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Enjoying the summer!!!

It has been a fabulous summer with great weather and lots of fun activities! Be sure to keep us on your calendar for next year's clinics, camps & demos!



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THE SMALL PRINT

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Rick Lamb Radio Interview with Samantha Harvey



Tune in Sat July 28th to "The Horse Show" with Rick Lamb and catch Sam's interview.

Click here to find out when the show will be airing on your radio station. <http://www.thehorshow.com/>

Get Involved

Remember that located right here in Sandpoint you have a full service center at TEC that offers instruction, training, and classes for all level riders to help address you and your horse's needs.

Starting from the ground up, Samantha Harvey uses natural horsemanship ideas combined with mainstream goals--she is looking to help you succeed.

We'd like to hear from you! If you'd like to volunteer, organize events, clinics, play days at TEC, let us know! We want to support an increased open-door communication within the local equine community.

If you have an editorial, clinic, event or other horse related matter you'd like to discuss, advertise, or list on our calendar please feel free to submit it via snail mail or <mailto:sam@learnhorses.com>

Ride the West 2007 Horse & Ranch Expo

We would like to thank all those who supported us at our second year at RTW in Spokane, WA! Sam offered jumping & dressage clinics with demo riders, a Round Pen Demo, Anatomical & Cross Country Slide show lectures and was a judge at the Extreme Trail Challenge!

Full Immersion Camps



Our fun filled Full Immersion Camps this summer were a blast and we are already looking forward to next year's! The five-day camps are designed as intellectually stimulating, fun-filled learning sessions for both horse and rider. To find out more please visit the link <http://www.learnhorses.com/2006/camp.htm>. TEC is accepting participant deposits as of January 1, 2008 for next summer's camps. Below is one of our participant's comments!

Hi Sam,

I think it's taken a week to try to digest all that we learned at the immersion clinic...I guess some things needed to be processed more than once to settle into my brain. It's hard to verbalize just what all happened at the clinic but I can try. I feel like you opened my eyes to so many things, like opening a door to a whole new view of the world. I know the focus was improving our horsemanship, but the personal insights that kept occurring were such a bonus...those little "aha" moments, when suddenly you see clearly.

There was no part of the week that wasn't valuable. I felt like everything we did, from watching each other, to working individually, to working in a group, all combined beautifully to re-enforce your

message. The art of it all was the way that you wove our individual requests into the daily plan and we ended up learning even more about such specifics as posting and body



position. Every day was so filled with learning I didn't want the week to end. In many ways it was one of the steepest learning curves I've encountered, but at the same time, it was hands down one of the most rewarding weeks in my life. My horses are indebted to you for helping me understand them better and communicate more clearly.

Now when I ride, I'm trying to "plug in" my seat bones, have a plan, ask clearly and hold the thought...and remember to breathe. Thanks for an amazing week; I can't wait to come back next year!
Marilyn

Tamarask Farms



Our Pony Pals Program now offers beginner-riding lessons for both children and adults on our horses & pony. Check out our \$15 practice sessions. Lessons are held on lower Gold Creek. Affordable individual and family plans available. Please call Jennifer at 265-9001 or visit <http://www.learnhorses.com/ponypals.htm>

Facility Rental

We offer Facility Memberships <http://www.learnhorses.com/facilities/rentals.htm> , which are similar to those at a gym. Pay an *affordable* daily, weekly, monthly or seasonal fee and have full access to our center.

Do you need a round pen? Come use our two 60' pens. Need a facility to hold your group event? Take advantage of our gaming, jumping and dressage arenas or the wide-open fields in between. We also have a 1/3-mile conditioning track and beginner trails. LOTS of trailer parking and are EASY to access.

Please remember we are a **NO** smoking facility and require all riders to wear SEI approved helmets.



