

About Me / What I offer

With over 15 years experience using “Join-Up”, Natural Horsemanship and confidence building riding techniques, I have a lot to offer both horse and rider.

My goal is to teach my students not only how to ride in balance and with a proper seat, but how to communicate with their horse in a gentle, effective way. To develop a true partnership!

My experience includes working with stallions, PMU rescues, abused horses, race horses on and off the track as well as BLM mustangs.

I have done Western Pleasure, Competitive Trail, Hunters, Dressage, correcting behavioral issues and getting horses started under saddle.

Whether you are getting back into riding after many years, been riding for pleasure and want to start competing, have children that want to start riding or you and or your horse just need a little “tune up” I can help.

ANY, AGE, SIZE, PROBLEM, OR HISTORY WELCOMED!

Lesson horse available or I will travel to your barn.

A Brief Look At My Training Philosophy

Horses have a tremendous sense of feel. They feel a fly land on the surface of their body. As a result, it doesn't seem necessary to use the force sometimes seen to obtain a result. Often, goals are not obtained because conflicting directions are being given; i.e. pulling on the mouth to “set” the head while asking to move forward.

Step-wise requests are more clearly understood, and any try must be rewarded immediately to be understood. Long term goals should be broken down into small steps so that every riding/handling session is rewarding calm and effective.

I use a non-violent system that sets the horse up so that he wants learn. I can not force him to suddenly know what I want him to do, I can however guide him in the right direction so that the horse figures it out on his own; i.e., my goal becomes his goal. This builds self confidence in the horse and trust in the handler. When the next task comes along you have a happy willing partner ready to figure out the answer.

I encourage the owners to participate in the training. I want you to learn how I do it so that there is no confusion or frustration when you are working with your horse later on. I have found this to be very helpful in the progression of the horse.