



Solving problems with Savvy!

If you've ever wondered how the Parelli Savvy System relates to solving horsemanship problems, this chart will help! Note: Maximum savvy levels are shown for each problem listed – in less severe cases, the problem can dissolve at earlier levels than described here.

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A	E		S
aggressive	ear shy	lazy	scared
antsy, won't stand still	ears back / cranky	leading	self control:
anxious / anxiety	emotional	leads / lead changes	when ridden
arena sour	ewe-necked	lip popping	on the ground
B	excitable	longeing problems	shoeing
backing up	F	lunges & plunges	shying
on ground	fearful	M	sideways:
riding	feeding:	mounting difficulties	kicks out / rears
barn sour / barn sweet	aggressive	won't stand still	won't do it
biting	flexion:	bites	spoiled
bit: pulls on bit	lateral flexion	mouthy	spooking
chomps on bit	vertical flexion	N	stable vices (see specifics)
behind the bit	flying changes:	napping (barn sour)	stiffness
fights the bit	disunites / cross-fires	nasty	stopping:
breeding:	doesn't!	naughty	hard to stop
handling before,	fractious	needle shy	won't stop
during, after	frantic	nervous	always stops!
bridling difficulties:	freaks out	numb-sided	straightness
putting on	G	O	stress
taking off	girthy	obstinate	striking
bolting	girth-proud	one-sided	stubborn
bored	grinding teeth	on the forehand	stud/stallion behavior:
bucking:	ground manners	open spaces - problems	hollering
mild	H	opens mouth	aggressive
severe	hard headed	opposition reflex	sulky
C	hard mouth	over sensitive	sulls up
canter on loose rein	head shy	P	T
canters too fast	head tossing / throwing	pacing	tail: swishing
catching problems	heavy: on reins	pawing	wringing
charging	on forehand	paste-worming	clamping
chicken hearted	herd bound	prancing & dancing	tension
cinchy	high headed	pulls back	tense
claustrophobic	hobbling	pushy	tying up (won't tie)
clipping difficulties	hollow-backed	R	tongue-lolling
cold-backed	hosing / washing	rearing	trailer loading / traveling:
collection	hyperactive	refuses jumps	won't load
concentration span	hypersensitive	relaxation (can't relax)	won't unload
cow-kicking	I	resistance	traveling difficulties
cranky / crabby	impulsive	to the bit	trot on loose rein
cribbing	inconsistent	to the leg	U
crooked	insensitive	to communication	unfriendly
crowding	in-your-pocket	restless	unreliable
D	idiotic	rider	uptight
dangerous:	J	afraid	V
on ground	jigging on trail	lacks confidence	vices (see specifics)
to ride	jumpy	timid	vicious
defensive	K	hurt before	violent
dirty natured!	kicking:	first-timer	W
disobedient	people	novice	walk on loose rein!
disrespectful	other horses	tense, stiff	washing
dog lazy	stable wall	uncoordinated	water fears:
dominates you	in the trailer	rude	crossing
drenching	L	runs away	jumping
drops shoulder	laying down:	runs off	spooking
ducks out of jumps	when you don't want it	rushes jumps	weaving
dull	when you want it!		windsucking



Reach your goals with Savvy!

If you've ever wondered how the Parelli Savvy System relates to achieving your horsemanship goals, this chart will help! Note: Most goals require a solid foundation which means completing the first three levels. The higher the goal, the more critical the foundation, and the higher the dots, the higher the quality.