Ask The Trainer

Topic: Kicking
Name: Kelli
Location: Queensland, Australia
Date: June 19, 2007

Question

Hoping you may be able to offer your thoughts/advice on my current challenge. I have a newly acquired 5 year old mare - who was previously pretty much unhandled. I've been working with her in a calm slow manner on a twice-daily basis - nothing too overwhelming or demanding and she's coming along nicely with the

gentle attention though I find myself becoming increasingly nervous of attempting to pick up her hind feet. Was wondering if it might be beneficial to place her in a crush and work with her there or to tie up her foreleg and see how we go. What advice can you give?

Answer:

Before working with picking up a horse's hoof there are a few preparations you might want to consider. There are numerous ways to desensitize a horse that is worried about their feet being handled; below are a few suggestions that will keep you in a relatively safe position when working around your horse.

First, does the horse allow you to run your hand down all four legs without getting defensive (shifting her weight, lifting her leg, getting tight in her back and neck even if she does not physically take a step,) move away from you, etc? Until she can relax and trust you when you work your hands all over her legs, do not try to address picking up a foot.

Next you would like to see if your horse could respond to a slight physical pressure. First you might start with your fingertips lightly pressing or tapping on her cannon bone- does she acknowledge your action or ignore it? Remember horses feel a fly land on them- they know every time you touch them. You would use a sliding scale of pressure- perhaps starting with a two or three. If she ignored that, you might increase to a five or six, but as SOON as she responds you would remove ALL pressure (your entire hand) to acknowledge there was a recognition and effort on her part. This would encourage her to keep "searching" for the response that you would like. The next time you use your fingertips you would again use as light of pressure as possible. This helps to avoid you having to continually increase the amount of pressure needed to get a desired response from your horse. Your goal would be for you to use very light

pressure and for you horse to quietly shift (Ask the Trainer cont'd) the weight in the leg you are touching as if she were to prepare to pick up her hoof.

Then you can practice running your fingers down the back of her cannon bone and slightly squeeze using more pressure until she picks her foot up (do not try and hold the foot) then you would release the pressure from your finger tips as soon as she had lifted her foot. She should be able to lift all four feet with out stress, worry, excess movement or frustration.

By now, your horse will most likely be ready to present you her hoof for cleaning. If you find she has one hoof that she slightly resists in keeping up as long as the rest, you might consider if there are any old injuries that would cause her to be uncomfortable or unbalanced when picking up that hoof. For more Ask the Trainer advice or to submit questions please visit the following link: <http://www.learnhorses.com/forms/forum.htm>

Classifieds
"Boomer"



Breed:	Thoroughbred
Sire/Dam:	Grandson of Seattle Slew
Age:	9
Height:	15.2H
Color/Markings:	Bay (summer--blood bay) with a snip of white on his nose & 4 white socks.
Sex:	Gelding
Registered?	No
Registration #	N/A
Primary Discipline:	This horse is very athletic. He has extensive indoctrination in Parrelli Level 1, has been worked with utilizing Monty Roberts, Pony Boy and various other natural training modalities, and five weeks with Samantha Harvey in 2006. He is ready for an owner who will work with him and give him a job.
Experience:	Green Broke
Location of Horse:	Blanchard, ID
Vices:	If stressed will pull back.
Price (US\$):	\$2500 Firm
Video:	No
Other:	Owner has too many horses and health issues that limit her time to work with this talented horse. He is the sensitive TB type but is looking to please. Good ground manners, trailers, and good for farrier. Current on teeth & farrier care. He would be best suited for an experienced rider with a natural horsemanship background and the time and patience to invest in building a trusting partnership with this horse. Awesome movement (like a warmblood) that could be developed in dressage or jumping. This horse will be sold to a LONG TERM home only.

2008 TEC Calendar of Events

Please confirm all dates.

April TEC OPENS for the season

May

25 Round Pen Demo Day

June

14-15 Assessment Clinic
28-29 Ground Work Clinic

July

7-11 Full Immersion Camp Week 1
21-25 Full Immersion Camp Week 2

August

6-7 Riding Clinic

Please click here to visit our current calendar.
<http://www.learnhorses.com/calendar.htm>

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