

Are You a Rider-Driver or Rider-Passenger?

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		You know how to get your horse to do any of the preferred gaits you enjoy.
		You know how to keep your horse consistent in any gait until you decided to switch.
		You know how to change your horse back into the gait you desire when he switches gait on you.
		On trail rides, you pick the desired gait and speed instead of your horse.
		Ride up and down hills with you choosing the gait and speed, instead of your horse.
		Ride across streams and rivers with you in charge of the path taken.
		Ride across bridges under control.
		Able to plow rein (two handed reining) your horse well ***
		Able to neck rein your horse effectively. ***
		Ride a round circle, instead of an oblong or irregular circle.
		Ride a straight line down the middle of an arena for 50 feet or more.
		Feel confident to know how to handle your horse if he gets afraid and wants to run.
		Know what to do if your horse wants to go with the other horses and you don't want to go with them. In other words, get your horse secure to be with you instead of only being secure when he is with other horses.
		Know what to do if your horse is resisting you because he wants to do something else (he's unwilling to leave the barn, or wants to take a different trail).
		Know how to back your horse up in a straight line or circle. ***
		Know how to get your horse to do a turn on the forehand or on his haunches.
		Know how to open and close a gate off of your horse. ***
		Know how to leg yield your horse in both directions. ***
		Know how to side-pass in both directions. ***
		If interested in cantering, you know how to get your horse to canter.
		Know how to do a right or left lead canter departure from a walk.
		Know how to get a smooth relaxed stop on your horse from any preferred gait.
***		Without horse tossing his head. Head tossing is usually an indication the horse is out of balance, or being cranked around by the rider.