

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT'S HORSE SYMPOSIUM SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2020 9 AM – 3 PM

Natural Horsemanship/Positive Reinforcement Clinic with Rebecca Howard



Join Rebecca Howard for a fun and interesting clinic! Rebecca's obsession is integrating "Natural Horsemanship" and positive reinforcement ("clicker training") into a system of training for her own and clients' horses. Research shows that Natural Horsemanship and clicker-trained animals learn faster, retain longer and bond stronger with the handler!

Rebecca is equally obsessed with human and animal psychology and is halfway through a Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling with a focus on animal assisted therapies. She has advanced training and certifications as an equine specialist for personal development and mental health and is the Equine Specialist for the non-profit Embrace Hope- Sandy Hook Equine Assisted Therapy.

9-10 AM Session 1: Equine As A Second Language (limited to 6 handlers)

Understanding principles of Prey Animal Intelligence. We will begin to understand and speak the Horse's Language (we will have a human accent.) The principles of Natural Horsemanship are based on the Horse's own language and principles of leadership. Unmounted foundation patterns.

10-11 AM Session 2: The Clarity of a Paycheck (limited to 6 handlers)

What do Humans want? The horse does not inherently care about the dressage scoring system, or whatever human activity we want to perform in. He does not inherently understand it either. We will begin to give the horse clarity around our intention, and what's in it for him. Positive reinforcement can make a 180 degree improvement in a horse's motivation and relaxation. Unmounted "Clicker Training" foundation patterns.

11 AM -12 PM Session 3: Natural and Positive Under Saddle (limited to 6 handlers)

Combining Principles of Natural Horsemanship and Positive Reinforcement to our work under saddle. It will look like basic correct training in a snaffle bridle- regardless of English or Western tack. Where the horse is first allowed to release tension, stretch his topline and lower his head, because he can psychologically accept our leadership, instead of any use of "auxiliary tack."

Sign up for a clinic under "2020 CT Horse Symposium" at:

<http://animalscience.uconn.edu/horseSymp/HorseSymposium.php>

Registration Form – Rebecca Howard Natural Horsemanship Clinic

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

What You Would Like to Learn _____

Session: (Check each you would like to participate in, each session is priced individually)

Equine as a Second Language (\$35, \$30 4-H/UConn students/Horse Practicum participants)

The Clarity of a Paycheck (\$35, \$30 4-H/UConn students/Horse Practicum participants))

Natural and Positive Under Saddle (\$35, \$30 4-H/UConn students/Horse Practicum participants)

\$20 to use a UConn Horse (per session; includes all sessions if 4-H/UConn students/Horse practicum participants)

Name of Horse Requested (list more than one choice): _____

\$20 audit the entire day

\$10 for age 9-18, 4-H leaders/members; UConn students; youth groups, senior citizens

Total Amount Included

This clinic will be followed by a demonstration by the UConn Dressage Team, the UConn Drill Team and a Cowboy Mounted Shooting Clinic. These will happen 1-2 PM. At 2 PM, we will have Hands On Horse Science in which you can learn about a lot of the latest horse health innovations and activities!

Equine Health Form for Visiting and Donated Horses must be completed and brought with you that day including negative Coggins, a veterinary certificate if out of state, rabies within 1 yr – 28 days prior, Eastern/Western/West Nile Virus/Tetanus/Flu/Rhino within 1 year and a 3 day temperature log. You will not be allowed to unload your horse until we receive this paperwork.

ASTM/SEI approved helmets required for all participants as per UConn Horse Barn rules.

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If there are any questions, please call Jenifer Nadeau at (860) 486-4471, FAX at (860) 486-4375 or email jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu. Must be received by 3/22/20.

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