

## **Selected Memorable Quotes About Dogs and Horses**

Our topics for this week are memorable quotes about dogs and horses and who said them.

Our first domesticated animals, dogs and horses, are also the most trainable. They have played the biggest part in human-animal interactions. Some insightful humans have noted dog and horse special qualities and capsulized them in quotes. This week, I'll share my favorite quotes about dogs and horses.

### **Dogs**

Among the hundreds or thousands of quotes about dogs, my favorites are:

“If there are no dogs in Heaven, then I want to go where they went.” Will Rogers, American performer, actor, and social commentator.

“Heaven goes by favor; if it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in.” Mark Twain, American author and humorist.

“Children and dogs are as necessary to the welfare of the country as Wall Street and the railroads.” Harry S Truman, 33rd President of the United States

“The one absolutely unselfish friend that a man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, and the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous is his dog.” George Graham Vest, lawyer and Missouri State Senator.

### **Horses**

My favorite quotes about horses are:

“No hour of life is lost that is spent in the saddle.” Sir Winston Churchill, British statesman, soldier, author, and former Prime Minister

“In training horses, one trains himself.” Atoine de Pluvinel, first of the French horse riding masters.

“When you are on the back of a horse, you are a step closer to Heaven.” Old anonymous Spanish saying.

“No horse stays better than the rider on his back very long.” Dr. Max Gahwyler, Swiss born, American physician, medical researcher, author, and pioneer in dressage in the United States.

“The nobility of traditional Europe was raised on horseback. The horse gives the rider courage, empathy, focus, self-discipline, and a sense of justice. The ruling classes became appropriate rulers by being on horseback.” Charles de Kunffy, author, lecturer, and Hungarian Master of Dressage.

“Riding a horse is not a gentle hobby, to be picked up and laid down like a game of solitaire. It is a grand passion. It seizes a person whole and once it has done so, he will have to accept that his life will be radically changed.” Ralph Waldo Emerson, American author, philosopher, lecturer, and poet.

Let us know if you have favorite quotes about dogs or horses. Send them to [CBC@BetterAnimalHandling.com](mailto:CBC@BetterAnimalHandling.com)

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Now let's recap the key points to remember from today's episode:

- 1. Dogs and horses are our oldest domesticated companion animals.**
- 2. Interactions with dogs and horses can have major beneficial impacts on human lives, including fostering empathy, bravery, a sense of justice, and self-discipline.**

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