



Roll Over a Horse

One and Two Foot Application

Safety:

- ❖ Always assign a safety officer to oversee operations
- ❖ Avoid hoof kick zone
- ❖ Work from dorsal side of horse using a pole, hook or cat graspers to position rope/webbing
- ❖ Pad horses head during roll, blindfold if needed

Roll Over – Two feet, to reposition injured animal on a tarp or glide, to position straps underneath, or to assist to stand.

- Animal handler supports head during roll
- Tie quick release knot around lower front leg pastern and tie half hitch on other pastern
- Do same on rear legs
- If rolling to place recuse strap or tarp, push rescue strap/webbing/tarp as far under animal's back as possible and fold extra underneath so it will be easier to pull under animal after roll
- Pull together in one smooth movement
- Be ready for animal to possibly get up depending upon extent of injuries or exhaustion
- Have clear area for responders to get out of way



Roll Over – One foot, to roll over and help a horse cast in a stall/confined space stand up

- Animal handler supports head during roll
- Attach a 3-4" webbing strap to fetlock of lower rear foot. Use cane or hook to position
- Pull angle is 45 degrees towards shoulder
- Pull in one smooth movement. Have enough people to do the job!
- Clear area for animal to get up and responders to get out of way
- Horse will roll over quickly and bolt upright if able



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