

Chapter 1 : calendrierdelascience.com - Get some respect from your horse!

Your book is simply magnificent. Perhaps the best horse book I have ever read. I've read Henry Wynmalen, Alois Podjasky, Stephen Budiansky, Sally Swift, ect, and watched my share of John Lyons, but your book is more readable, clear, and insightful than any of the above.

How to Train A Horse: You have come to the right place! It takes confidence and knowledge about what response you need from the horse in order to teach the horse. This comes through experience. If you want to learn how to train your horse and you lack experience, start with groundwork. If you do have a few years worth of really solid riding skills and are a confident rider, you may be able to attempt to train a horse. Pick an easy first project. This could be a horse with a mild issue that you feel confident about retraining. If you are riding or around horses the term "training" is deceiving. My first horse had never had a rider on her back and I was just 12 years old when I bought her as my first training project. I had loads of time and desire to learn how to start training a horse to ride. Four years of riding lessons and experience on several different types of horses. Experienced trainers around including the former owner to help me reach this goal. Supportive and experienced horse friends that were willing to help out. This horse was a formerly starved Arabian horse that had been rescued by the trainer I bought her from. The trainer had already put in significant time with groundwork on my new horse to get her prepared for riding. I knew the horse because it was boarded at my barn. The trainer was too big to ride the horse. Her growth had been stunted from starvation. At barely 13hh the trainer thought she would be a good first training project for me given my experience level and size, and I agreed. My goal was to back this mare and teach her basics at the walk, trot, and canter. So, what that means for you is: That is dangerous for you and the horse. Have a good support system in case you get stuck. Pick a horse that matches your CURRENT ability level. The less experience you have the easier your training project should be. Check to see if he is curious, friendly, and interested in people. Undoing bad training or abuse is much harder and dangerous. The fourth thing you should know is what type of training method you are going to use. There are as many training methods as there are breeds of horses out there! Do a lot of research on different trainers and fall back on what you have already learned while riding and caring for horses. Switching around to a bunch of different methods, especially in the beginning will only confuse you and the horse. Be consistent, and as your skills grow you can try different approaches. Later when you are more confident you can blend what you are currently using with something new. Do take a look at clicker training for horses. The fifth thing to do when you want to learn how to train a horse is to keep a good written training plan and follow it. Break your training goals down into manageable sections and write down the smaller milestones and time frame when you can reach them. For instance, if the horse you are training has never worn a bridle, it would be a good smaller goal to introduce and have him be comfortable with things like: Being able to have his tongue and lips touched without fear or aversion. Having basic steering and commands with a rope halter or bit. Less bridle first. Get him used to the bridle you are going to use by setting these goals, introduce it slowly. Let him smell it, sniff it. Make the bit a pleasant experience. Adding flavoring to the bit, or a treat when you put on his bridle may encourage him to take and enjoy the bit. Let him carry it for a week or more before you use it. Do some ground driving first so he understands the communication from the ground without the extra work of carrying a rider. By tracking your progress with goals, you can see how far you have come and any gaps in your training. Learning how to train a horse takes a lot of time and patience on your part. It is an art form born from experience that you keep refining with each horse you work with. Remember we are all ultimately, students of the horse. They will teach YOU much more if you are willing to listen. You may also be interested in: [Horse Training Tips - Great ideas for how to train a horse right](#) [Horse Training Career - Do you know what is required to be successful?](#)

Chapter 2 : calendrierdelascience.com - Standing Still While Mounting

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Rhythm Swong A horse that is in balance 1. Suppleness can take the proper soft and giving posture 3. The horse bends in its haunches and pushes in a way that it can find the right speed 4. Tempo and can move with a regular rhythm 5. In the end, the horse shows the looseness and movement in his swinging back 6. Teaching the exercise to the horse If you have never ridden a passage before, make sure you find an experienced horse to learn it on. After mastering this forward-upwards feeling, you can teach it to your own horse. As a preparation, the rider can first ride transitions from piaffe into a forward going trot. Then the rider asks to go forward from piaffe in a more upward manner. This is how the passage should be developed. In time, the movements will become more perfect and more beautiful. Variations The passage can be improved with the following variations: Transitions piaffe â€” passage. This increases the control over carrying and pushing. Transitions passage â€” extended trot. This increases the forward movement and the flight moment. Turns and serpentines in passage. This enhances a more round movement and bending in the front legs. All side movements in passage. This also enhances a more round movement and bending in the front legs. It also stimulates the proper activity in the hind legs. Sign up for free! If you want to learn more about how to start doing the Straightness Training exercises , then join my free 4 part Mini Mastery Course! How to teach your horse a new exercise in a horse-friendly and stress-free way. This mini course really is worth watching - not only useful insights and tips, but also seeing the learning stages that both a less experienced and more experienced horse had to go through to achieve the desired results. All 4 video clips are accompanied by easy to understand theory and explanations, which makes it easy to follow and the processes even more clear! We hate spam just as much as you.

