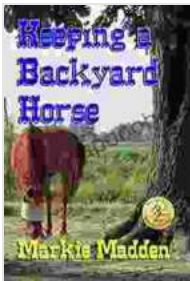


# Your Ultimate Guide to Keeping Backyard Horses with Markie Madden

Horses have long been a part of human history and culture, providing companionship, transportation, and even a sense of purpose. Today, more and more people are discovering the joys of owning and keeping horses in their own backyards. With the right knowledge and preparation, it's possible to create a safe and comfortable environment for your equine companion while also enjoying the many benefits that come with having a horse in your life.



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Markie Madden, a lifelong horse enthusiast and author of the book *Keeping Backyard Horses*, has dedicated her life to helping others learn about horse care and ownership. In her book, she provides a comprehensive guide to everything you need to know about keeping horses in your own backyard, from choosing the right breed to building a safe and comfortable environment for your equine companion.

## **Choosing the Right Breed**

One of the most important decisions you'll make is choosing the right breed of horse for your backyard. There are many factors to consider, such as your experience level, the size of your property, and the purpose for which you want the horse. If you're a beginner, it's best to start with a smaller breed that's easy to handle. Some good choices for beginners include the American Quarter Horse, the Paint Horse, and the Pony of the Americas.

If you have a larger property and are more experienced with horses, you may want to consider a larger breed, such as the Thoroughbred, the Warmblood, or the Draft Horse. These breeds are typically more athletic and can be used for a variety of purposes, such as riding, driving, and competition.

## **Building a Safe and Comfortable Environment**

Once you've chosen the right breed of horse, you'll need to create a safe and comfortable environment for your new companion. This includes building a sturdy fence around your property to keep the horse in and predators out. You'll also need to provide your horse with a shelter from the elements, such as a barn or run-in shed. The shelter should be large enough for the horse to stand up and move around comfortably.

In addition to a shelter, you'll also need to provide your horse with fresh water and hay at all times. You'll also need to regularly clean up after your horse to prevent the spread of disease. This includes removing manure from the paddock and stalls and sweeping up any spilled grain.

## **Caring for Your Horse**

Caring for a horse is a big responsibility, but it's also one of the most rewarding experiences you can have. There are a few basic things you need to do to keep your horse healthy and happy. This includes feeding your horse a healthy diet, grooming your horse regularly, and providing your horse with regular veterinary care.

Feeding your horse a healthy diet is essential for its overall health and well-being. A horse's diet should consist of hay, grain, and fresh water. The amount of hay and grain you feed your horse will depend on its age, size, and activity level. It's important to talk to your veterinarian about the best diet for your horse.

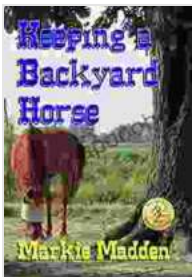
Grooming your horse regularly is another important part of horse care. Grooming helps to keep your horse's coat clean and healthy, and it also helps to build a bond between you and your horse. There are a few basic grooming tools you'll need, such as a brush, a currycomb, and a hoof pick. You should groom your horse at least once a week, and more often if it's shedding or if it's been exposed to dirt or mud.

Providing your horse with regular veterinary care is essential for its long-term health. A veterinarian can help you prevent and treat diseases, and they can also provide you with advice on nutrition, grooming, and training.

Keeping backyard horses can be a rewarding experience, but it's also a big responsibility. By following the tips in this guide, you can provide your horse with a safe and comfortable environment and help it live a long and healthy life.

To learn more about keeping backyard horses, I recommend reading Markie Madden's book, *Keeping Backyard Horses*. This book is a

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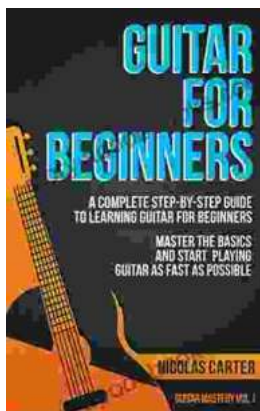
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