

UNDERSTANDING THE SCIENCE OF HORSE TRAINING – AN EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP

Just because you don't intend to teach a horse something doesn't mean you won't; and just because you are not aware of having taught a horse something doesn't mean you didn't.

-J. Hagerbaumer

All animals, horses and humans included, respond to the same rules of learning. Whether you 'do' dressage, participate in reining, jump cross-country courses, or dabble in natural horsemanship, the same basic principles of learning apply to all horses, and all disciplines. Understanding how horses learn can improve your training, help you achieve better results, and even give you a happier horse – no matter your discipline.

Join Lauren Fraser, CHBC, at an easy-to-understand yet educational presentation on the science of learning and horse training; it is suitable for all - from horse novices to professional trainers. Some of the topics will include:

- Learning, defined: Types of learning that occur
- The simplest forms of learning: Habituation and Sensitization
- Learning is always happening: The two different types of conditioning
- How we teach horses: The positives and negatives of reinforcement and punishment
- The training 'toolbox': It has two compartments and four quadrants, and gives you the tools to teach ANYTHING you want
- Timing, timing, timing! Improve your timing: Say "Yes" to what you want in training
- Let your horse find the answer: Encouraging 'searching' behavior for better learners
- Shaping: Teaching complex behaviors, simply

After the presentation, we will analyze Youtube videos of people working with horses, and you will learn how to recognize and assess what method is being used, for *any* training technique or discipline.

This workshop runs around 3 hours in length, including a Q & A period, and is \$40 per person. Workshops are eligible for both EC Professional Development and IAABC CEU's.

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