

# Just A Trail Horse?

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You often hear the term "just a trail horse" tossed around. It would seem from this statement that trail horses are inferior and less well trained than show or working horses. Well, nothing could be further from the truth. Do you ever wonder why good trail horses often command a higher price than a comparable show horse? Just consider what your trail horse is asked to do. He must be able to go to different places, ride with strange horses or alone, tolerate all kinds of oddities such as plastic bags and trash left on the trail as well as more natural obstacles such as deep water or mud puddles, steep hills, ditches, unstable footing and various kinds of wildlife. Add hikers, unfriendly dogs, mountain bikes, etc, and you can see that the ideal trail horse must be intelligent, calm, trusting and well trained to take you down the trail and bring you home safely. In addition, he must have the correct conformation to stay sound for thousands of miles over his lifetime. All this training takes time and effort on someone's part and that's why the good, solid trail horse is never cheap. However, the good trail horse will repay you with many hours of enjoyment and companionship and let you go places you could never get to on your own two feet.

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