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Tips for choosing a boarding facility

Having just acquired her dream horse, a ten-year-old flashy paint named Cosmo, Melanie now had one week to find the perfect boarding facility. At a bit of a loss on how to begin, she decided to sit down and think about what's important for both her and Cosmo.

Comparing boarding facilities can be like trying to compare snowflakes. They may seem the same from one perspective,

yet can be very different from another. Asking the right questions, both of yourself and the potential facility, arms

you with valuable information so you can make an informed decision.

Hint

Understanding what type or style of boarding your horse is likely to encounter is a good starting point.

1. Does the facility take a natural or conventional approach?
For the most part, there are two common styles of boarding: natural or conventional. To get a better understanding of each, I'll explain some of their core fundamentals. From there, you can determine what kind of home you would like for your horse and how you