

# *EQUI-VENTURE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE*



## *HORSEMANSHIP LEVEL - 4 © INTERMEDIATE*

**OBJECTIVE:** An accomplished EVEC Level 4 student is confident riding a well schooled horse at all three gaits with good posture and control. The student will start working in the open. The student will be able to perform these skills without assistance.

### *EQUINE KNOWLEDGE*

Conformation - 1

Vaccinations

Horse Health - 2

Training & Conditioning - 2

Horse Behavior - 3

Bits & Bitting - 2

Parts of the Horse – 4

Saddle & Tack Fitting - 1

More Horse Breeds

Rules for the Road – 3

- laws relating to horses on the road
- moving off down the road utilizing left & right turns
- overtaking stationary vehicles
- know police signals & road signs
- how to ride on the road in company

Hoof Care

- recognize the following: a worn shoe, risen clinch, excessively long foot & know what action to take
- know when a horse needs shoeing or trimming & what to look for in a newly shod hoof

Hippology & Terminology

## ***GROUND SKILLS***

Round pen exercises

More Showmanship

Lounging - 1

Apply polo wraps & standing bandages

Rub down a horse's legs

Grooming:

pulling the mane

tail care & trimming

## ***STABLE MANAGEMENT***

Measuring a horse

Weighing a horse

Keep Health Records

Keep Farrier Records

Turn out & bring in horses (regularly)

Feed & water horses according to schedule (regularly)

Muck stalls (regularly)

Knots - 3

## ***HORSE TRAINING SKILLS***

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

Introduce the horse to a stationary & later, a moving vehicle

Practice riding past hazards (tractors, 4 wheelers, bicycles, etc.) in a safe place

Insist on obedience when on a road

Horse accepts light contact

Horse should walk, trot or jog on a loose rein

Horse to walk & trot or jog over ridges & furrows

Simple turns & circles with an Open Rein at the trot or jog

Canter or lope on the correct lead on a circle

Walk & trot or jog over telephone poles

Trot or jog over caveletti

English – willingly & confidently jump small fences

Willingly & confidently perform obstacles on Trail Courses

Good manners should be insisted upon

quiet with and without other horses

quiet with traffic

must stand when required

## ***RIDING SKILLS***

Introduce light contact

Work on Natural Aids

Rein Aids: Bearing or Indirect Rein

Balance exercises at the trot or jog

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

Work on correct posting diagonals & know why

Trot or jog without stirrups (sitting)

Post without stirrups

Free walk

Walk, trot or jog on a loose rein

Canter or lope on the correct lead on a circle

Introduction to the Emergency Stop

Independent work

English – jump caveletti, very small fences & tree trunks

Western – jump tree trunks

Trail Course in the arena

Reining patterns

Dressage tests

Begin ‘Cowboy Trail’ obstacles & course

Ride up & down hills at the walk, trot or jog & begin canter or lope

Ride on the trail at the walk & trot or jog

Emergency dismount at the trot or jog

“Cowboy” dismount at the trot or jog

Riding bareback at the walk

More home exercises

Games: Handkerchief Snatching

Touch Wood

Figure 8 Race