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Goal	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
A				
adaptable	●			
affectionate	●			
athletic	●●	●		
attentive	●			
B				
balance	●	●		
bomb-proof	●●	●		
bravery / boldness	●●	●		
bright	●●	●		
barrel racing:				
speed	●	●	●	
control	●	●	●	
turns	●	●	●	
breeding:				
handling	●	●	●	●
youngsters	●	●	●	●
C				
calmer	●			
creative	●	●		
compliance	●			
confidence	●	●		
consistency	●	●	●	
collection	●	●	●	●
cut cattle	●	●	●	
campdrafting	●	●	●	
calf roping:				
calm in the box	●	●	●	
fast out, responsive	●	●	●	●
rates	●	●	●	●
stops	●	●	●	●
works the rope	●	●	●	●
colt starting:				
safety	●	●	●	●
efficiency	●	●	●	●
kindness	●	●	●	●
competitive trail	●	●	●	
cow working:				
follows	●	●	●	
rates	●	●	●	●
stops	●	●	●	●
works the rope	●	●	●	●
cross country	●	●	●	●
cutting:				
tracks	●	●	●	●
sweeps	●	●	●	●
D				
cutting (continued):				
tight ends	●	●	●	●
confidence	●	●	●	●
E				
dressage:				
softness	●	●	●	
impulsion	●	●	●	●
flexion	●	●	●	●
rhythm	●	●	●	
responsiveness	●	●	●	
accuracy	●	●	●	●
speeds within gait	●	●	●	●
extensions	●	●	●	●
collection	●	●	●	●
emotionally solid	●	●	●	●
driving	●	●	●	
F				
easy to control	●			
emotionally fit	●	●		
energy	●	●		
engagement	●	●	●	●
enthusiastic	●	●	●	●
extensions	●	●	●	●
endurance	●	●	●	
equitation	●	●	●	●
eventing	●	●	●	●
expression	●	●	●	●
exuberance	●	●	●	●
G				
"feel"	●	●	●	
flexion:				
lateral	●			
vertical	●	●		
flying changes	●	●	●	
friendly	●	●	●	
fun	●	●	●	
family fun	●	●	●	
farrier	●	●	●	
fox hunting	●	●	●	
H				
happier	●	●	●	
hunters	●	●	●	
I				
imaginative	●	●		
impulsion	●	●		
independent seat	●	●	●	
inventive	●	●		
J				
jump	●	●		
jumpers	●	●	●	●
K				
L				
leads: as desired	●	●		
lead changes: fluent, fluid	●	●	●	
lightness	●	●	●	●
to like me	●	●	●	●
loose rein at all gaits	●	●	●	
M				
maneuverability	●	●		
mules, mulemanship	●	●	●	
N				
nice natured	●	●		
O				
obedient	●			
P				
playful	●	●	●	
positive	●	●	●	
positive reflexes	●	●	●	
pole bending	●	●	●	
polo	●	●	●	●
polocrosse	●	●	●	●
Q				
quiet	●	●		
R				
racing	●	●	●	
ranching	●	●	●	●
recreation	●	●	●	
reined cow horse	●	●	●	●
reining	●	●	●	●
respectful	●	●	●	
responsive	●	●	●	
rider:				
experienced	●	●	●	
brave, daredevil	●	●	●	●
confident	●	●	●	●
competitive	●	●	●	●
S				
rider (continued):				
athletic	●	●	●	
good seat	●	●	●	
good hands	●	●	●	
good with problem horses	●	●	●	●
roll back	●	●	●	●
T				
savvy	●	●	●	●
sensitive to				
communication	●	●		
simple changes	●	●		
slide stops	●	●	●	●
smarter	●	●	●	●
soft feel	●	●	●	●
solid foundation	●	●	●	●
spins	●	●	●	●
straightness	●	●	●	
U				
team penning	●	●	●	
team roping	●	●	●	●
timing	●	●	●	
turnarounds/spins	●	●	●	●
trail class	●	●	●	
trail riding:				
safe and relaxed	●	●		
V				
versatile	●	●	●	●
vibrant	●	●	●	●
veterinary	●	●	●	
W				
well mannered	●	●		
well behaved	●	●		
willing	●	●	●	
western pleasure	●	●	●	
Y				
young horse training:				
foals	●	●	●	●
weanling	●	●	●	●
yearlings plus	●	●	●	●
Z				
Zorse handling!	●	●	●	●