

HI Spy: What's One Thing about Your Horse that You'd Like to Change?

You love your horse, but maybe he's got some room for improvement. If you could change one thing about him, what would it be?

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Do any of these comments sound familiar?"

"If only my horse were a more stylish jumper, I'd get better ribbons in my hunter classes."

"My horse has the world's roughest jog. It's impossible to sit."

"I wish my horse wouldn't spook so much on the trails."

"My horse is known as a mischief maker around the barn. He's always into something, eating something or destroying something. It's getting embarrassing."

"I can't ride my old horse very often because he has soundness issues. If only I could wave a magic wand and make him young again."

Magic wands and wishes aside, what's the one thing you'd change about your horse? We might envision our horses as perfect, but if we're truly honest we can think of at least one flaw we'd love to fix. It could be a conformation fault, an anti-social disposition, a chronic health problem or a difficult training issue. With the New Year just a few months away, what would you like to see go out with 2008?

When 2009 dawns, would you like to have a horse that executes perfect flying lead changes or willingly crosses water? Do you hope that 2009 brings a year free of vet bills for your aging horse? Are you hoping that next spring your mare finally delivers that colored foal you've been hoping for?

Though we love our horses, flaws and all, this latest installment of HI Spy asks, "What's one thing about your horse that you'd like to change?" Click on Submit a Comment below and share your response with your fellow online readers. Some of the answers will appear in an upcoming issue of Horse Illustrated. And don't worry. We won't let your horse know what you said.

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