Chapter 3 : How to Train a Barrel Horse

have Teaching Yourself To Train Your Horse: Simplicity, Consistency, And Common Sense From Foal To Comfortable Riding Horse By Richard D Alexander DjVu, PDF, ePub, txt, doc calendrierdelascience.com will be glad if you go back anew.

Train Your Horse to Compete Successfully by Laurie Truskauskas Learn how to pick the perfect horse for trail class competition, perform difficult maneuvers with finesse, prevent rider errors and common mistakes, and make a great impression in your next trail class. Appropriate for the greenest novice or the intermediate exhibitor looking for ways to polish their performance. Do you enjoy the challenge of teaching your horse precision work? Want to showcase your training by competing in the trail class? Here is the first book that makes training for this popular division easy! Three types of horses that the Trail class is great for! The key to training a successful trail horse is to start slowly and teach your horse to obey the cues to maneuver through an obstacle, rather than let the horse anticipate and perform the pattern of an obstacle or perform an obstacle by habit. Anticipation can cost you points in tough competition. Horses enjoy the challenge of working different obstacles. The skills and knowledge they gain from learning one maneuver or obstacle helps when you progress to the next. The discipline of maneuvering correctly through the obstacles will teach your horse obedience and to be more respectful, which in turn will make him a more enjoyable partner. Changing the pattern of the obstacles adds variety and will provide both you and your horse countless hours of enjoyment. The new challenges of a demanding trail course can help an otherwise bored horse become competitive once again. The trail obstacles also give the rider a visual aid to see if they have correctly cued their horse. This will help you fine tune your cues to the horse, making you a more polished rider. Rider error can cause the best trained horse to make a mistake. In many cases, the horse is doing exactly what the rider cued him to do. She starts colts, trains and shows halter horses, pleasure and trail horses, hunters and jumpers, and All-Around horses. This is her sixth book on horse training. Laurie apprenticed with Joe Ferro, one of the men responsible for starting the American Quarter Horse Association in While with Joe, Laurie learned about starting colts, breeding and foaling. With his encouragement, she put on paper their combined knowledge in hopes of helping others who search for knowledge about training the horse. Training the Two-Year-Old Colt is her first book, and each succeeding book gives insight into a new topic. She has judged local and open shows and has given clinics to 4-H and other clubs. She has shown at the Congress and finds the entire experience from judging youth to showing top quality horses to be truly rewarding.

Chapter 4 : Groundwork exercises: the 5 basics your horse should know

How to Train a Horse. Training your horse can be challenging, but it's also a rewarding experience. Start by teaching your horse to ground-drive, which means leading from behind while you're on the ground.

Do train yourself before you train a horse Before you begin to train a horse to jump, you should have at least one year of jumping under your belt on an experienced jumper. You should know the two point seat and be able to maintain the two point seat without having to sit, as your horse trots three times around a standard size arena, on both reins. You should be able to maneuver a row of low grids and jump at least a three foot vertical and oxer, at the trot, all without reins. The same advice goes for all the other jumping sports. You should ride jumps before you attempt to train the horse to jump. Do avail yourself of a sound horse For the jumper, soundness is very important. The conformation you choose will be determined by the path you wish to take for your jumper, whether Open Jumping, Show Hunter, Field Hunter, Steeplechaser or the Eventer. For instance, an extreme dressage conformation would not be the right choice for a horse whose career will be mostly jumping. His conformation and temperament will determine the amount of success you might be able to expect. Although small horses and little ponies can clear large obstacles and make great field hunters, if you wish to compete at high levels, train a horse that is at least 16 hands. The most versatile is the Thoroughbred. The mixed or half breeds do better for field hunters because they are less excitable and usually sounder. Soundness will keep the horse in action or out of action. Have the horse vetted before you buy, and have the vet include x-rays of his feet to check for hidden problems. Do have access to a jumping facility To properly train your green jumper you will need a sizable piece of ground, preferably with easy footing and as flat as possible. Jumping on uneven ground will come after the horse is able to jump. You will need the following equipment: You will also need to have an instructor if you have not trained a jumper before, and you will need an able bodied ground person who is strong enough to move standards and adjust placement, height and width of poles and cavalletti. It is also a safety precaution never to jump while you are alone. A good warm up would be a half hour walk or longer if you have time, followed by walk, trot, canter transitions in the arena, first going large and then ending with 20 meter circles. These should be done on both reins. The transitions should be about 15 minutes of work, followed by stretch break before beginning poles on the ground. Many problems come from jumping before warming up. Tendon injuries, slips and falls, bucking because of tight and sore back are just some of the dangers causing harm to horse and rider. Do build trust and confidence Trust in his rider and confidence in himself is necessary so that your horse will go wherever you wish and jump the obstacle you are facing. We begin the green horse with trotting over poles on even ground and when he is calm and confident with this, we introduce cavalletti and small jumps and combinations. The level of difficulty is gradually introduced only when the horse is working well at a lower height and width. This beginning training, which should take up several months and is too involved to explain here fully, is extremely important and should be supervised by an instructor well-schooled in the use of grids, combinations and various types of schooling jumps. As you are developing his physical ability to maneuver obstacles, you are also beginning the establishment of his trust in you for whatever you ask of him; if you make the distances difficult, he will not develop this trust. This initial training should be only done at the trot and with reins as loose as possible, preferably on the buckle. Putting a green horse at a wide oxer or high vertical before he is physically and mentally capable to clear it will only cause him to back off and to lose trust in you and himself. Running a horse toward a wall to force him to perform a flying change is not only cruel, but could possibly sour your horse for that exercise indefinitely. Flying change should be introduced after your horse has developed enough strength in his hind quarters to perform it quickly and smoothly. Jumping too many jumps in any one session can tire your horse and sour him. If he is jumping well, put him away after no more than a dozen jumps. If he is not jumping well, lower the height or decrease the width so that he retains his confidence. Do not neglect dressage training Dressage training , or as it is known in jumping circles as work on the flat, should not be neglected. Some elementary movements are now required in Hunter shows because of the recognition of the importance of dressage in developing the horse. If you are hoping to train an open

