

Horsemanship Level III

Course Schedule

	Topic	Practical
Week 1	<p>Dressage Intro tests from USDF Discussion on school movements in test. Discussion on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the natural aids on the part of the rider to ask horse to accomplish task. 2. How rider's natural aids signal the horse to perform such movements. 	<p>In riding class: 1. riders learn and practice natural aids to perform school movements. 2. Students learn how their body affects the results they get from horse.</p>
Week 2	<p>Setting up a Dressage Ring: Two sizes for different levels of tests. What are the sizes and why and actual building of a temporary dressage ring square and appropriate ring markings (Letters) placement. This week can be subtitled for a bareback intro class in arena</p>	<p>students measure a small arena outside in the arena and use cones to mark off the corners. Pre-painted markers are given to students for proper placement. Students then ride within the arena and practice elements of an intro level test.</p>
Week 3	<p>Western Dressage Class discussion on how Western Dressage is different and the same as English Dressage USDF rules.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. riders learn and practice the difference between Western and English in the natural aids to perform school movements. 2. Students learn how their body affects the results they get from horse.

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Week 4	<p>Leasing a horse or Purchase: Why one is better or worse for their life style. To what Extreme riders want to invest in having horse or horses in their life. Discover how much Time it really takes each day to own or visit a leased horse. Discover their real goals in having a horse in their life.</p>	<p>Ride in either indoor arena or outside arena determined by weather. Students discuss all three versions of the walk, trot and learn the natural aids for the gate Canter. Each student individually practices canter takeoff.</p>
Week 5	<p>Open discussion on topic students want to talk about.</p>	<p>Students discuss and demonstrate all three versions of the walk, trot and learn the natural aids for the gate Canter. Each student individually practices canter take off and canter down the long wall of arena. Students show control of horse thru all gates.</p>

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