

Begin by taking the tail of the lead rope around or through a suitable object to tie a cow/horse to. In our example below we're going to tie to a pipe fence post.

In our example the horse is on the right side of the fence post and the tail of the rope is on the left side.



Take the tail of the rope (from the left side of the post) and cross it underneath the part of the rope going to the horse. Then, twist the rope on the left side of the post to form a loop.



Next, take the tail of the rope (which is now on the right side of the post) over the part of the rope going to the cow /horse, and push it up through the loop. See the photo below



Pull the quick release knot tight by pulling the part of the rope indicated by the arrow. Do NOT let the tail of the lead rope come through the loop



After the quick release knot is pulled tight you can slide it upward so it is closer to the fence post. The finished result should look something like the photo below.

To Untie A Quick Release Knot

To untie the quick release knot, pull firmly downward on the tail of the lead rope in one long, smooth motion. In the photo below the man's left hand is getting ready to pull downward, which will quickly untie the knot if it has been tied correctly.

Any knot, however, can be difficult to untie if it has been pulled too tight under extreme pressure. That's why it's a good idea to keep a **pocket knife** or other suitable tool handy to cut a lead rope if necessary.

