

## WalkerBoy® Horse Walkers

WalkerBoy®, owned by Roel Hofman, produces an exceptionally designed "free standing" horse walkers and accessories. This walker allows horses in training, and those in rehabilitation, to exercise freely in a controlled, safe, compartmentalized environment.

The designs are customized for the client with multiple horses in work, allowing users to individualized work patterns for their horses from the simplest "on/off" program, to a tailored, computerized exercise program. The WalkerBoy® gives clients an edge, allowing them to maintain basic training routines for multiple horses, minimizing personnel and operational expenses.

WalkerBoy® prides itself on providing a safe design with the natural movement of the horse in mind, where horses feel unrestrained while exercising, yet completely and safely confined.

For 30 years, WalkerBoy® has dedicated their time and expertise to designing a reliable walker that is ideal for horses of all disciplines. World renowned for their product quality and service, WalkerBoy® is the best horse exerciser on the market.

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### **Why a horse walker?**

Horses need an immense amount of exercise each day and it is costly and time consuming to accomplish this on your own. Horse walkers provide an economic alternative to meeting your horse's activity needs and there is no better horse walker on the market than a WalkerBoy. Our walkers will last a minimum of 30 years.

### **Construction**

Walker Boy construction is a perfect combination of lightweight and strength, creating smooth and uniform braking that does not require excessive stress from the motor. This allows the wind to brake the walker while stopping, eliminating many of the dynamic issues that come with braking heavy walkers.

Our unique adjustment system for attaching the arms at the top of our towers ensure that all the arms are the same height and are straight. Other machines on the market have unnecessarily long start-up and slow down-times. We have a smooth and optimal, controlled braking.

### **Hot-Dip Galvanized Surface Treatment**

In our experience, we have witnessed horse walkers plagued with rust when they are painted or powder-coated. Our horse walkers are hot-dip galvanized so that you can enjoy a rust-free horse walker for life. This coats the inner and outer surfaces and is a superior layer of protection against the elements than other methods, especially in spots prone to fatigue. The expected lifetime of hot-dip galvanized steel is longer than 50 years.

### **Gear motor**

Top of gear motor is large and lasts longer than the competition. Our competitors opt for shaft or chain-driven motors. Often these are difficult to maintain or repair. They also allow for play between pushing and pulling and provide an inconsistent speed for the horses.

### **Power Transmission V-Belt System**

Power transmission is the movement of energy from its place of generation to a location where it is applied to do work. V-belts are flexible and eliminate play between pushing and pulling so the speed is constant.

### **Control Box**

Our stainless steel control box resists rust which eats at housings and does not become ugly and discolored as fiberglass housings do. It includes a heater and thermostat to regulate temperature to a minimum of 75 degrees and this feature will continuously run while the main switch is turned off. It is also equipped with

internal ventilation so temperatures do not exceed safe working conditions and problems with dust and water are eliminated.

The main switch at the bottom of the control box gives it power. It requires 240v 20amps, a ground and a neutral. The control box is separately fused for safety. In the middle, the electric fence switch provides options for 2, 4, 6 and 8 thousand volts.

Control box is designed so that troubleshooting is easily accomplished over the phone and components are separately set up so that an electrician may also easily troubleshoot it. This makes it so that it is not necessary to send the control box back for services. Any parts that need replacing can also be sent directly to you.

### **Computer**

Our computer is easy to use and makes loading horses into the walker a simple task. It contains 100 customizable programs. It is not complex, however, and is operated by 4 buttons on a membrane switch which is very stable, yet easily repairable if necessary.

Competitors often have such complex make-up in their control boxes and computer that parts are a hassle to replace, unlike ours. Operation is not complex with 4 buttons on a membrane switch which control all actions. Programs include: variable speed and time intervals, auto reverse and manual programs. Speed fluctuations are smooth, but not slow; an elegant transition.

### **Electric fencing**

Our electric fence is insulated by 1 inch thick insulators from motor and ground. This is thicker than necessary and ensures durability even through debris and water interference. Our black, UV stabilized bushings are extremely high impact. Black coloring prevents UV travel and resists breakdown far better than the competitor's predominantly white or opaque bushings.

Electric fencing is an essential part of a horse walker. Horses will not respect dividers without it. Our design allows the entire unit to safely be electrified without the faulty failure points other designs possess. It is also much simpler and easier

to use than other walkers. Our fencing has variable power options for varying horse tolerances - 2k, 4k, 6k, and 8k voltage settings are on the control box.

Note: Electric fencing will not be necessary on the perimeter fencing because our control box design prevents down time in which your horses stall their moving.

### **Water system**

A water system is necessary for the proper functioning of the electric fence in the case that footing is insulated or becomes dry. Some footing platforms are insulated or too dry. A water system ensures that the electric fence will retain its efficiency.

Our water system is inexpensive, durable, easy to use and lasts a very long time. There is no match on the market for systems which are integrated as efficiently as ours. Horses feel comfortable with our water system and it only connects to one arm. It also will not break if frozen.

### **Dividers**

Electric fencing must be used on dividers and our design provides reliable electric current flow that does not have the weaknesses that exist in our competitor's dividers.

Our divider system is a series of rigid, high impact, engineered tubes coated with aluminum to conduct electricity. They are fixed onto an arm and 14 tubes make up each divider. This is a lightweight construction that is superior to competitor's metal dividers which are heavy and could possibly injure your horse.

As a general rule, 2 feet of clearance is recommended between the bottom of the divider and the footing. 6 to 8 inches clearance can safely be allowed on the sides. This larger gap at the bottom will encourage a horse to choose to go under the divider instead of becoming injured trying to maneuver through the sides. Our dividers provide the safety your horses deserve and our competitors can't offer.

## **Fencing**

FenceBoy is a safe, durable and efficient enclosure that is resilient and flexible in the event of impact. Composed of soft PVC with woven polyester mesh at its core, FenceBoy™ fencing is a series of 4" (or 10 cm) bands. These bands easily slide through our custom nylon clips, which attach to fence posts.

Fenceboy is as an exceptional enclosure for your walker or round-pen for a high visibility barrier that is as open as possible, which sets your horse at ease. Open fencing, such as band fencing, works well with our dividers to create the safest and most comfortable setting for your horses.

The perimeter fencing does not need electric fencing because our control box is designed so that horses will not be standing still in the walker. Outside fencing should have a large enough outside diameter for horse comfort and a gate that is 5 to 6 feet and left turning so it cannot swing to the inside of the walker is recommended.