Horse Behavior Modification

A two-Day Course with Both Classroom Discussion and Hands-On Experience with a Focus on Avoiding, Rehabilitating, & Managing the Common Horse Behavior & Training Problems

Loading & transportation difficulties ~ treatment aversions (eye & oral medication, needle sticks, rectal temping, genital examination, etc) ~ difficulties with ordinary ground handling procedures (catching, haltering, leading, tacking, mounting) ~ food-related aggression ~ stereotypies ~ rearing ~ biting ~ pawing ~ bolting when turned out ~ gate rushing

Open to students, owners, trainers, veterinarians, farriers and anyone at any level of skill and expertise with a serious interest in understanding horse behavior and “misbehavior.”

The course could be called “how to behave so a horse behaves as you wish.”

Classroom sessions on how animals learn, the natural basis and “man-made” factors contributing to the common undesirable equine behaviors, the simple tools and techniques for animal behavior modification. Hands-on will include demonstration, participant practice opportunities, with coaching for various recommended popular and advanced techniques. Specific protocols and equine-specific tips will be offered for common behavior modification techniques including acclimation, systematic desensitization, counter-conditioning, clicker and target training, and all-positive reinforcement vs pressure and release vs punishment.

16 Hours Continuing Education Curriculum
Classes run 8:00 am - 4:00 or 4:30 pm.
Course Coordinator/Instructor, Dr. Sue McDonnell, CAAB

Tuition is $500 for day 1 only, $900 for 2 days. Limited seats.

10% discount when taking two of our short courses or 20% discount when taking 3 courses in one year.
To Register please go to Registration page and follow instructions

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