jumper, dressage training makes your horse much more maneuverable; light in front and easier to control. The eventer will train dressage up to the third level or FEI advanced level for the same reasons. It also give him a break from jumping work in the arena. A horse that works day after day constantly jumping will become sour, dull, sore and unenthusiastic. Your days off can be long trots in the open hills to help refresh his attitude and dressage work will be a welcome break from going over obstacles. Do not hold your horse up The initial work over poles on the ground, cavaletti and small jumps are designed to be ridden with little or no rein contact. The purpose of this is to encourage the horse to carry himself and to do it calmly. It defeats your purpose if you use strong rein contact to control him, to keep him from rushing, or to keep him from stumbling. He must learn to carry himself. There will come a time when you lose a stirrup over a jump, or even a rein, and he must be able to handle himself. He must learn to be calm while working and not become frightened because you are not holding him. A good exercise is to free jump your horse in an enclosed section of your arena, over well placed obstacles of the proper height and width for his development. Do not avoid hills Every horse, no matter what his use, should be taught to go up and down hills with little or no rein. This exercise is done at a walk, then a trot, and later the canter, and is an invaluable training tool. At first, take your young horse on these outings in the company of one or more older calm mounts. Let him see how they go and ask him to work with little rein. Gradually and over time he will get his balance up and down hills with the buckle on his neck at all gaits. Any problem he might have had with rushing will be remedied. Hills are also great for conditioning and relieving his emotional pressure of arena work. They encourage him to stretch his neck and therefore his back. Riding in the hills make him keep his hind quarters more active farther up toward the center of gravity. Summary Training a valuable jumper prospect is an intricate endeavor, requiring much knowledge, riding skill, feel, and patience. Done correctly, not swiftly, will give you a happy jumper who will do his best to clear any obstacle that is within his physical ability to clear. He will remain sound longer and will be your companion and partner in one of the most exciting equestrian sports. More expert advice about Horses.

Chapter 5 : Be the leader with your horse | Straightness Training

Teaching Yourself to Train Your Horse: Simplicity, Consistency, and Common Sense from Foal to Comfortable Riding Horse by Richard D Alexander. Woodlane Farm Books, Hardcover.

How to Train a Horse to Respect You I think that the most important point to remember whenever you are trying to train a horse to respect you And in fact, whenever you are training a horse Is that you have to work "within its frame of reference. Why is it important to be aware of this? Well, because a horse is a herd animal, it thinks and reacts in a certain way Especially taking into account that it is a "prey" animal and not a "predator" -- where being part of a group has different connotations. Firstly -- being part of a herd means that there is a hierarchy within the herd, and depending on your horses nature, it will find its natural place in that hierarchy. Because then it is safer from predators, because of the group dynamic. So what do these points mean to us when we are training a horse, or trying to train a horse to respect? And how can we use them to our advantage? There will always be a group dynamic between ourselves and the horse we are trying to train. And if you let the horse assume the dominant role in this hierarchy, you are already battling the odds to make it listen to you and pay you respect, purely because it feels like the alpha animal in the partnership. If you make your horse move its feet, you are taking it out of a comfort zone because it is sedentary by nature, and you can use this to your advantage when training a horse. If you get into the habit of Standing next to your horse, holding the lead rope and assuming a certain body position for example, bending down from the waist And you then use a crop to tap it hard enough on the rump to make it move its hind-quarters round away from you and thus end up facing you And as it does this, straighten your body posture, stand up, and step backwards a step, letting the horse stand still facing you You will very soon have a horse that will turn and face you when you assume this body position without the use of the crop. Instead of presenting its hind-quarters to you, either in an aggressive manner or in an attempt to get away from you, by simply assuming this body position. Where we spoke about the horse being a sedentary animal and in a comfort zone when it is doing nothing. I see so many people when they are working around their horse Stand next to the horse and restrain it from moving when they want it to stand still, and every time the horse moves they restrain it again and try to make it stand. A far better way of teaching the horse to stand Is to use the concept of taking it out of its comfort zone by making it move until it wants to stop and stand. And then rewarding it at this point by putting it back into its comfort zone, and letting it do so. I would first use a head-collar and let the rope hang free to the ground. To start with I would move around the horse placing myself where I can easily get to the lead rope. Every time the horse starts to move of its own accord, I would take hold of the lead rope and make the horse back up quite strongly for some yards. Lead it forward and repeat the back-up. If it moves again, repeat the process. Very quickly you will see that as the horse starts to fidget and you reach your hand towards the lead rope, it will stop moving and stand still without you having to make it back up. The important thing is for you to be totally aware and present when you are teaching the horse, and for you to react instantaneously when it starts to move, so that it associates the movement with the consequence. Doing these two things goes a long way to establishing you as the ALPHA partner in your relationship with your horse. Start As Above and Do Not You will notice that my suggestion when you are teaching this respect is, to start with a head collar and no other tack on the horse. DO NOT start this lesson while you are in the process of tacking up because you are setting yourself up for failure, by not starting with step one. If, for example you try this with an unsecured saddle on the horses back you run the risk of the saddle falling off and getting damaged. Or, if the girth is already through the martingale and it falls, this will spook the horse as it drags the saddle along the ground. Start by placing a saddle pad on the horses back that has no consequence if it falls off. Head Throwing Butting After Competing: One can also use this method, once the horse understands, to stop horses head-butting you when they are being lead after competing. If you never let this happen, very soon you will have a horse that you can un-tack and work with, without getting head-butted and trodden on, and can then lead the horse quietly round to cool down. Again you will notice that I advocate starting all these kind of lessons while you are standing on the ground. The Herd "Frame of Reference" when in the Saddle: Horses are naturally herd animals, so

