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HIGH DESERT RIDERS, EDGEWOOD, NEW MEXICO

Training Tip of the Week from Clinton Anderson

Look, Leg, Rein

Whenever you want to change directions, turn your horse or guide him in general, always use the Look, Leg, Rein approach. You want to be able to use the smallest/lightest cue possible to get your horse to respond correctly.

When it comes to steering, that's your look. Look up and focus on where you want the horse to go. If he chooses to ignore you and doesn't follow your focus, then you'll step up to the next level of pressure and insist that he follows your focus by applying pressure to his side with your outside leg. If he still ignores you, you'll enforce your request by picking up on the inside rein and steering him in the direction you want him to go.



Always start with the smallest/lightest cue first, and if the horse doesn't respond correctly, increase the pressure until he does. As long as you always start gently and finish gently, eventually that's all you'll have to do.

Learn more from Clinton at:

downunderhorsemanship.com

The next High Desert Riders General Meeting is Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Edgewood Community Center

No Trail Committee Meeting in October

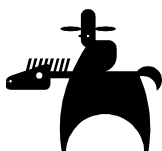
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WHO IS THIS FASHION-CONSCIOUS HDR MEMBER CLEANING HORSE PENS WEARING HOT PINK POLKA-DOTTED "BARBIE" MUCK BOOTS?



Thanks to our HDR Officers, Directors and Committee Leaders and Members who give their time to make HDR a success for all of us:

- Ta-Willow Romero, President & Director
- Jim Stundon, Vice President & Director
- Susan Hill, Secretary & Director
- Diane Lindsey, Treasurer & Director
- Martha Eden, Director
- Hallie McFadden, Director
- Ray Seagers, Sergeant at Arms, Director, Government Liaison
- Trail Ride Committee Leader: Sheryl LaRue
- Membership Committee Leader: John Lindsey
- Public Relations, Newsletter and website: Martha Eden, Dana Scott



HDR does an equitation and biting clinic

Last weekend, October 2, 2010, twenty-nine (29!) enthusiastic members showed up at White Dog Ranch in Edgewood to brave the promised thunderstorms and hear Sam and Willow spout off about our favorite subject, horses. Sam talked about what the horse hears, sees, feels and smells as a result of that meat eating rider sitting on his back like a predator. We classified and evaluated 50 different bits and some other bridle types and did our best to come to an understanding of how and why they work, by providing leverage and giving cues/signals to the beast that is 5 times our size and a heck of a lot stronger than are we.

We ate finger food for lunch and watched for the weather. When the storms failed to materialize, Willow took everyone over to the arena where she gave a demonstration of the secrets of effective equitation. That was very popular among our riders, who tried various cues and maneuvers while Willow gave instruction.

It turned out to be a great and informative sharing session and the weather could not have been more accommodating.

Special thanks are due to Sheryl who persisted in contacting our members and promoting a wonderful turnout, and to Dana who manned the web site and sent out numerous emails announcing the event. Judging from the turnout and the feedback, we probably should plan on doing it again in the future.

~Sam Pallin

And extra special thanks to Sam and Karen Pallin for being such gracious hosts. The arena was beautifully groomed for us and the delicious lunch, desserts and drinks on the patio were provided by the Pallins also. Thank you Karen and Sam, it was a wonderful day!

~Dana



HDR WANTS YOU!

The offices of President, Treasurer and two Board Members at large are up for re-election in November. During our

last general meeting, three of our members volunteered to serve on the nomination committee for the purpose of obtaining nominees for elections at our November general meeting. The nomination committee is comprised of: Jim Stundon, Clark McDuell and Dana Scott. If you are interested in serving the club in one of the positions up for re-election, please contact a member of the nomination committee and let them know:

Jim Stundon
505-977-1246
mstundon@live.com

Clark McDuell
505-514-1855
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Dana Scott
505-573-7779
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And don't forget to attend the November general meeting so that you can VOTE!



Photos from Bitting, Tacking & Equitation Clinic (photos by Karen Pallin)



Only Horse People:

- believe in an 11th commandment: inside leg to outside rein.
- know that all topical medications come in either indelible blue or neon yellow.
- think nothing of eating a sandwich while mucking out a stall.
- know why a thermometer has a yard of yarn attached to the end of it.
- are banned from laundromats.
- fail to associate whips, chains and leather with sexual deviancy.
- can magically lower their voices five octaves to bellow at a pawing horse.
- will end relationships over their hobby.
- cluck to their cars to help them up hills.
- insure their horses for more than their cars.
- know (and care) more about their horse's nutrition than their own.
- have no problem speaking of semen, abscesses and colic surgery at the dinner table.
- have a smaller wardrobe than their horse..
- engage in a hobby that is more work than their day job.
- know that a good ride is better than Zoloft any day!

