



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 REQUIRMENTS/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