Nappiness, or wanting to get back to the herd, is a natural consequence of this. It is almost impossible to train a horse that has its attention focused on the herd or the stables, and not on what you are trying to teach it. Again I start by teaching the horse to stand still until asked to move. Some things to be aware of if you are trying to break the habit of Nappiness, and want to get the horses respect and attention on you. That is always such a magnet to the horse and teaches it to Nap. Put the gate on the side away from the stables. Do NOT have other horses that you are going to work next, standing at the gate. You are again creating your own problems if you do this. Do NOT end the training session by riding out of the arena. The horse starts to associate the gate with the end to movement, and being allowed to stand Back in the comfort zone we have talked about , if you do this. Instead -- Ride to the middle of the arena, dismount, loosen girths and any other tack there, paying attention to reinforce the lesson of "stand still" while you do this. Then lead the horse out of the arena so it starts to associate the middle of the arena with an end to work. The Next bit of Advice in Curing Nappiness Or a horse that will not stand, is to use almost the same technique you used when standing on the ground. When you are mounted, backing the horse to teach it to stand has two drawbacks in my opinion. First you are having to apply pressure on the mouth to make the horse back-up, and that pressure is only released by you and not the horse Second, backing up is an unnatural gait for a horse that you have to teach it to do, so if you are training a young horse to stand, you are then trying to teach two lessons at once, which is more difficult for the horse. What I do is to use a snaffle So the relief from pressure for the horse is immediate when it does what I want. Do NOT try to stop it. Work flexing to one side for a while, then switch to the other side. Next, once the horse is getting the idea of standing still till asked to move, just let the horse learn to stand with no pressure on the reins, and in a natural body position, and only flex when it moves. Firstly -- you have taught patience and the horse has its attention with you, so you are a long way down the track to curing nappiness. Secondly -- you are starting to supple the horse by stretching those neck muscles which is great for the horse in future lessons. Thirdly -- you are making the horse SAFE for anyone to ride, because it learns that the pull on a single rein means stop. And lastly -- you are starting to educate the mouth and teach the horse to drop from pressure because while it has a hold on the bit, it is creating its own pressure and will keep moving because of this. The minute it gives to the pressure, flexes and stands, you are releasing pressure, so the horse starts to associate giving to pressure from the reins with you also relieving the pressure. This is the start of creating a good mouth. I think you can see that if you teach the horse patience and manners starting from the ground and working on from there, you will always be working with a respectful horse, which is a pleasure to be around. And that is how you train a horse to respect you. Hope those tips help you. Happy training, - Gav P. They also learn respect pretty quickly.

Chapter 6 : How to Do Basic Dressage Successfully: 11 Steps (with Pictures)

This is a fantastic book with a valuable, unique, and scientifically founded approach to bonding with and training your horse. I have truly enjoyed reading it and exercising these approaches.

