

Harmony Equine Center Training Levels

ALL Horses, Donkeys or Mules must be halter broke, pick up feet and stand for farrier to be available for adoption. Below is the basic criteria that has been established by the equine trainers to show current skill level each horse in training and the necessary skill set of the rider. Riding levels are evaluated and updated each week as equines progress in their training.

Riding

Horse is beginning in training program and is currently being evaluated but no riding level has been established.

Riding 1

Rider: Horse for a very advanced rider that has started horses and handled several problem horses. Skill set of a professional trainer is required.

Horse: Just started under saddle, has less than 10 rides.

Riding 2

Rider: Horse for an advanced rider that is comfortable around horses and is proficient in training and is experienced with green horses.

Horse: Riding in snaffle, stands for saddle, basic steering/stopping/walk/trot/lope, not consistent. Generally less than 20 rides.

Riding 3

Rider: Horse for an intermediate rider that is comfortable at all gaits and has some problem solving skills, willing to work with a trainer if necessary.

Horse: Still in need of some training, easy to saddle, little to no warm-up needed, shows consistency, knows basic horsemanship cues.

Riding 4

Rider: Horse for advanced beginner rider that is comfortable around horses, can walk/trot, knows basic horsemanship cues.

Horse: Starting to neck rein and performs basic horsemanship cues.

Riding 5

Rider: Horse is suitable for a beginner that knows basic horse care and is comfortable at a walk:

Horse: Quiet, gentle, easy-going, stands for saddle, get on and ride.

Companion

Horse is sound but not suitable for riding, friendly and would make a good companion for another horse.

Halter

Horse is halter broke and meets adoption criteria but is not yet in riding program.