

Identification of the Female Equestrian...

- 1. EASY TO LOCATE.** She's either off on the horse or out in the barn.
- 2. UPHOLDS THE DOUBLE STANDARD.** Smooches with the most bewhiskered beast, but recoils when you need a shave.
- 3. OWNS ONE VACUUM CLEANER** and operates it exclusively in the barn.
- 4. A SOCIAL BUTTERFLY**, providing the party is given by another horsey wife. Falls asleep in her soup at all other functions.
- 5. ECONOMY MINDED.** Won't waste your money on permanents, facials, or manicures.
- 6. A CULINARY PERFECTIONIST.** Checks every section of hay for mold but doesn't blink when she petrifies your dinner in the microwave.
- 7. OCCASIONALLY AMOROUS**, but never leaves lipstick on your collar, at worst, slight trace of chapstick.
- 8. EASY TO OUTFIT.** No need for embarrassing visits to uncomfortable little boutiques. You can find all she wears at your local tackstore.
- 9. FEATURES A SELECTIVE SENSE OF SMELL.** Bitterly complains about your sticky-sweet cigar smoke while remaining totally oblivious to the almost visible aroma of her barn boots drying next to the heater.
- 10. UNMISTAKABLE IN A BATHING SUIT.** She's the one whose tan starts at the nose, ends at the neck, and picks up again at the wrists
- 11. A DEDICATED CLUB WOMAN**, as long as the words "horse" or "riding" appear in its name.
- 12. HAS YOUR LEISURE AT HEART.** Eliminates grass cutting by turning every square inch of lawn into pasture which, in turn, converts itself into mud.
- 13. A MASTER AT MULTIPLICATION.** She starts with one horse, adds a companion, and if it's a mare, she breeds it.
- 14. KEEPS AN EAGLE EYE ON THE BUDGET.** Easily justifies spending six hundred dollars, but croaks when you blow ten on a tie.
- 15. AN ENGAGING CONVERSATIONALIST.** Can rattle on endlessly about training.
- 16. SOCIALLY AWARE.** Knows that formal occasions call for clean boots.
- 17. A MOVING FORCE IN THE FAMILY.** House by house, she'll get you to move closer to horse country (and farther away from your job.)
- 18. EASY TO PLEASE.** A new wheelbarrow, custom boots, or even a folding hoof pick will win her heart forever.
- 19. SENTIMENTAL FOOL.** Displays a minimum of six 8x10 color photos of the horse in the house and carries a crumpled snapshot of you (taken before you were married) somewhere in the bottom of her purse.
- 20. SHOWS HER AFFECTION IN UNUSUAL WAYS.** If she pats you on the neck and says "you're a good boy," believe it or not, she loves you!