

CAPITAL CITY HORSE AND PONY CLUB

12900 North 14 Street, Raymond, Nebraska

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NEXT MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS! April 7, 2014 at club grounds (if inclement weather, it will be moved to Hula's shop just north of 1st Street and Raymond Road)

CLEAN-UP DAY! Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Please bring any cleaning supplies (brooms, paint-brushes, etc. you may have lying around) Please contact Ken Lonowski at gilono@yahoo.com for information on additional supplies that may be needed.

FIRST SPEED SHOW!!!! will be held on Saturday April 26 with a start-time of 9:30 a.m. Showbill is not yet ready, but will be fairly similar to the past other than Figure-8 is eliminated and Goat-Tying will alternate with Flag-Race. There may be some changes in payout for jackpots too! Run for more money! YAY!

FIRST PLAYDAY!!!! will be held on Sunday, April 27 with start-time at 10:00 a.m. Please check out the new showbill. Showmanship is added! Along with English walk/trot classes and an all new and fun Disciplined Rail!

The Non-Member fee for each show is being raised from \$5 to \$10, whereas that additional \$5 will be a direct contribution to our restroom fund!

MEETING MINUTES: (Not available at this time)

Pam's summary of the last two meetings:

Carrie will no longer be running the cookshack

Party In the Pasture planning is in progress

Barrels Bonanza is WPRA approved

New logo may be too expensive to initiate due to embroidery costs, checking with other print-shops

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How to Discipline a Horse Without Using Aggression

Edited by Edge, Haflinger Babe, KnowItSome, Rob S and 10 others

Discipline is to cause an unpleasant experience for the horse when he misbehaves, in an attempt to correct the behaviour. The horse must learn from the experience, or it is not discipline. Shouting and hitting is the easiest and most recognised form of discipline by humans, however not by horses. Horses are very sensitive to the body language of those around them. A very talented trainer could control, discipline and reward a horse by body language alone. By imitating how horses communicate together, you can send a very clear message to a horse. Used with judgement, skill and timing, discipline is a form of communication that the horse understands and an aid to learning which will increase the level of respect shown to you by your horse.

1. Research horse physiology, herd dynamics and horse-to-horse communication. The best way to do this is by watching an established herd, but you can also learn from a good trainer and books
2. Learn to recognise when a horse is being naughty and when he is scared or confused.
3. Learn to control your emotions. Make yourself feel angry, and then very calm. Make yourself feel confident and then afraid. Recognise the emotions and your body language when you feel them.
4. Take a deep breath and remain calm. You cannot correct a horse in anger, fear or frustration.
5. React immediately. The horse must realize that the negative reinforcement is a result of the unwanted behaviour. Some of the techniques you can use are listed below. Use one or more, or a combination depending on individual circumstances. Say 'No' in a firm (not loud) voice. Bring the horse under control (usually by stopping him) and make him stand quietly. When you are ready, carry on with what you were doing.
Put a light pressure on the horse's head collar and ask 'down'. Lowering the head is a submissive gesture, and it also helps the horse calm down.
Put a hand on the horse's chest and ask 'back'. Not only is it unpleasant for the horse to move backward, it's also another submissive gesture.
Move right into the horse's space and then ask the horse to move out of your space, by asking 'back' or 'over'. This is another submissive gesture. Raise and/or stomp your foot. This is a threat to kick. Act angry. Don't raise your voice, but make it hard and low. Look at the horse squarely.
6. Watch for a positive reaction from your horse. This could be a submissive act or an attempt to follow your directions. Stop immediately. Calm yourself down. Soften your body language and voice, and invite the horse back into your space. Repeat this every time the horse performs the same act. Be consistent. Repeat this every time the horse performs the same act. Be consistent

TIPS:

Some people find that carrying and using a crop can help. A horse should respect, but not fear any crop or whip

These are not directions for dealing with a scared or confused horse. It is unfair to punish a horse because he doesn't understand. Correction under such circumstances will only damage your relationship with him.

The horse should think about what is going on and make a decision to submit to you. If the horse jumps backward it is an automatic reaction to fear or surprise and the horse has learned nothing. Shouting and hitting horses usually causes a reaction.

These are ineffective ways to communicate.

Leading with a shank can be helpful if you are dealing with a difficult horse, however this piece of equipment should only be used by experienced horsepeople. Maybe you are doing something to make your horse upset.

IN MEMORY: Long-time member and announcer, Tom Oliver, passed away on February 25, 2014. Tom and family first joined CCHPC in May 1977. He had been an active participant and volunteer in one way or another for many years. His colorful commentary was supportive and he was extremely proud to be a part of this club. He will be missed.



FOR SALE: I only have two left who need new homes! Aussie-Border/Lab pups! One large black male with two merle feet and a big heart and a black female with four merle feet with inquisitive personality!

They are socialized, have taken rides in the truck and have started on herding skills on the smaller non-aggressive goats. They are wary and respectful of the horses and look to you to wait for direction when in the horse-pen.

Extremely loveable and SUPER-good snugglers with sweet dispositions. Both parents have been excellent trail-riding and/or hunting AND herding partners. These pups listen well for 12-week old goof-balls and are going to be GREAT dogs! They also love cats (even our cats who whap them in the face when they get too forward).

Price Negotiable..... (less than a gajillion but more than \$5) Please contact Pam Butterfield at pkbutterfield@windstream.net Jay Butterfield at Jayb@concreteindustries.com or call 402-304-7395 (Pam) or 402-499-1575 (Jay).

