

Hart's Horsemanship



Safe, Ethical, Sustainable

Combining the art and science of
behaviour to provide a true
understanding of equine behaviour and
learning



You can't make a horse respect you, you can only be the sort of person a horse respects.

Personal commitments and principles

I believe in putting the animal first in each and every situation, always working with the principle, "do no harm," a principle which creates safe, ethical training. To achieve this I use the practical application of the science of behaviour, not methods built on personal interpretation, marketing or showmanship skills. I believe in educating owners so they can develop their own skills and solve their own problems to whatever level they choose.

Every situation is unique, and despite it being harder, I believe in creating individual solutions for each equine and human partnership. Allowing the horse to learn rather than making them learn is vitally important to ethical training, where working quietly with the animal and doing small things leads to big changes.

I feel that trainers should walk the talk, to do what they say they are doing and to work for the benefit of the horse not for the benefit of their own ego. I want people to push themselves to reach their potential and to do that I will not always tell them what they want to hear but will always tell them what they need to know.

I believe that working with horses is about who we are, not about who we trained with, or what certificate we have, after all horses cannot read certificates. The skill, ability and true motives of the trainer are what matters to equines, they are the best teachers, even if we sometimes don't want the lesson. It is the human that needs to develop and learn because equines did not ask to be domesticated, but as long as we do domesticate them we are responsible for them.

I feel there is no quick fix just learning and understanding the science of behaviour which leads to being able to do the right thing and the right time for each individual situation to provide safe ethical training.

The journey to better horsemanship should be fun and enjoyable, even the tough bits. To enjoy the journey we have to work with the equine and the human together. We have to accept the true nature of equines and we have to work with ourselves as least as much as we work with our animals.



Principle Centred Training

By teaching people how to think, not what to think, Principled Centred Training allows course participants and equine owners to permanently increase their own potential.

Correct principles are self evident, they are a guide to find our way in the world, they do not change but remain constant to provide a direction even in the most difficult of times.

Principles are things we all know to be innately true, but first we have to stop and have the opportunity to accept that true success comes not from short term gain but from long term sustainability and truth.

Principles provide us with ethical solutions to the challenges that equines and humans face daily. Using principles to guide our equine training provides us with direction in any situation and any environment that will transform human and equines alike.

Principled Centred Training builds on the science of behaviour to provide natural laws and principles that can guide participants in all their interactions.

In using Principled Centred Training, Hart's Horsemanship walks the talk, delivering training that is safe, ethical, based on responsibility and sustainability so that participants can use what they learn in all areas of their lives and provide solutions for years after the training has been completed.

By clearly setting out the principles of Hart's Horsemanship I hope equine owners and handlers can have an insight into my beliefs and can ensure my work with their animals meets the standards they expect at all times.



We do not see things as they are. We see them as we are.
The Talmud

Safe, ethical, sustainable and individual learning solutions for you and your horse