You Know a Horse Person When You See One



Ever spotted someone who, despite their best efforts to blend into the crowd, somehow has an aura of hay and saddle soap? That’s a horse person for you. They might be dressed in the latest fashion trends—until you notice the subtle hoof-shaped charm on their necklace or the faint smell of horse shampoo wafting around them. But don't be fooled by the non-horsey exterior. It takes mere seconds before the conversation veers into the equine world, whether you're discussing the weather (que rug discussion) or debating the merits of a new recipe (que the most amazing smelling SPILLERS Senior Super-Mash you’ve recently started feeding).

Endless Horse Talk

Horse people have a magical ability to transform any conversation into an impromptu equestrian seminar. Picture this: You're casually chatting about Will from across the street, and suddenly you're knee-deep in a discussion about your friend's horse who's also called Will and happens to have just cost X amount at the vets but it could have been worse. Their unique lingo—terms like "fetlock," "box walking," and "cold-backed"—becomes as natural to them as breathing. And let's be honest, to an outsider, it sounds like they're speaking in an ancient dialect of Equus.

The Car: A Mobile Hay Shed

The car of a horse person resembles a hay shed on wheels. It's a veritable treasure trove of equine paraphernalia: horse treats, baler twine, and the occasional stray hoof pick rolling around. If you're lucky, you might find a dandy brush or two tucked between the seats, because you never know when you'll need to give a horse's coat a quick flick over —on the go.

Fashion Choices: Equestrian Chic

Horse people are trendsetters—equine style. Forget about traditional gym wear; you'll often find them sporting their Ariat trainers while lifting weights or jogging on the treadmill. Their Shires soft shell jacket doubles as both a riding coat and a trendy outer layer for dog walks. And don't even get me started on their work attire: subtle horse print shirts that only the truly initiated can spot. They're also unapologetically rocking jodhpur jeans because, yes, they are definitely making a comeback. Wellies? Perfectly acceptable for a supermarket run, especially when they come in colours to match the latest Lemieux AW24 palette.

Horse Photos Everywhere

Their phone is a shrine to their horses, featuring endless shots of their horse's latest antics—from mid-gallop to a charmingly messy feed bucket face. It's a sight to behold: hundreds (if not thousands) of pictures, each capturing a different facet of their horse's daily adventures, and a photo album that rivals a National Geographic collection.

Social Scheduling

Social plans for a horse person are like complex jigsaw puzzles. Dinner dates and parties are meticulously arranged around the horse's schedule. Forget about spontaneous outings—every event has to be synced with feeding times and the riding schedule. And if they leave early from a gathering, it's probably because they need to rise at the crack of dawn for morning stables, ensuring their horse's SPILLERS breakfast is served on time.

So, next time you meet someone who seems to embody the essence of equestrian life, just know that beneath the surface of their seemingly ordinary exterior lies a passionate horse lover. Their world revolves around their four-legged friends, and their unique quirks are all part of the charm that makes horse people so delightfully distinctive.

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