Horsemanship is about the horse teaching you about yourself. Hobbles are a great tool for all horsemen. Some think hobbles are mean or cruel and if used the wrong way, I would agree. Hobbles are an advanced "sack out" technique that will give your horse confidence, enforce your leadership position, teach pressure and release and build trust. It teaches horses to give to pressure and learn to deal with being trapped. A hobble-trained horse is less likely to tear his leg off if he ever is caught up in wire or a fence. Hobbles have a long history in horse training. I do not use them for that and do not recommend them for that use. In the days of horseback, when most all transportation was by horse, there were not tie post or tie points everywhere. By placing hobbles on a horse, you were able to secure your horse in open areas with no trees or tie points. That way in morning, your horse would have grazed all night, but would not have traveled miles away from you and your camp site. A horse can still defend himself if hobbled and can still kick and run. If you are out riding and do not have a lead rope or place to tie a horse up and you need to relieve yourself, you can hobble your horse, take care of business while your horse snacks and relaxes. See a video on Hobble Training: [Click Here](#) Hobble training your horse will teach him patience, will teach him to give to pressure, will teach him not to panic if his legs are trapped and it comes in handy if you have no place to tie. It is important in the training process to teach the horse to give to pressure without panic. I do this with a soft cotton rope and work on each foot and the body. By putting the rope on one foot and putting pressure on until the horse lifts his foot and then release. Soon you will be able to lead the horse with a rope on any foot. After the feet are done I put a rope on the girth of the horse and teach him to lead from that pressure. Each time I teach a horse to give to pressure, he will learn to give to pressure in other ways. Prior learning makes later learning easier. After making sure you desensitize all the feet good, you can put the hobble on. Make sure you are in a soft area that is enclosed and safe. Also, make sure you have a lead rope and halter on your horse. The time you put hobbles on a horse they normally get off balance and will fall to their knees, you have to be ready to keep the head up and prevent it from hitting the ground. Another common action is the horse may jump or rear forward and up, you need to be ready to react, take control and calm the horse, so you can help him through his fear. Once the horse struggles a bit, the will stop and stand still looking to you for help, if you have sacked them out correctly. As soon as they stand still, you being very calm, take the hobbles off, reassure the horse and then have it slowly walk off a few steps. This tells him he is not trapped and can move now. All training time as many side benefits. It teaches you to better understand your horse, it causes you to spend time with your horse and it allows your horse to learn you, your behavior and your cues. All build trust and a better relationship. After the first hobble and removal, then put the hobbles back on and just stand with the horse with the lead rope ready to support the head if he falls. He may just try to lift each leg and test the hobbles; if he does, praise him and let him know it is OK. By talking or distracting the horse, he will forget about his fear and being trapped and it helps him learn to deal with his fear of the unknown. If he calms down and stops testing, about 20 seconds, then take them off and let him stand, he will not move since he thinks he is still hobbled. Then ask him to take a step or two and relax. Then put them on again, this time he should test and struggle less, now you can try and walk to his butt and get him to move his back legs. If he does this just a little, stop and praise him, let him stand for a few seconds and take the hobbles off. Let him stand after you take them off and then ask him to take a few steps and show him he can move. All of this tells him, that he will not be trapped forever, it is no big deal to have hobbles on and you will take them off. After you establish a routine for him, then he will be less stressed. Then maybe put them on one more time and have him move his butt both ways at least a quarter turn and no more than a half turn. Then let him stand while still hobbled for about a minute or two and then take them off. That will be a good start. After a few times of doing this in a nice soft area with sand or soft footing, then you can take him out to nice green grass and hobble him and let him eat and graze. Here he will learn how to move and eat and to not worry about his feet being trapped. Keep him on a lead rope for the first few hobbles to help

him balance and having you holding the lead rope and near the horse, it will give him confidence and routine. If you act like you expected it and deal with from a position of calm, then the horse finds calm in your actions and behavior. Remember a horse is only a reflection of the person handling him. If the person is calm, confident and in control, then the horse will be the same way. The first few hobbles should not be over a minute or two, the more you put them on and take them off, the more the horse will accept them and will not panic. After you have a good foundation, then you can start putting them on longer and in different areas. Watch my video on Hobble Training: [Click Here](#) I had a lady who called herself a "Dressage owner" who wrote me for advice on handling her horse. She got mad at me for telling her she was the problem with her horse acting out. She was upset, so she blamed me and then said had she known I used hobbles she would have never asked me a question. Too bad we cant send horse owners off to trainers instead of their horse. I just shake my head at people so narrow minded and then think about their "Poor Horse" for having to deal with them. Hobbles are about teaching your horse to release to pressure, to trust you even when you take away his ability to move and not to panic when trapped. This is good for any horse in any discipline. Just because I ride western and hobbles are mainly used by western riders, does not mean that all horses and all horse owners cannot grow and gain from using and learning about them. Horsemanship is about the Horse, not the person, the style of riding or what discipline you practice. You teach a horse that you are a leader by moving them or by restricting their movement. When you control their feet and mind you show your leadership ability. That is what makes good and calm horses. So now this horse will associate hobbles with pain, he will have more fear of being trapped, he will not trust the handler since he will associate the handler with pain. See my video on [Sacking Out: Click Here](#) So, investing some time in training your horse to use hobbles will pay you back in big dividends. You will gain his trust, teach him it is OK to be stuck or trapped, teach him to think when trapped and not react, pull and panic. Not to mention that the more you teach a horse, the better you and your horse become, the more you reinforce your position as leader and you let your horse know that no matter what happens, when he is with you, he will be safe and not hurt. The theory being that this allows less movement than with them lower on the ankles. These hobbles are a standard type of leather figure 8 hobbles. I put hobbles on the ankles since I like my horse to take baby steps, graze, roam and move around. These hobbles are made of raw hide that is braided, much like a raw hide bosal. No metal snaps or buckles to cut the horse and are stronger than leather. This is twisted leather hobble left. No buckles or metal, can also be twisted rope. These rope hobbles right are made of soft cotton rope and will slide to open and close around the horses feet. Some believe that these should be used to train your horse to hobble. If you do your preparation correctly, I think you can train in leather hobbles, since that is what most people carry on their saddle. The leather holder under the first saddle string left is called a hobble holder. This is where most horsemen carry their hobbles while riding. These hobbles to the right are commonly called breeding hobbles. As the name implies, they are used when breeding to prevent the mare from kicking a Stud and damaging his future baby making tools. The little leather strap above the stirrup is also called a stirrup hobble, not to be confused with horse hobbles. They have enough give to allow her to walk around the stall. When there are no suitable objects to which a horse can be tied, it may be possible to use hobbles. This might be useful on trail rides or when stopping in an open park or pasture. The horse must first be trained to accept the hobbles. This is best done when the horse is first being trained, by an experienced horse person in a round pen or confined area, with soft ground or sand. The first time hobbles are put on a horse they will probably stumble and may fall, so make sure you have a lead rope and halter on so you can support the head if the horse falls. Some horses can travel a fair distance when only the front legs are hobbled to each other. Once your horse learns to run and move with hobbles, you may have to use sideline hobbles or tie a lead rope to the front hobbles to slow the horse down. Most horses if they trust you and look to you for safety and security will not want to leave you and will try to follow you a bit. So some small movement is not all that bad. Training for hobbles should be low stress and should be done without force or fear. The horse should not be nervous or fearful if it is done right.

