



HIGH DESERT RIDERS, EDGEWOOD, NEW MEXICO

Training Tips from Clinton Anderson, Down Under Horsemanship

Pushy horse? Teach him to sidepass.

Sidepassing is a good exercise to practice with all horses, but especially if you have a pushy horse that always invades your space. A lot of pushy and disrespectful horses use their bodies to lean into you and push you around. Sidepassing teaches the horse to move his whole body away from you when you ask.

Teach your horse to wait for you.

Whenever I get on my horses, I do nothing but lateral flexing for the first three to four minutes. I bend their heads from side to side before I ask them to move off. Not only does this get them really soft, but they start to anticipate it every ride. If you have a horse that constantly walks off when you mount, you'll be amazed at the end of one week how quietly he'll stand if you do lateral flexing every time you get on.

Teach your horse that when you get on, he needs to stand there and wait. The last thing he expects you to do is to walk off

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The next
High Desert
Riders
General
Meeting is
Tuesday,
September
27, 2011 at
7:00 p.m. at
the
Edgewood
Community
Center.

*Invite your friends
and neighbors!*

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MEMBERS REPORT

The McFadden/Hodge Despooning Horse Clinic, August 6, 2011

The list of things to familiarize your horse to was endless. There were pipes with brightly colored flowers surrounding them to step over, a large green ball to have your horse play with, water noodles set up like an open gate that you had to walk through, bubble wrap, a mattress, a tarp, and wooden planks you could step over, and even a stereo to play sounds that you may not even hear in real life! You'd be amazed at what a horse could be afraid of, and this clinic was the perfect place to help them get over that fear.

The clinic (a.k.a. Horsey Horror House ;-)) helped build the horses' confidence and trust in their riders. When in a scary situation, someone has to be the leader. These clinics help horse and rider prepare for whatever may be on the trails.

MANY people and their horses came to participate in this exciting event. It was a good experience for all

of us who went. I'm sure you're all looking forward to the next ACTHA/HDR trail ride as much as I am.

Happy Trails!

~Heather Averhoff

August HDR General Meeting

Our special guest speaker was Beth Mitchell, Livestock Inspector from the New Mexico Livestock Board. Beth talked about the need to have "H1" or Hauling Papers any time you trailer your horse away from your property. The only exception is if your horse has your own REGISTERED NM brand on it.

If you are attending an event or show or ride, contact the organizer to see if they require a negative Coggins certificate.

If you are trailing outside of the state lines, check with the state you are going into for their requirements. Most states have a Livestock Board similar to ours and they usually post their requirements online.

Beth highly recommends branding over micro-chipping, because there are not very many microchip readers available in New Mexico. But a brand will be there for anyone to see and even if the horse has been sold, it provides a means of identification and also a place for the Livestock Board to start tracing the owner.

If a horse is lost or stolen, report it to the New Mexico Livestock Board. The inspectors have lists and descriptions (copies of the hauling papers) and they check against them when they are inspecting horses at livestock auctions and sales.

If you know of a horse or other livestock who is abused or neglected, you can report it to the New Mexico Livestock Board.

Beth also talked about brands, how to choose and register a brand with the New Mexico Livestock Board.

Beth gave her phone number for people that need hauling papers or have questions: 575-595-5151.

RIDES AND EVENTS

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The HDR fall flea market will be either Saturday October 7 or Saturday October 15th—contact Martha Eden (505.681.8080) for more information.

HDR is working on rescheduling a fun fuzzy show for the fall at the Moriarty Heritage arena. Contact Willow Romero (505.321.7387) for more information.

Local weekend trial rides are being scheduled on short notice due to weather and lack of volunteers to lead rides. Contact Sheryl LaRue (505.730.9899) if you're interested in going on a ride on the weekends. We've recently been to the Raven Road trails and 4th of July Canyon in the Manzanos, both great trail rides. The parking area for the Raven Road trails has been enlarged and has a turn-around area in the back. Still tight for really big trailers, but much more room than there has been in the past. And the 7 miles of road from S-14 to the 4th of July Campground parking area has been worked on and improved, including nice new bridges.

Random Horse Facts

- An adult horse's brain weights 22 oz, about half that of a human.
- Horses can not vomit.
- The first cloned horse was a Haflinger mare in Italy in 2003.
- Chariot racing was the first Olympic sport in 680 B.C.
- The Dubai World Cup is 6 million dollars, the richest horse race purse in the world.
- Horses teeth never stop growing.
- It takes 9-12 months to re-grow an entire horse hoof.
- Horses have 16 muscles in each ear, allowing them to rotate their ears 180 degrees.
- According to Arabian folklore chestnut horses are the fastest and bravest of all colors.
- Ponies live longer than horses and can live well into their 50's.
- A horse's knee joint is the equivalent to a human wrist, and their hock joint is equivalent to the human ankle.
- The gestation period for a mare is 11 months, for a female donkey it is 12 months.
- Horses with pink skin can get a sunburn.
- A small indent in a horses skin (usually on the neck or shoulder) is called a prophet's mark and is considered good luck.

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