
Instructor suggestion...

Posted by laura - 2007/09/07 15:06

Hi we are currently breaking in a nice little Nocona bred Appaloosa mare for an owner. She has been broken English and her owner would like to give the mare a basic education and safely hack her out Western when she goes home.

Can anyone recommend an instructor? My understanding is the owner has no competitive interests she just wants guidance and supervision in keeping this horse going. She has not ridden western before.

Any information gratefully recieved.

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Re:Instructor suggestion...

Posted by amanda - 2007/09/08 08:09

whereabouts are you laura?

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Re:Instructor suggestion...

Posted by laura - 2007/09/08 14:42

Ah sorry - that was a bit dumb wasn't it?!!!! We are near Gretna or Dumfries, even down to Carlisle would be fine. Thanks!

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Re:Instructor suggestion...

Posted by CQH - 2007/09/08 15:47

Bruce Lawrence is running clinics at Sillloth, Carlisle:

The dates are as follows: 27th and 28th of October, 1st and 2nd of December, 5th and 6th of January. Contact Bruce at www.equineresources.co.uk/

Post edited by: CQH, at: 2007/09/08 16:49

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Re:Instructor suggestion...

Posted by laura - 2007/09/08 15:52

Thanks I will let her know those dates - would she be off a level where she would get something out of a clinic with Bruce? Or would he be more interested in teaching competitive riders? One of our mares used to be trained by Bruce but I have never met him, I just presume he is used to teaching experienced western riders!

Post edited by: laura, at: 2007/09/08 16:53

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Re:Instructor suggestion...

Posted by CQH - 2007/09/08 16:00

Most of the people on these clinic's are total beginners

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Re:Instructor suggestion...

Posted by qhrider - 2007/09/08 16:48

Bruce works a lot with complete beginners and some that do not ever want to compete. I had not ridden western before going to Bruce and now, four years on, do compete and feel really good about my riding. I also like hacking out and nothing is nicer than a well trained horse for that!

Just got back from a 3 hour hack that was so relaxing having a horse that goes past everything and that I trust and she trusts me. Even when we had to ride through a huge flock of geese!!

He trains my horse for ME to ride and that is what is important. Clinics are great for young horses to get used to others in with them and Bruce does not push the horse or rider beyond what they feel comfortable with. Give him a ring and I'm sure he can answer any questions before you book.

Re:Instructor suggestion...

Posted by Gem - 2007/09/08 19:50

In Scotland there is Kayreen Jones, who is lovely and very helpful, Martina von Gehlen who i think i have only met once but is very nice as well. and Lucia Boase, who also runs a trekking centre and she is a lovely person as well, i found her very useful i had my first western lesson with her on a little horse called Brad

Re:Instructor suggestion...

Posted by laura - 2007/09/08 20:13

Thanks for the feedback on Bruce - I had suggested him to this owner initially so I will tell her about the clinic dates and that he is so well recommended by your guys. I'll try and find out some more details on the Scottish instructors - though I know Lu is too far away from us as she is up near Oban.

Re:Instructor suggestion...

Posted by campbh - 2007/09/08 20:36

I can also be very positive about Bruce - I am a novice at western and my mare has just had her third western lesson (all 3 or which have taken place in the last week!!:P), 2 of those were with Bruce and I am absolutely thrilled with the fast progress she/we have made! He made it really clear about what we were trying to achieve, and how we should go about getting there - I wouldn't have any concerns about level of either horse or rider with Bruce as a teacher.