Chapter 7 : Learn How to Train a Horse to Respect You

Preview: How To Teach Yourself To Use Your Feet We all need to know how to turn our horse's around with our feet whilst our hand is down! Yes this is a button and it's needed at times when we might be in a situation where our horse needs support or direction when the cow has turned away from us and the horse is unsure of where to go.

Training a miniature horse: Repetition, repetition, repetition, consistency, consistency, consistency, and patience for horse and owner alike; that is how to train a horse. As children, we learn language in order to communicate. Our parents teach us language usage by word association, word consistency, and word repetition. Like children, a horse must learn our language and vice versa. Obviously, horses do not verbalize as we do, so they must learn through repetition and consistency; the same words for the same actions and situations. To become proficient, this training must be daily or every other day until the skill or action is learned. If you will begin your training for 5 - 10 minutes a day, you will be surprised how quickly your horse will catch on. Start with an easy task, and then build up. Praise the horse if the task is done well and walk a little more, then repeat the same process. When the horse has finished the training session, ask for a simple task that he is able to do then put him back in the stall or give him some turn out time. Always end on a positive action. Stick to one new task until the horse masters it. Move on to a new task only when the earlier training is memorized and performed successfully by the horse. The following day you should ask for that task, if done well, add another task and continue to build his understanding of your words and body language. Remember that horses naturally pick up on nonverbal cues so you will find your horse is learning your body language in addition to the verbal cues. Just like children, or adults for that matter, horses will test your limits. Minis are very smart so if you reward for positive behavior, which may be with your voice tone and a scratch on the neck or an occasional treat, they quickly learn that it is easier to do what you ask of them. Many times training problems arise from lack of understanding what is being asked of them or fear of a new situation. Rarely, if ever, will you find one that is just looking for a confrontation. One of the biggest challenges is not to spoil the miniatures because they are so cute, friendly, and small. Remember, it is much easier to keep from developing bad habits than trying to break one. If you have miniature horse shows close to you, go and observe what the winning handlers are doing as far as show style. Not all trainers show the horses respect but if you watch, you can see the difference in the way the horses respond. It is wonderful to see a horse show well because he likes and respects the handler; it is not fun to watch a horse trying to show in response to fear. Truly, training a mini is no different than training any other animal – body language, consistency, repetition, and tone of voice is the key. You may also find the article on line at TheHorse. He believes that training techniques such as hyperflexion of the neck rollkur and the use of electric shock collars can actually inhibit learning, confuse the animal, and compromise his welfare. A horse has no way of connecting misbehavior to a correction like water deprivation, he continued. McGreevy suggested using a series of training tools to keep a horse progressing in the right direction: Use scientific training methods that are humane. If you use negative reinforcement, cease the activity as soon as the horse obeys. Pressure after compliance can confuse the horse; Use easy-to-understand signals, and isolate each signal from the other as much as possible. Overlapping signals can be difficult for the horse to understand; Teach one command at a time, and connect it a specific signal. If an activity is complex, break it down into different components. Once the horse knows the individual components, put them together; Apply rewards immediately so that the horse connects the learned signal and the response to the reward; Learning is doing. Once the horse learns the signal and response, he should continue giving the desired behavior when asked. Build trust with the horse so he works with you rather than against you. Training should not be a test of wills. Use techniques that minimize conflict behavior and encourage submission and relaxation in the horse. McGreevy does not supply any training methods in his research; his research focuses on understanding how a rider can most effectively communicate with their horse. The abstract, "Horse-training techniques that may defy the principles of learning theory and compromise welfare," was published in the July issue of the Journal of Veterinary Behavior.

