

(FPHGW) Foundation Principles of Horsemanship— Groundwork

Who will benefit from this class:

- Anyone wishing to increase his or her knowledge of the details that are essential to understand and create a horse that is non-resistant, content, and safe to be around and ride.
- Those preparing the young horse to be ridden.
- Those working through problems of behavior or balance with their horse.
- People with issues, such as fear, anxiety, or a lack of confidence.

What this class will offer you and your horse:

- Bring the horse into a state of contentment, where the horse can learn to think and respond rather than react out of self-preservation, anxiety, and fear.
- Create balance for the five paces of normal, lengthened, working, medium, and collected.
- Gain confidence on the ground, which will transfer into the saddle with your horse.
- Learn basic schooling techniques and skills that prepare the horse for the first rides or to improve the horse's balance and movement.
- Bring the horse into the state of the ramener.
- Learn how to prepare the horse for changes of rein, changes of gait or pace, etc.
- Learn exercises and/or maneuvers (in the halter and with the bit) such as: bending, flexions, one-rein driving, lunging, leg yield, shoulder-in, turn on the forehand, halt and rein back.

(FPHR) Foundation Principles of Horsemanship In The Saddle

Who will benefit from this class:

- Anyone with a horse being ridden below the level of high school.
- Those wishing to prepare their horse for the movements of high school.
- Those with green or young horses. (Must be comfortable riding the horse in a group at walk, trot, and canter).
- Those who wish to increase their understanding of how to ride the horse of contractions and create soft, willing, partnership with their horse.
- Those who wish to increase their knowledge of how to build or re-build a sound foundation in their horse.

What this class will offer you and your horse:

- Learn the flexions while mounted.
- The proper use of leg, hand, seat, and other aids.

- How to balance the horse and your body for various gaits, paces, and maneuvers.
- How to bring the horse on the aids.
- Bring the horse into the state of the ramener under saddle.
- Learn how to perfect and combine the three foundation exercises of lateral flexions, longitudinal flexions, and the free walk, which will create obedience and are the foundation for any of the advanced maneuvers you ever wish to do.
- How to perfect the halt and rein-back.
- Changes of pace, gait, rein, etc.
- Learn exercises and/or maneuvers such as flexions, leg yield, shoulder-in, haunches-in, half-pass, turn on the forehand, reverse turn on forehand, turn on the haunches, pirouette, and reverse pirouette.

(IH) In Hand

What this class will offer you and your horse:

- Learn how to create balance and bring the horse into collection. Preparing the horse for the movements of high school.
- Progress from the ramener into the rassembler.
- Refine the balance of the flexions.
- Learn how to prepare the horse for piaffe, passage, canter departs, collected canter.
- Learn or improve the lateral movements of leg yield, shoulder-in, counter shoulder-in, ranvers, travers, turn on forehand, turn on haunch, pirouettes, reverse turn on forehand, reverse pirouettes, and half-pass.
- Gain confidence on the ground, to prepare you and your horse for the work while riding these movements.

(RH) Refined Horsemanship

Who will benefit from this class:

- Those interested in learning the intricacies and details involved in creating a quality riding horse for any discipline.
- Those who feel they are ready to take their horses, or are currently working on exercises and maneuvers, beyond the elementary work.
- Those who may be encountering difficulties in some part of the more advanced work.
- Those who may want to understand more about or find different approaches to obtaining advanced maneuvers.

What this class will offer you and your horse:

- How to further the development of the horse's balance and collection.

- Learn the lateral movements as well as other exercises and their role in developing a supple, light, collected saddle horse.
- A deeper, more intense study of the horse's balance, and the contractions in the horse that may be affecting that balance as well as the horse's performance.
- Develop tact in the use of the aids.
- Learn Insights into how to better prepare and help the horse understand how to balance for specific maneuvers: such as, lead departs, lead changes, collected canter, piaffe, etc.
- The understanding of how and why it is through the use of the lateral movements and the changes of gait and pace which develops the collection and prepares the horse for work and maneuvers required in a more advanced riding horse.

Private Lessons, One on One Sessions

Who will benefit from this class:

- Anyone wishing to have a private lesson with Clay to work on a specific issue.
- Anyone wanting Clay to work with his or her horse individually.
- Anyone wanting an evaluation of where their horse is at, and what it will require to either solve a problem or improve their communication skills.

One on One Sessions will run for 45 – 60 minutes each. During the session Clay will determine the best approach to help the horse and rider.

This may be:

- Clay working the horse on the ground.
- Clay riding the horse.
- Clay instructing the student while the student rides the horse.
- Clay instructing the student while the student works the horse on the ground.

(CW) Cow Working

This class is designed to teach people how to work cattle in a real ranch setting.

What this class will offer you and your horse:

- The basic horsemanship skills and maneuvers needed in handling cattle.
- How to read cattle - how they are likely to respond or react, what they are planning to do next or where they are preparing to go.
- How to handle and maneuver cattle with the least amount of stress put upon them.
- Where to position your horse and use the horse's presence and energy to get the desired response from the cattle.

- Will involve, driving and directing cattle on a specific pattern, cutting, sorting, and holding the herd together.

Note: Having taken prior horsemanship courses with Clay is strongly recommended.

(TC) Trail Course

What this class will offer you and your horse:

- Learn how to maneuver your horse safely and confidently through, over, and around various obstacles with balance and control.
- Develop the horse's trust in your leadership and therefore trust and confidence in you and within itself.
- Learn the balance necessary for various obstacles to keep the horse thinking and working with you, which prevents them from going into self-preservation.
- Learn how to read the horse so that you can know the right time to ask for more and when you should wait.

Note: Having taken prior horsemanship courses with Clay is strongly recommended.