

Request for Information

For information on any of the various training levels or to schedule a training seminar fill in the form below and return it to The Natural Mustang Ranch or you can email or phone for more information.

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*Becoming One with
Your Horse*

**Logical
Natural Horsemanship
Training
By
Laura Hudd**

Horse-Human Interaction through:

*Patience
|
Horse Sense
|
Mutual Trust*



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What is "Natural Horsemanship"?

Well, let's dissect the words a bit. "**Natural**" as defined by Webster's Dictionary is --- 'not artificial; formed by nature' and 'easy, unaffected and kind' "**Horseman**" is defined, also by Webster's as--- "rider or trainer of the horse. "**Horse-man-ship**"--- is rider and horse working together as a whole unit.

Now let's put the two together. **NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP**. The art of working, training and riding with horses is a manner which works **WITH** the horse's natural behavior, instincts and personality in an easy, and kind manner.

Natural Horsemanship can be learned by horse lovers of all ages. There is no magical age at which to begin. If you're just beginning your journey with horses or you've reached your 50th year working with horses, you can learn how to effectively and kindly work with the horse using these methods. A solid foundation on the natural behavior of horses is necessary to begin. How does the hierarchy of the herd operate? Who is the "head" of the herd? When one underling steps out of bounds with a dominant horse, how does that dominant horse react/act? How does your own horse behave in pasture with the other horses? Is it the dominant one or is it a subservient? Having this knowledge will help establish the framework for your training with your own horses.

Natural Horsemanship uses body language to relay what we want to the horse. We can learn when and how to use our eyes, placement of our body and parts of our body, tone of voice or lack of voice, what to use as tools to enhance effective communications. Doesn't it make sense that if we would like to harmoniously complement our horses' movements that we learn how to "talk" with our horses? More importantly, listen to them? One can force and restrain an animal into doing something we wish it to do. But is it doing

what we want because of fear or because of friendliness? Horses naturally fear humans. We are predators. Horses are prey animals. We must teach them that they need not to be afraid of us. This is done through effective communicating with the horse within their 'natural' realm.

In order to work at the highest degree with a horse, that horse must trust us without reservations. Only then can the horse be free to offer its highest compliments to us, as horsemen, with the giving of itself without fear.

About Laura Hudd

Training Mission: Slow = Rapid Long-lasting results

My love of horses began many years ago. Back then I could not afford a horse of my own, so I did a lot of riding with some friends at a boarding facility. The owners allowed us to ride their trail horses after hours at our leisure. My passion for horses was now in full swing! At that time I knew very little about horses, although I would still ride like the wind bareback.

Later in my adult years, I was able to purchase some horses and acreage. I then made it a priority to find out everything I could about how horses act and think. I read a vast array of books, studied videos and attended clinics. I now have quite an extensive library on equine behavior. I am a true "Horse-a-holic".

I was able to reschool my horses by combining my own technique with those of various other renowned horse clinicians across the country. In order to have a good safe relationship with your horse; it is essential to know how they interact with humans. The most important factor is **Body Language**: All training revolves around this most fascinating component. I use an **Extensive** amount of **Groundwork** with all the horses I train. I cannot stress enough how **Critical** it is to use this process. Here is where Horse and Human begin to communicate. The most important trait we as humans need to improve upon when training horses is **Patience** and lots of it! I adopted a Mustang who, essentially, had not been touched by human hands and taught me more about patience than I could have ever imagined. She is now the most trusted companion I have! I try to keep my horses as natural as nature intended. I don't shoe my horses, I utilize a Farrier that specializes in Natural Hoof Care. My training has the same natural principle. I relate to my horses as if I was a member of their herd. At the **Top** of the pecking order!

Level 1- Ground Manners

Leading:

- Walk
- Stop
- Back
- Turning full circumference left & right

Lunging/Circling:

- Left and Right at a walk, trot, canter

Disengaging Hind Quarters:

- Left and Right

Backing Up

Level 3- Saddling/Riding

Ground Tie & Saddle Horse

Mount & Dismount:

- Left and Right

Hand and Rein placement

Proper use of reins

Lateral Flexion

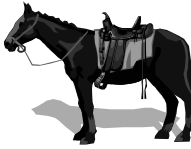
Vertical Flexion

Cues for forward movement

Cues for backing

Stops

Leg aids



Level 2- Desensitizing

Spooky Objects

Fly Spray

First Bathing

Bullwhip

Plastic Bags

Tarps

Ropes

Loud Noises/Movements



Level 4 (Advanced)- Horsemanship under Saddle

Proper body position to move horse forward, back and stop

Backing::

- Head set
- Straight
- Circles

Stop and Back

Pivoting on Hind

Pivot on Front

Disengage Hindquarters

Side Pass

Figure Eights

Barrels/Cones

Trailer

Obstacle/Jumps(optional)

Use of leg aids and reins