



Tie It Right

How to safely tie your horse's hay net and water bucket.

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Hay There!

HAY NETS CAN BE A REAL SAFETY HAZARD – IN stalls and also in trailers – if they’re not tied high enough. As a horse eats the hay out of the net, the net will hang lower, and it’s too easy for a horse to get a front leg through it. You want to tie to the highest part of the stall, as I’ve done here. And tie high in trailers, too.

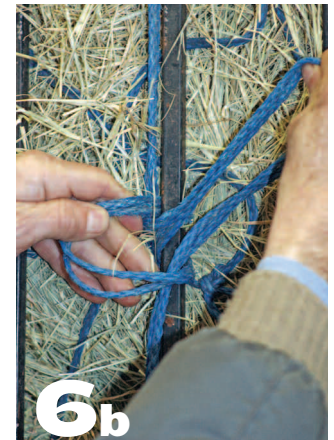
1. You see this a lot, and it’s dangerous. Never tie a hay net this low unless you’re looking for a wreck.
2. To hang the net correctly, loop the

- rope over the top rail of the stall.
3. Lace the end of the hay net string through the bottom of the net.
4. From outside the stall, pull the string tight so that the hay net is snug up against the stall wall.
5. Lace the hay net string around a stall bar and pull it tight.
- 6a. Then below your first wrap, lace the string around the stall bar again.
- 6b. Pull the string through the loop you’ve made with the second wrap. ❏

There’s a safety

factor in tying your

hay nets correctly.



Don't Kick the Bucket

SAFETY IS COMPROMISED WHEN YOU HANG buckets too low in a stall or trailer. It's just too easy for a horse to get a front leg in a bucket that is hung too low.

1. To hang a bucket correctly, tie a slip-knot in one end of a piece of rope.
2. Put the rope under the bucket handle and pull the loose end of the rope through the loop on the knotted end.
3. Pass the rope around a stall bar (3a) and pull it tight so that the bucket

handle is tight against the stall bar (3b).

4. Then above your first wrap, pass the rope around the stall bar again.
5. Pull the rope through the loop you've made with the second wrap. ❑

Hang a bucket high so your horse can't get his foot in it.

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