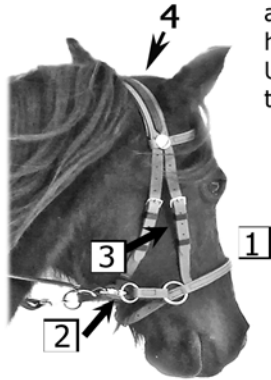


How the Natural Bitless Bridle™ works

The Natural Bitless BRIDLE™ is the only bitless bridle with a Circle-X™ under the jaw, gripping on the noseband and reinstraps with enough adjustment to allow you to



attach your reins close to the horse's mouth for better control. Using this bridle is intuitive to both horse and rider.

As you apply or release pressure on each rein, the Natural Bitless Bridle™ transfers that pressure to 4 points on your horse's head:

1. The nose
2. Under the jaw
3. The side of the cheek
4. The Poll

To turn, as with a regular bridle, close your hand with a gentle squeeze on the rein. This puts pressure on the noseband and then the Circle-X under the jaw, which in turn applies pressure to the opposite cheek and poll. (If your horse is not that well trained, you can also pull its head right around to your knee.)

To slow or stop, close your hands applying a gentle squeezing pressure on both reins. (If necessary, pull harder, or put the horse into tight circles.)

Use as little pressure as possible, but as much as necessary

First Rides in the Natural Bitless Bridle™

As with all new equipment, it is best to take small safe steps. Show your horse how this bridle works. If possible, start in a round pen or similar enclosure.

1. Fit the Natural Bridle carefully on your horse. **NOTE:** These bridles are designed for riding, driving or leading by hand. **Do NOT attach a lunge line to one reinstrap, tie or cross tie your horse!**
2. From the ground, pull on the reins to show the horse how the Natural Bridle uses pressure-and-release to signal him to turn and back up.
3. Do some ground work or lunging (see directions for attaching a lunge line on the next page.)
4. In the saddle, practice turning and stopping at the walk, then at the trot, then at the canter.
5. Check the brakes before you head to the open trails! Horses that have used a bit for many years may require a few lessons to realize that this kinder, gentler bridle truly does require them to stop on command. If your horse misbehaves at first, put him into small tight circles until he understands.

Only you know your horse's temperament and your own riding skills. Always put safety first!

Preferences, Pitfalls & Lunging

Some horses prefer a higher noseband, (they may sneeze and fuss if it is too low), while some advanced horses and riders feel they have better communication with a lower noseband.

Three Pitfalls to Avoid & Why

1. Reinstraps too long? You will have trouble steering & stopping.
2. Reinstraps back like a throatlatch? Without crossing the fat part of the cheeks, both the steering and stopping signals are reduced.
3. Reinstraps tight across the jawbone? You will not get proper release, the horse will be confused by the constant pressure and not stop or behave well.



Three Options for Lunging

1. Clip the lunge line to both reinstrap rings as shown. [1]
2. Clip the lunge line to the nearest noseband ring [2] (just snap the reinstrap rings together).
3. Pass the lunge line through the nearest noseband ring [2], over the poll [3] and connect to the opposite noseband ring.



We are here to help.

If you have any questions as you try your new Natural Bitless Bridle, please e-mail us at info@nurturalhorse.com or phone 1-877-877-5845 (toll free in Canada and USA)

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Warning: These bridles are designed for riding, driving or leading horses – not for tying. If a horse is tied securely or cross-tied, a strong pull may cause the bridle to break. This would not be covered by warranty.

Warning: All equestrian sports have the potential to be dangerous. Please think 'Safety First' and always take responsibility for the safety of yourself and your horse.