
Going round in circles or in this case NOT, is the problem!

Posted by ggwhizz - 2007/07/31 23:28

Does anyone have any tips for training a horse to spin?

We can manage one full spin just about but then end up reversing, most frustrating when the pattern requires five!

I've tried using a corner of the school but we're still not getting anywhere

Any advice very much appreciated. Thanks :)

Re: Going round in circles or in this case NOT, is the problem!

Posted by billywhiz - 2007/08/01 19:03

There are a number of drills to help a horse to spin. Firstly walk small circles pushing the shoulders across into the centre of the circle. Once the horse is ready it will turn around its pivot leg.

It is really important to take your time and not rush the horse, if it turns one spin walk out back on the circle. After time the horse will become more fluent and will easily turn more times, don't make my mistakes and push your horse too early too fast. The result will mean a lot more time regaining their confidence.

Have fun, oh by the way it's four spins not five and if you try a green as grass class then it's only two, so you are already half way there.

Re: Going round in circles or in this case NOT, is the problem!

Posted by Gem - 2007/08/10 15:27

I'm having this problem as well, I find my horse spins much better in a curb bit, I usually ride in a bosal, god knows why this makes any difference when I'm not using my rein much at all.

The only way I have been shown to train for a spin is to walk on a circle then spiral it down till you stop and spin, it doesn't work for my horse very well at all. never tried doing it in a corner, Using the corner is great for trying to get a roll back though

Re: Going round in circles or in this case NOT, is the problem!

Posted by billywhiz - 2007/08/27 21:51

Another one to try. walk along a fence stop, back two paces. turn into to the fence, 180 then 360 always pushing them forwards out of the turn.

Re: Going round in circles or in this case NOT, is the problem!

Posted by Gem - 2007/08/28 10:13

^That one by Billywhizz is a good one to do, it rocks them on to their haunches, so it's easier to do and makes them move quicker
