



HORSE OBEDIENCE - GROUNDWORK

Teach your horse to focus attention on you without being pushy, walk and trot next to you both on and off lead without cutting you off or leaning into you, back-up, stay, wait or pause, turn, and come to you without running you over. If you want your horse to focus on you, place his feet exactly where you want them, stand quietly for handling, and look to you for direction consider bringing your horse to a Horse Obedience class. This clinic teaches you how to be your horse's leader, gain his respect, communicate effectively with him, and build a strong foundation for the same level of obedience under saddle or during other in-hand work.

There are three levels to our Horse Obedience program taught in three separate mini-clinics. Level one is basic body language, voice commands, hand signals, and for your horse to work on a loose leadline while walking and trotting next to you, backing up, changing direction, halting, staying or waiting in place (ground tying), and coming to you. In Level two you will work on getting further away from your horse while still maintaining the same precision obedience you and your horse mastered in level one. Work is done on a longer leadline or lunge line. In Level three you and your horse work off-lead. You and your horse will perform the same obedience, leading, and lunging exercises from Levels one and two at liberty, without the leadline.

Each level may be made more challenging with the use of obstacles, by demanding more refinement of the basic exercises, and by creatively adding new exercises. We will also show you how to do some basic stretches with your horse and you will learn to work from your horse's left and right sides. These obedience exercises can be done anywhere, anytime, by horses of all ages and training levels. Once your horse is comfortable with the exercises they are a great way to warm up and focus your horse before other work or in new situations.



Equipment: All you need to bring is a halter and lead. Optional training aids are dressage whip or similar long stick, long training lead or rope, and tack if you prefer your horse to work while wearing saddle and bridle. We will have the optional training aids available for loan during the clinic.

Clinic Length: 2 hours

Cost: \$50 with your horse, \$10 to audit

Location: Our place or yours. Host a clinic at your location!