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Before you begin horse training, there are a few things you need to know in order to be effective and safe with your horse.. There are a few things you need to know before beginning horse training, like how to approach training, what doesn't work and how to know when what you are doing is working.

However, it is important to realize that all horses should learn the lessons outlined in this article. Almost every horse that comes into training with me goes through every single step in this process on the very first day and on subsequent days, if needed, whether I see behavior problems or not. It creates trust, respect and a high degree of obedience in the horse that is being trained. If it is possible to avoid physically reprimanding a horse, then please do. I have always reserved physical reprimands for the most dangerous, seriously aggressive horses. Many people have asked me "What is the specific cue you give to a horse to tell him to stop [biting, rearing, kicking, etc.]. There really is no one cue to reprimand a horse. What works for one horse, may not work for another. The most important thing to remember is that if you decide you want to use physical contact to reprimand a horse whatever cue you decide to use, use it consistently. One thing is for certain, if you begin to reprimand your horse physically, it is important that you continue until he steps away from you and out of your personal space. If you stop reprimanding him before he has begun to think that he is less dominant, you will have lost, and reprimanding him in the future may only become harder. Every chance you can get, rub the horse all over his body, scratch his itchy spots and love on him like crazy. This will prove to the horse that you are a pleasure to be around. If you are rubbing him and run into any area that he objects to being touched, just back off that area for a little while and go back to it slowly. Once he will accept you rubbing him all over with your hands, begin to be friendly to him with other objects, rub him with ropes, saddle pads, bridles, saddles. This step builds up trust. Teach him to give to pressure. I would suggest you start with teaching the horse to give to pressure on his poll. When you ask your horse to give to pressure, it is MOST important that you do not release the pressure until the horse gives you the correct response. Once you teach him to give to pressure on his poll, you can teach him to give to pressure on his shoulder, hip, barrel, muzzle, legs. Make it a point to practice giving to pressure with your horse every day. It can be as simple as asking your horse to step to the side while you are grooming him, or to lower his head while you brush his face. This is the most time-consuming and patience-testing step in training horses, yet one of the most important. When your horse learns to give to pressure on nearly every part of his body, you will always have something to keep him busy with. In addition, when horses interact with each other they use physical pressure to indicate dominance. If horse "A" pushes on horse "B" and horse "B" moves away from the pressure, then horse "A" has successfully communicated to horse "B" that he is more dominant in the herd. Horse "B" then begins to respect the space and authority of horse "A", permitting that horse "A" is consistent in his communication. Alternate between steps 1 and 2. Take 5 minutes of every day you spend with your horse to review this step. Here is an example of what I might do during these 5 minutes: The instant he steps away, I immediately take away the pressure and begin rubbing his shoulder gently again. I repeat this over several areas of his body for an entire 5 minutes. Make this step part of your daily routine, and you will have the most responsive horse on the farm! Teach your horse the "back away" cue. This is the beginning of teaching your horse to respect your space. Start by standing about 3 feet in front of your horse facing him, holding the lead rope in your right hand. Leave some slack in the lead rope. During this exercise, the lead rope should never be taut. Hold your right hand up and point to your horse with your index finger, and begin wiggling the rope back and forth gently. If the horse just stands still, or if he does anything else but walk backward, wiggle the rope harder. If he still does not respond, wiggle harder. The first couple times you do this exercise, you may have to resort to wiggling the rope so hard that it jerks on his halter enough for it to become extremely uncomfortable not painful - but very uncomfortable. The wiggling will create a series of short jerks on his halter. Do not stop this wiggling until he shows signs of stepping backward. If he begins to lean backward, stop wiggling immediately, pet his face and praise him. Through repetition, the horse will soon learn to back up with only a slight wiggle of the rope, and over several sessions he may learn to back up with only a wiggle of your finger. This depends on how much

work you do with him on this, and how consistent you are in your rewards. Teach that he can only be in your personal space under the following condition: Start by standing in front of him. The instant that he begins to walk towards you without you cueing him to do so, immediately ask him to back up to 10 feet again. Continue this until he can stand 10 feet from you without attempting to come into your space. Try tricking him by turning away or stepping back or to the side. You may find that he thinks that is the cue to advance into your space. Once he shows you that he can stand still at 10 feet away respectfully, you can give him the cue to step forward into your space. Stop him about 3 feet from you by wiggling the rope or your finger. Once he is standing still, you can then step toward him to pet him, which teaches him that it is pleasurable to respect your space. If, at any instant the horse begins to disrespect your space by nudging you with his nose, by becoming stubborn to cues that you are positive he has learned, by tossing his head, biting, rearing, or any other aggressive behavior, immediately ask him to back up at least 10 feet away from you. It is important that you do this aggressively to get your point across. Once he is calm, standing 10 feet away obediently, you can repeat the exercise again. I have yet to find a horse that this does not work on. However, you must incorporate it into your every-day routine for it to work. You cannot simply do the exercise one day, and expect the horse to be a perfect angel the next day. If you are leading your horse to the paddock or pasture, and he becomes a little strong or decides to push on you with his shoulder, or whatever behavior is unwanted. Then, try a series of cues to get him to give to pressure, which will get his attention focusing back on you instead of on the pasture or his buddies before continuing on your way. Start to anticipate and correct every unwanted behavior in your horse, by giving him something to do before hand. A horse cannot be following a series of cues that you have taught him to obey and be misbehaving at the same time. So, give him a series of cues in a row to keep him busy, and to take his mind off whatever is distracting him. Keep your horse busy with responding to these cues as often as you can, until he begins proving to you that he can be obedient all the time. When he behaves obediently, you can let him rest from your series of cues. However, the instant that he begins to drift his attention to something else, or behave badly, begin your series of cues all over. The horse learns from this, that it is very hard work not paying attention to you. You will soon end up with the most obedient, respectful, safe horse you know. This article was published on:

