

EQUI-VENTURE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE



HORSEMANSHIP LEVEL – 3 © BEGINNER

OBJECTIVE: Beginner Level – 3 EVEC students focus on refining the use of their aids and the other technical aspects of good horsemanship. The student will be introduced to the gait of the lope or canter. Riding will be done in the larger arenas, in enclosed fields and on trails.

EQUINE KNOWLEDGE

Horse Health - 1

Training & Conditioning - 1

Treatment of minor wounds

Recognize obvious lameness

Parts of the Horse - 3

More Horse Breeds

Hippology & Terminology

Horse Behavior - 2

More horse colors & markings

Bits & Bitting - 1

Rules for the Road - 2

 know which side of the road to lead or ride

 knowledge of hand signals

 safety precautions before taking your horse to the edge of a road

The Artificial Aids

Sequence of the horse's feet at the lope or canter

GROUND SKILLS

Observe round pen techniques
Load & unload a horse into a horse trailer (with assistance, if needed)
Grooming & hoof cleaning (with no assistance)
Observe the application of braces & linaments
Observe the application of boots & bandages for riding
Showmanship patterns
Observe a horse being introduced to a moving "scary" object
Properly hot walk a horse
Properly bathe a horse to cool him down
Properly bathe a horse for cleanliness
Tacking & untacking with no assistance

STABLE MANAGEMENT

Worming programs
Pasture maintenance
Fence repair
Care & cleaning of tack
Care of equipment
Knots - 2
Proper use & storage of stable tools
Mucking out stalls
Blanketing – know how to identify types, when to use them & how to put them on a horse

HORSE TRAINING SKILLS

(Know why and how to teach & how to correct the horse)

Horse should move forward freely at the walk & jog or trot
Horse should be able to perform simple turns at the walk with the rider using an open rein
Horse should respond obediently to the rider asking for an increase or decrease of pace at the walk, jog or trot
Horse should obediently canter or lope when the rider asks
Work up & down hills
Work away from other horses
Lead in hand over simple obstacles, low poles & ditches

RIDING SKILLS

English – adjust girth & stirrups while mounted

Improving balance of the horse & rider

More balance exercises at the walk

Rider should move freely and confidently at the walk, jog or trot

Rider should begin to develop feel of the horse's rear feet at the jog or trot

Introduction to the posting diagonals

Introduction to the rein aids – Open Rein

Know when & how to quickly & properly lengthen & shorten the reins

Walk on a loose rein

Simple turns & circles at the walk, jog or trot

Jog or trot the Figure of 8

Short trots or jogs without stirrups (sitting)

Position & aids for the lope or canter

Beginning the lope or canter

Upward & downward transitions at the walk - trot or jog – walk – halt – trot or jog

Improving balance or standing position at the jog or trot

Introductory Western patterns & obstacles

Introductory Dressage tests (Walk/Trot Intro tests)

Introduction to the jumping position for English & Western

English – Introduction to jumping

pre-jumping exercises

the first jump

Trot over telephone poles as preliminary to jumping (English & Western)

English – jump elementary fences (up to 18")

Introduction to natural & Cowboy Trail obstacles & conditions

Ride up & down hills at the jog & trot

Ride confidently on the trail at the walk

Emergency dismount at the walk

“Cowboy” dismount at the walk

More home exercises

Games:

Build on previous games

Barrel Race (at walk & jog or trot)

Egg on a Spoon

Charades

Treasure Hunt

Saddle Up Race

Catalog Race