



Newsletter- December 2008

Hello all,

As 2009 rushes up to meet us I can only look back on 2008 and say 'Phew....what a year !'

The courses that Sue Gardner, Lynn Henry and I have written are now accredited and running through the Welsh College of Horticulture, both at their campus near Chester and through their outreach programme in East and West Sussex, with other venues also in the pipeline for 2009.

This year we ran a very successful series of courses which combined to form a Diploma. These filled very quickly and we had a great intake of dedicated students who made the big commitment to come with their horses for 3 days every 6 weeks from March to November. It has been a pleasure to be with them along their journeys, to watch them overcome challenges and reach so many of their goals. Their achievements have been inspiring for us and we congratulate them all on all their hard work.

We are pleased to welcome our new livery Claire Noller, who is the first graduate of the AEB Diploma and who is so dedicated she has moved her 6 horses here so she can concentrate on her training.

In addition to a busy teaching schedule, we have been in discussions with some of the major established training providers in the UK and are developing programmes with them to increase knowledge and understanding of horse behaviour and handling techniques. More on that next time

We launched the AEB courses at the first ever Holstic Horse Show in October and were overwhelmed with interest and positive feedback. The connections made will enable us to increase availability of this training around the country in due course.

All news and developments on the dedicated website... www.appliedequinebehaviour.co.uk.

On top of all this we have been granted planning permission to build an equine education Centre here at Oakwood. This includes an indoor school, classroom facilities and more stabling – fantastic news.

This project has been over a year in development and I have enjoyed working away in the background drawing up plans on the computer and letting my creative juices run free ! The vision is to provide an inclusive and accessible training environment for horsemanship and related subjects such as barefoot trimming and equine facilitated learning programmes.

We will start work on converting the barn into classrooms facilities in the Spring so we hope you will come along and see the new centre and be a part of what we are trying to do here.

Courses begin again in March and the first 3 day module starts on 27th March, and there is a taster day here at Oakwood Horsemanship Centre on Sunday 1st March which is where we will show you what to expect from the various courses so you can decide what level course is best for you and your horse. You don't bring your own horse, just come and watch. Cost £38 for the day, min 8 people, please book in advance.

2009 Course dates at Oakwood are as follows:-

Taster Day - Spectator places only **£38**

AEB - Level 1

Introduction to Applied Equine Behaviour - Understanding and developing relationships
Unit 1 – Theory – 1 Day Unit 2 – Practical - 2 Day

Module 1 27 to 29 Mar 09 **Total of 3 Days = £300**

AEB - Level 2

Training on the Ground - Developing communication through movement

Module 2 23 to 26 Apr 09 **Total of 4 Days = £400**

AEB - Level 2

Training in the saddle - Developing communication through movement

Module 3 22 to 24 May 09
Module 4 19 to 21 Jun 09 **Total of 6 Days = £600**

AEB - Level 3

Training on the Ground - Controlling movement, improving balance, building confidence

Module 5 17 to 19 Jul 09
Module 7 11 to 13 Sep 09 **Total of 6 Days = £600**

AEB - Level 3

Training in the saddle - Controlling movement, improving balance, building confidence

Module 6 14 to 16 Aug 09
Module 8 9 to 11 Oct 09 **Total of 6 Days = £600**

If you wish to book on any of these courses please phone to discuss your application.

For more information on content, dates at other venues please see the website....

www.appliedequinebehaviour.co.uk

And finally....

I did say I would be bringing you some video clips and though its taken longer than I had planned (due to being rather slow on the uptake with learning how to do it !) I have now produced a little show reel of things I have been doing with Esteem over the summer.

Ctrl-click to open this Hyperlink to YouTube - [Rio and Esteem Clips and Level 4 tasks:](#)

I hope you enjoy it and would like to learn how to develop a great relationship with your horse too, and my next project is to show you some of what this years students have achieved, so keep an eye on the website as all the clips will be available through there.

For now though we send our very best wishes for a happy festive season and look forward to seeing you next year.

Rio and all at Oakwood.

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