CURRICULUM SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER 2019 – APRIL 2020

PICKING THE RIGHT HORSE/EQUINE COSTS/BUDGETING/MEET THE HORSES
(September 2019)
• Average cost of horse ownership (feed, farrier, basic vetting, facility up keep)
• What are you looking for in a horse
• Boarding v/s keeping at home?
• Emergency fund
• Equine lifespan
• Breed characteristics
• Measuring Height and Weight

BASIC EQUINE HANDLING/SAFETY/GROUNDWORK INTRODUCTION (October 2019)
• Haltering
• Leading
• Tying
• Basic Groundwork (backing, lunging, desensitizing)
• Blind Spots/Danger Zones
• Pressure Points
• Selecting Training Tools
• How to select a trainer and when to know if you need one

HOOF CARE/GROOMING BASICS/ADOPTION REQUIREMENTS/APPLICATION PROCESS
(November 2019)
• Hoof Health/Diseases of the Hoof
• Signs of a Healthy Hoof
• Shoes v/s Barefoot
• How to pick up a hoof and pick a hoof
• When to call the farrier
• Grooming tools
• How to give a bath
• Fly Spray
• Grooming Products
• Adoption Application Overview
• Adoption Contract Overview
• What to expect after you apply
FACILITY BASICS/TACK AND EQUIPMENT (December 2019)
• Saddle selection and fit
• Bridle and bit selection and fit
• Saddle pads, breast collars, martingales
• Skid Boots/Bell Boots
• Types of Halters
• Safe Fencing Options (and cost)
• Stall Safety/Cleaning
• Must Haves around the Barn
• Buckets (summer and winter needs)
• Fans
• Round pens/Rings/Footing

EQUINE NUTRITION (January 2020)
• Types of Hay
• How to know which hay you need
• Square Bales v/s Round
• How to buy hay
• How to store hay
• Recognizing problems with hay
• How to read a grain label
• How to determine what type of grain to feed
• How much to feed
• When and where to feed
• Do you need supplements?
• Importance of Minerals
• Determining pasture quality
• Poisonous Plants/Dangers
• Snacks to feed and avoid

EQUINE HEALTH 1 (February 2020)
• Common illnesses/prevention (colic, abscesses, choke, allergic reaction etc.)
• Vaccination needs
• Dental Health
• Is it an emergency?
• Parasite control
• Body Scale

EQUINE HEALTH 2 (March 2020)
• Anatomy of a Horse
• Checking vitals
• Basic First Aid
• First Aid Kit
• What medicines should you have and how do they work
• Laminitis – recognize and prevent
TRAILERING/EQUINE BODY LANGUAGE/HERD DYNAMICS/ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES (April 2020)

- Trailer Types
- Trailer Maintenance/Safety
- Trailering Basics
- Trailer Loading
- Equine Body Language
- Basic Herd Dynamics
- Alternative equine therapies (PEMF, Massage, Chiropractors, Essential Oils)

REVIEW/GRADUATION AND ADOPTION PARTY (MAY 2020)

- Review lessons learned
- Exit interviews to improve for future
- Mentor meetings
- Graduation Ceremony
- Adoption/Commitment Ceremony and Celebration