

Herd Hierarchy



The Need for Social Order

Horses are highly social beings. It is, in fact, the reason that people are able to domesticate and partner with them. They seek the company of others. In the wild they live communally in bands of families to defend against predators. Just like people, living in close proximity to one another necessitates “rules of conduct” be established to reduce serious aggressive conflicts from arising. Horses are generally protective of their herds and unwelcoming to strangers. Herd members test all new horses to determine their positions within the herd hierarchy. In the wild, this does not always mean that new horses are ultimately accepted.

Aggressive Behavior in Horses



Horse aggression always starts with facial gestures, such as pinning the ears back and baring teeth. It can quickly progress to biting, kicking, and outright body to body combat.

The Dunrovin Herd

Name	Age in 2023	Place in Herd
Monty	24	Leader
Butte	22	Middle
Lady Lonza	21	Only Mare
Whiskey	21	Leader
Razz	21	Middle
Chinook	20	Bottom
Rocket	18	Leader
Dugan	17	Middle
Jasper	17	Middle
Flynn	16	Bottom
Banjo	16	Middle
Garnet	14	Bottom
Scout	14	Middle
Rusty	13	Bottom
Mystery	12	Middle
Oggy	6	Mom Protects
Jax	1	Yearling



Monty and SuzAnne



Whiskey



Nichole riding Lonza with Oggy



**Artists like to
paint Flynn**



**Banjo and Scout
hang together**



Chinook wears sunglasses