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Handling the untouched horse!

Horseford Farm, Devon was the venue for Handling the Untouched horse this summer when Jigsaw Equine went down to find out more about the great work they are doing there on behalf of ponies with a 'past'!

The first impressions got us off to a great start with a hearty home cooked meal served around the farmhouse kitchen table (complete with aga) by our gracious hosts and tutors; Celia and Paul.

Course attendees, friends, family and tutors alike sat amiably around the table complete with pick and mix selection of dogs to discuss what an 'untouched' and "traumatised" horse is and what we could expect over the weekend.

Saturday morning began bright and early with an introductory talk about the charity, its beginnings and teaching principles. Then it was out to meet the first of the ponies that had recently arrived to assess their level of difficulty interacting with humans. In some cases historical information isn't available but the horses quickly provide feedback as to what might have happened to them before this point.

We learnt many valuable lessons over the weekend, including the 59 second training rule and how important it is to have the mindset of 'always having time' when working with untouched or traumatized horses.

It was a weekend of tears, great trust and compassion and equal amounts of joy as ponies (until now unable to be handled) took their first steps towards trusting humans and the feel of our hands. For more information contact us direct or www.people4ponies.co.uk.

Killer questions ...

Below are some of our favourite 'questions that have caught our attention this summer :-

1. Where does a horse's impulsion come from?

Answer: The ribs which is why it is so important to engage the horses core (as well as our own)

2. Where do horses look when they lack confidence?

Answer: Behind them (as do children)!

Horse Adverts Explained!

For some time now it has baffled and bemused us how complicated buying and selling horses has become!



One look at the adverts in any established equine magazine and you will notice that amateurs or 'first-timers' should be very aware! It's not for the faint hearted or un-initiated in the ways of the horse world. Unless you regularly surf a certain type of "classifieds" or on-line dating agencies—it really will feel like a foreign language.

We explain some of the most popular to appear jargon in an article on the website page—www.jigsawequine.com/news/articles

3. What is the horses ' most reliable feedback mechanism?

Answer: His ears - which constantly tell us where his focus of attention is, moment by moment

If you have a favourite piece of horsey info—let us know and we'll publish it with credits!

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