chipped, dry, mushy, cracks, turned up
 - Bad teeth – can't chew food well
 - Open sores
 - Causes: worms, bad pasture – too wet or too dry – lack of good quality food or too much food
 - Lack of grooming and regular care
 - No farrier care
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Discuss possible causes for loading problems

- Horse is unfamiliar with trailer
 - Horse may have been forced in – unkindly
 - Horse may have an accident or bad trailer ride previously
 - Horse may be too big for the trailer
 - Horse may not be able to balance well in trailer –need slant load
 - Horse may be untrained
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Techniques for Loading and Unloading difficult horses

- Open doors and windows –so maximum light and space
- Swing partition over
- Hay or grain bribe
- Walk in straight line toward trailer
- Single or double lunge line behind butt
- Lock arms
- Broom method
- Leveraged rope