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HDR RIDES AND EVENTS and CLASSIFIEDS

October 15 through 17 -- HDR annual THOMPSON RANCH RIDE at Don Thompson's, an HDR favorite. Estimating \$80.00 per individual for the weekend, including meals, etc. It is about a half hour drive from Moriarty, near Santa Rosa. WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR COMMITMENTS at the September HDR General Membership meeting, requesting a \$20.00 deposit. We have to commit to at least 20 riders to make this ride happen. This is beautiful country, a relaxing weekend, and the Thompson's are great hosts! Contact WILLOW for more information.

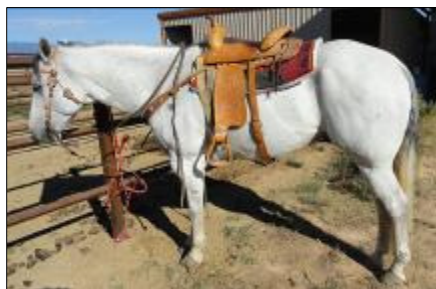
October 23 or 24 -- HDR easy, local ride. Trail TBD. Cedro Peak? Raven Road? Contact Sheryl LaRue 505.730.9899.

October 30, Saturday -- HDR annual "Fall Festival & Flea Market" in Edgewood, at Ray Seagers old office location on the West side of 344, behind the Walgreens. Willow and her crew are looking to make this the best Fall Festival ever, and she's looking for volunteers to help! Lots of food and fun it sounds like! Karaoke? Contact Willow for more information.

November 6 -- Proposed either an obstacle course or cattle-working clinic at Dana's place. More info to come.

CLASSIFIEDS:

DUCKIE: Excellent 11 year old grey Quarter horse trail gelding for sale to good home only! Has been used on many HDR rides and beyond. Will take you up and down the mountain if you ask him, but still be a gentlemen while you do it! Gorgeous, well built, excellent ground manners, clips and loads, has been everywhere with me from working cattle to exploring the Gila wilderness. Please call Nicole at 505-288-2836 if you'd like to try him out. Asking \$2500 obo.



CISCO: A 10 yo Quarter Horse, Palomino Paint gelding. Cisco is a very calm ranch horse, works cattle calmly, has a nice smooth gait, is surefooted and has extensive trail riding experience. He doesn't spook around dogs, cars, etc., and he loves baths, is easy to load, and loves attention. \$3000.00. debra.tanner@yahoo.com Debbie @ 505-286-8662



Dixie is a beautiful Strawberry Roan and is 14.3hh. She is a 4 1/2yo Reg. Tennessee Walking Horse, can also be registered in the Spotted Saddle Horse Association. She's been ridden extensively on trails in the Sangre De Cristos, and on rides with HDR, and just around this area. Some of you have seen what a good girl she is on trails, and has come such a long way from being a little unsure in the early spring, to a confident trail horse, I think, beyond her years. She's smooth, surefooted, smart, loves water, never hesitates. I've ridden her down very steep ravines in Las Vegas, and through deep running water where other horses have refused to go. She has tons of stamina, even on a hot HDR ride to Santa Fe earlier, she had little sweat, and could have easily gone on. In my opinion, she would make (and love to be) an endurance horse. She has NEVER bucked. The only

reason I'm selling her, is because I ended up with the Rocky Mnt. Mare that I had originally wanted, along with her foal. My property wasn't ready to handle a foal when she was pregnant, so I bought Dixie instead. Too expensive to feed everyone, as you all know! I paid \$2,950.00 for her, and that's what I'm asking. However, to the perfect home, I would consider all offers, within reason of course. Penny Brooks, home 505-832-0009 or cell 505-604-6342



STANDING DM's Arizona Ranger at White Dog Ranch in Edgewood. Ranger is the homozygous, black and white son of Dreammaker, the most prolific spotted Missouri Fox Trotter of all time. Ranger's colts out of solid mares are spotted. Ranger is a smooth gaited versatility horse, with a 4th in points at the world cow-horse, versatility competition at the MFTHBA Celebration in Missouri in 2004. He has taken a 1st in Reining at a Foundation Quarterhorse show in Wickenburg, Arizona. Ranger is a farrier's delight, the easiest horse on the ranch to shoe. He is a "sports car" to ride and gentle as a lamb. Want a gaited, spotted baby out of your mare? Dr. Sam and Karen Pallin, 505-999-9009



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