



## PROSPECTUS 2009

### APPLIED EQUINE BEHAVIOUR - *Training Courses*



Over the last decade there has been a major shift in the horse world globally, owners now want to be more informed and want more options on how to deal with everyday situations. There is a desire to take more responsibility for the mental, emotional and physical well being of their horse. There is a phenomenal interest in horse behaviour and how it can be used in training.

Rio Barrett, Sue Gardner and Lynn Henry have developed these courses together through a shared vision that horse ownership and training should be safe, ethical, fun and rewarding, and a desire to see people achieve their goals and get the results they want at home and in their chosen field of competition and for the experience to be as good for the horse as it is for the human.

These sequential courses will increase knowledge and understanding of the innate behaviour of the horse and develop skills to apply this to handling and training of horses of all ages and types.

The courses begin with essential horsemanship skills for safety and welfare and building solid foundations, and progress to deeper levels of relationship and higher performance. They are open to private horse owners and professionals alike, providing a pathway to instructorship if desired.

Each of these courses is divided into modules of 3 or 4 days and the dates and content details are shown below. You can study any course at the appropriate level for you and your horse. Prior experience and learning will be assessed to make sure you are on the right course. You just need to ring and we will discuss your experience, needs and goals, and then fill in the application form and send with your deposit to secure your place.

Students who complete all the modules will receive an AEB Certificate of Completion.

Assessment of your progress at each level can be arranged if you wish and will involve extra study and cost. Students who complete the whole series of Level 1, 2 and 3 ground and ridden courses and successfully reach the required standard will receive the Applied Equine Behaviour Diploma.

OCN Wales (Open College Network) Accredited Level 1 and 2 courses are presently available through the Welsh College of Horticulture. For more information on course dates and locations in Wales please [http://www.wcoh.ac.uk/co\\_aeb.asp](http://www.wcoh.ac.uk/co_aeb.asp).

### **AEB Course Descriptions**

**Level 1 – Introduction to Applied Equine Behaviour - 3 days, (1 module)**

**Unit 1** (1 day) Focuses on basic theory and understanding of the innate behaviour of horses...what they need, how they learn and interact and shows how to interpret body language, develop curiosity and create confidence and motivation.

**Unit 2** (2 days) Starts to put the theory into practice. Develops communication skills, patience and understanding and shows why and how to control movement and direction. Students will learn about personal space, leadership and safe handling skills, and how to create a relationship built on trust and mutual respect.

**Level 2 - Applied Equine Behaviour - Training on the Ground – 4 days, (1 module)**

Expanding on knowledge and understanding from Level 1, this course covers handling horses at a distance, controlling speed and direction to improve confidence, communication and balance. Students will learn how to develop lightness through motivation and how ground work connects with riding.

**Level 2 - Applied Equine Behaviour - Training in the Saddle - 6 days, (2 modules of 3 days each)**

Translates everything learned so far into riding and training in the saddle. Students will learn how to develop a good foundation of confidence, balance and control through communication and understanding of a horse's nature to help make riding safer and more enjoyable for all.

**Level 3 – Applied Equine Behaviour - Training on the Ground** - 6 days, (2 modules of 3 days each)

Takes a deeper look at how training works for those students wishing to expand their knowledge. Communication and confidence are developed and refined using obstacles and challenges to develop feel and timing. Students will learn how to improve control, balance and posture and how to safely and effectively handle challenging situations and practical applications.

**Level 3 – Applied Equine Behaviour - Training in the Saddle** - 6 days, (2 modules of 3 days each)

Deepens the level of understanding of the aids and focuses on improving independent seat, lightness and impulsion through exercises to develop feel, timing and balance. This level will offer more challenging exercises and practical applications for refining responses, increasing confidence and improving connection.



### **Entry requirements for courses at Oakwood**

All students need to be 16 years or over and those participating in ridden modules need to be physically fit enough to mount and ride their horses at walk, trot and canter. Applications should be made in the first instance by telephoning the office on 01243 574377.

### **Location and Facilities**

Oakwood Horsemanship Centre is located just 3 miles outside Chichester in West Sussex with easy access from the A27. It is hidden away up a long track and is nestled in 12 stunning acres surrounded by magnificent Oak trees and open farmland. The facilities include a Fibresand outdoor arena, 'play' paddock, stables, large outdoor pens and from summer 2009 we will have new classroom facilities in a converted Oak barn. There is direct bridleway access onto The South Downs with its unlimited hacking.

Overnight horse accommodation is in electric fenced grass pens with natural shelter. Students stay in local pubs or recommended B&B. Course costs include lunch and light refreshments and horse pen.





# Booking Form and Indemnity Agreement



Please contact the office on 01243 574377 in the first instance to discuss your application.

To secure your place on a course please read and complete part 1 and 2 of this Agreement and send together with your deposit cheque (payable to Rio Barrett) to: Oakwood Horsemanship Centre, Well Cottage, Chapel Lane, Oakwood, Chichester, Sussex, PO18 9AW. Confirmation and further details will be sent upon receipt.

## PART 1

### 1. Contact details

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Experience level / Prior learning \_\_\_\_\_

Any special dietary or other needs \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Your Horse

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_

Colour \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information or Comments \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. The Course

I wish to book on the following Applied Equine Behaviour course/s.

