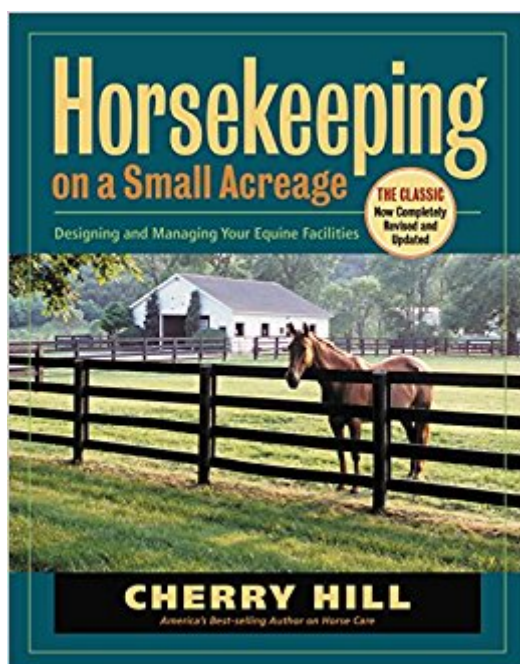


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# Horsekeeping On A Small Acreage: Designing And Managing Your Equine Facilities



## Synopsis

Keeping your own horses requires dedication, hard work, and a sincere interest in the well-being of your animals. This practical guide shows you how to design efficient facilities and establish effective maintenance routines so that your horses can stay happy, healthy, and safe on even the smallest plots of land. Offering expert advice on barn designs, fencing options, and pasture management, Cherry Hill stresses the importance of understanding horse behavior and environmentally responsible land stewardship as integral aspects of a pleasurable and rewarding horsekeeping experience.

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responsibilities of the horse owner, *Horsekeeping on a Small Acreage*, will provide all horsemen with valuable information regardless the size of their operation. *Paint Horse Journal* "This useful book anticipates and heads off many of the problems which will confront the new horse owner. *Driving Digest Magazine* "Through experience and research, Cherry Hill has compiled a wealth of practical information to help others get the most from their horse setups. *Appaloosa Journal* "Land is expensive and horse owners must find ways to get more from less. That's what *Horsekeeping on a Small Acreage* is all about. *Appaloosa Journal* "

The *Essential Handbook for Every Horse Owner* Effective management requires knowledge, dedication, and a sincere interest in the well-being of horses. In this thoroughly updated edition of her best-selling classic, Cherry Hill teaches you how to be a responsible steward of the land and refine your "horsekeeping consciousness" while providing horses with the best care possible. A thorough understanding of horses is critical to good horsekeeping. Hill explains the behavior and needs of the horse, then helps you choose a management method that fits your lifestyle and locale. Read this book, and learn how to maximize your horsekeeping effectiveness with careful planning of facilities and diligent management routines that will keep horses happy, healthy, and safe. Generously illustrated with photographs and instructive plan drawings, this new edition features expanded coverage of environmentally responsible management methods, acreage selection, plot layouts and barn designs, fencing options, pasture management, and useful checklists.

I've been keeping horses for 35 years in a variety of circumstances - boarding, large open ranch with hundreds of acres, smaller farm set up, and on an urban lot. We just purchased a place with 7 acres in town that requires the horse facilities be built from scratch. This book has definitely helped me figure out the best layout for multiple, rotational paddocks. Mostly though, it has been useful in figuring out how to best protect the existing spring fed creek from unintended waste runoff. I would suggest all horse owners read this and especially the first timers. It's easier & less expensive to set up your place correctly at the start rather than fix big problems later.

This book is really helpful in setting up a small horse facility. We are starting from scratch, and it gives us a lot of ideas. My favorite part is the sample layouts, although I think those could use more description about why they were set up that way and alternatives.

Even tho I gave it an excellent book I must qualify that with the fact that I no experience whatsoever with keeping any animal other than a cat or a dog on a subdivision lot. However, the book is very well organized and very specific. It explains in detail what it means to own an animal like a horse and even explains how to keep financial records which is not something I had even contemplated. Also there are legal ramifications that I had no knowledge of at the onset of my study until reading this book. This is not all, the book not only explains what type of site for keeping your horse is going to work for you personally and ideally for your horse. I thoroughly enjoyed all the color photos of housing, land, horses and examples of working farms already established and example blueprints for your own to design and build. The book gave examples of equipment necessary for keeping, caring for and transporting your horse. Much detail was put into the land management for your property where the horse will be grazing and running and living. Soil samples, hay types and even noxious weeds are discussed. Water quality and had a whole chapter devoted to it! Excellent book!

Very informative for introduction to horse keeping on small acreage. Written in easy to understand terminology.

A really satisfying book to have in your hands; glossy, thick, quality, heavy. Everything I was expecting and probably more. I have recently leased eight acres of land to graze my two horses on, and I am learning as I go at how to best manage that land. I am considering it practice as we save up for our own 3-5 acre property. With that in mind, I purchased this book to get advice from someone experienced with managing smaller properties. The content within this book is better than I imagined. It has everything from budget templates, sample costing, barn diagrams and layouts, beautiful huge colour pictures with captions and descriptions, easy to read text written in a way that anyone can understand. My personal favorites are the sample land layouts; they provide a before and after diagram of what a property looks like (for example eight acres with just a house and garage on it), and then it proposes the changes to best suit that property (where paddocks could be fenced, gravel paths or driveways laid, a barn or stables placed, an arena, etc) to best utilise that particular land. It offers several different types, all displaying ways to use each property to their best advantage. This book is a pot of gold! Some things are total common sense about horse keeping, and others are little nuggets that I hadn't even thought of but that make so much sense. If you even get just a handful of ideas out of this book, it is still worth the purchase, and it's a real page turner. When I got it, I couldn't stop turning the pages. The pictures are stunning, they offer solutions for

properties in winter when controlling mud or snow, and they offer solutions for just about anything you need to know about keeping horses, whether they be in pasture full time, or in stables, or in yards. The author has tried to include everything her knowledge base has given her, and it is much more than I ever expected or I had even thought about. An extremely good buy, even for those just dreaming of having a property later in life, it is great to skim through and imagine all the possibilities :o)

Lots of great information. Easy to read and follow.

Excellent book for all. I am particularly pleased with the practical information available to the fairly inexperienced. I have a very good picture of how to layout and set up my facility based on my needs and future plans for my horses. I would recommend this particularly to those who are starting from scratch with setting up their barn/stable.

I find this book has given me several ideas and helped me avoid a lot of problems designing my new ranch (42 deeded acres with more in lease) . Great for horse ranchers with 1/4 of an acre all the way to 40 acres because the principals are based on experience. There are several pictures of the author's ranch to illustrate what she is talking about. Every aspect of horse ownership is touched upon (I've had horses for over 12 years) and it's a great book to help you improve your ranch layout for efficiency and the health of your animals. Highly recommended!!!

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