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Do Do train yourself before you train a horse. Before you begin to train a horse to jump, you should have at least one year of jumping under your belt on an experienced jumper.

I have no background on her, she is 18 years old maybe. From there on you start with groundwork. If the basic groundwork exercises are going fine, you can work her in hand and on the longe to teach her the riding aids on the ground. Reply By Kristin Bickford on 17 September i have a 16 yr old gelding I just rescued a draft and am going to work with her using these tools! I would give you the advice to start with Liberty Training The 8 connection-exercises to build a strong relationship first. Reply By Linda Mansfield on 16 September make sure her grain contains NO molasses as it can make them quite hyper, take away all the sugar you can. My friend has her horse on raspberry leaf which has a calming effect, very cheap in the herbal stores Reply By Amy on 16 September how much raspberry leaf would you give a horse that weighs pounds and is it a pill or actual leaf? I do all these training techniques with my 3 year old filly. How can I make it more challenging for her? In the mean time use your imagination and make it fun for the both of you. Reply By Karine Vandendorre on 8 January To make it more challenging you have to make the basics more difficult. And you can also make a sequence: Doing your exercises outside, on the field, on the road, is also very good. Just making long walks outside most horses really love! Teaching your horse double long lining. There are really a lot of things you can do to make it more fun or challenging for her. Try to find out what she really likes and then mix that with other things. Reply By Alyssa on 9 February Hi! I have a year-old Morgan-Arabian gelding that I rescued from slaughter. He was a stallion at the time and the sweetest one at that. Then he got gelded and things went downhill with training. Our bond went out the window and I have been working on groundwork with him but I feel that every step forward leaves us with 10 steps back. Liberty training according to the Horsefulness philosophy has proven already so much times that it is so good to develop or re-build the bond with any horse! So focus on the 8 connection exercises, especially the first 6 and stop the rest of the training for a while. This can really help you and your horse! You should also see if you can help him with homeopathy or Bachflowers, because some stallions that were castrated feel depressed afterwards. Their character can change more apathetic, depressed, some are even traumatised by it. Homeopathy or Bachflowers can help them overcome this. I would go back to zero only to the point where I spent a lot of time running my bare hands over every part of her body. Then I would begin again taking my time with saddling, longing mounting and moving. Does her saddle fit well? I usually follow that line to pinpoint where the problem is. Reply By Tarryn on 12 January Hi. I have a general question about overcoming fear of working with the horse. I guess I am scared that they will kick or trample me lol. I know that this is a big problem with me and not the horse as they tend to pick on our body language very quick. I have a 1. Friends of mine are terrified of their gelding. I started doing groundwork with him almost 2 years ago. He has really changed ALOT except for one thing. He used to bolt when being led and drag his owner foreign her to let go of the lead rope. From time to time while doing ground work he will be doing great and then suddenly he will bolt and I cannot hold him. Sometimes I catch it just as he is about to leave and I catch him. My huge concern is if I even had to lead him when out on a trail ride and he just decides to bolt on me. He is really soft and good under saddle and does all other exercises. I think it is important you find out the reason why he does this: Is it because you use wrong body language? Observe him very good, let other people observe too while you are training him, videotape it, All you can do to get some more information. But the most important thing: If she can't see the other horses she will pace if not tied, and paw the ground if tied. I took her to a trainer a couple years ago and she got sent home after two weeks because she literally tried to dig out of a stall. How can I get her to stop this behavior? Thank you for your advice. Reply By Lynda on 4 November Do the 8 liberty steps so the horse forms a trust with you and will not be upset when away from its friends, because you are now a friend. They can become stressed if they are left alone. First you have to establish a good relationship and strong connection with your horse, like Lynda says. If that is the case it is already possible that her separation anxiety is much better or is even not there when you are with her. You have to do it gradually, taking small steps, and using the connection you have with your

horse to help your horse. You are the one who brings the calmness. By Roger Lucich on 5 February However, about one thousand years later, the historic Greeks grew to become interested in Geometry as a discipline that follows sample and relationships based mostly on logic [https:](https://) In this sport, you will have to attain the maximum by giving maximum right answers.