Date	Code	Title	Cost	Tick
<u>Fri 27 to Sun 29 Mar</u>	M1L1U1+2	AEB Level 1 Introduction to AEB (Unit 1 and 2)	£300	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Thu 23 to Sun 26 Apr</u>	M2L2G	AEB Level 2 Training on the Ground	£400	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Fri 22 to Sun 24 May</u>	M3L2Ra	AEB Level 2 Training in the Saddle (a)	£300	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Fri 19 to Sun 21 Jun</u>	M4L2Rb	AEB Level 2 Training in the Saddle (b)	£300	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Fri 17 to Sun 19 Jul</u>	M5L3Ga	AEB Level 3 Training on the Ground (a)	£300	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Fri 14 to Sun 16 Aug</u>	M6L3Ra	AEB Level 3 Training in the Saddle (a)	£300	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Fri 11 to Sun 13 Sep</u>	M7L3Gb	AEB Level 3 Training on the Ground (b)	£300	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Fri 9 to 11 Oct 09</u>	M8L3Rb	AEB Level 3 Training in the Saddle (b)	£300	<input type="checkbox"/>

To secure my place, I enclose my non-refundable deposit cheque for £50% each course I would like to join.

I understand that the balance is payable 3 weeks before each course begins.

#### **AMAZING £500 DISCOUNT FOR WHOLE SERIES !**

I would like to pay for the complete series in advance at the special price of £2000   
(offer excludes assessment)

I am interested in the AEB Diploma and would like more information on assessment.

## PART 2

### Agreement & Liability Release Form

The terms and conditions below apply to all lessons and courses booked at Oakwood Horsemanship Centre. They must be agreed to before any booking can be accepted and the applicant must sign the relevant box to indicate this.

#### Rider Specifications:

- Applicants under 18 require a Parent or Guardian to sign this form
- Physically, riders must be able and reasonably fit, well balanced on a horse at all gaits
- As a matter of safety the INSTRUCTOR reserves the right to recommend that you do not ride, and in such a case your enrolment will be transferred to auditor status. We do not recommend a “green” rider on a “green” horse.

#### Your Horse:

- Must already be started under saddle
- Please do not bring horses with serious behavioural problems on a course, contact the office to find an appropriate time or the location of an instructor suitably qualified to assist in these cases
- Stallions are not permitted.

#### Rider Requirements:

- Applicants must have their own Third Party Liability Insurance. Personal Accident Insurance and Holiday Cancellation Insurance are advised.
- A Basic Equipment kit is required comprising a Natural Halter, 12ft Line, Communication Stick and 6ft Universal String together with your saddle, riding boots/shoes\* and hard hat\*. For Level 3 and higher courses you will require a 22ft line, extra Communication Stick, Snaffle Bridle and (optionally) a bareback pad.
- \*Important: For insurance purposes the following are required
- BS standard approved helmet to be worn whilst riding and recommended to be worn at any time you are with your horse.
- Appropriately heeled shoes or boots.
- Instructor approved equipment.
- Helmet must comply with the PAS015 or EN1384 and must less than five years old from the date of manufacture.
- Helmets must be properly fitted including the use of a chinstrap.
- Helmets that have had a significant impact which has affected the strength of the helmet must not be worn.

#### Dogs and other pets:

- As much as we love dogs and other pets, under no circumstances may you bring your canine or other pets to any course venue, this includes having the pets in your horse box/trailer and in any on-site accommodation. Failure to observe this requirement will mean you will be asked to remove them immediately and the remainder of your course will be cancelled without refund.

#### Terms & Conditions

- No STALLIONS allowed on the course
- At any time in its absolute discretion, the INSTRUCTOR may:-
  - (a) Revoke its approval for the APPLICANT to attend or participate in the COURSE
  - (b) Recommend that the APPLICANT transfer to ‘auditor’ status
  - (c) Make an adjustment or refund of fees if either event a) or b) occurs
- The APPLICANT agrees to release and discharge the INSTRUCTOR in respect of all liability to the APPLICANT for loss or damage of any kind whether for personal injury, death or property damage which the APPLICANT may suffer in attending the COURSE, howsoever caused.
- The APPLICANT hereby indemnifies the INSTRUCTOR from any loss, liability or damage or cost that may be incurred by the INSTRUCTOR
  - (a) as a result of any act or omission, whether caused by negligence of the applicant or otherwise
  - (b) in respect of any injury, loss or damage any person who may accompany the APPLICANT to the COURSE may suffer whilst at the COURSE.
- This Agreement, Releases and Indemnities shall be binding upon the APPLICANT, the APPLICANTS legal representative, heirs and next of kin and that this agreement may be pleaded in bar to any cause of action commenced in any court contrary to the Term & Conditions.
- Various words and phrases used in this agreement shall have the following meanings: - “the INSTRUCTOR” is any teacher, trainer, tutor or coach or other individual (including any directors, shareholders, employees, agents or sub-contractors) who may run or assist in running the COURSE: “the COURSE” refers to any instructions, training or demonstrations relating to the starting, training, selection, care, handling and riding of horses.

#### Riders Acknowledgement and Declaration

I declare that:-

- Physically I am able and reasonably fit and well balanced on a horse at all gaits
- The horse I will use on this course/lesson does not have any serious behavioural problems which may disrupt the clinic or other horses or other riders.
- I will accept and follow all reasonable directions of the INSTRUCTOR.
- I am aware that activities involving horses can be dangerous and unpredictable and that I can be injured or killed. I accept all risks of personal injury, death or property damage to myself or caused to others.
- I am aware I may be personally liable for injury or damage to other horses, people or property that is caused by me or my horse and I have been advised that I am insured against such risks.
- I have fully read and understand the Terms & Conditions on this form and I agree that all terms and conditions are included in the Agreement between myself and the instructor..
- I understand that my signature on this document constitutes a complete and unconditional release of all liability of Auriol (Rio) Barrett, her family or estate, to the greatest extent allowed by law in the event of me and/or the children under my care suffering injury or death.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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