

# Wild Strawberry Acres

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## **Level 2 Horsemanship/Riding Lesson Objectives**

Upon completion of the Wild Strawberry Acres Certified Horsemanship Association Level 2 Horsemanship Program the rider will have mastered the following skills and knowledge:

### **Riding**

- Mount and adjust your stirrups to the proper length.
- Dismount and prepare the horse to lead.
- Do a tack check on both sides and tighten girth if needed.
- Ride with good position and balance for Level 2 at walk and trot or jog: Walk, sitting trot, half/seat (two point), and posting.
- Demonstrate good Level 2 control by:
  - Riding at least twice around the arena / ring at a job or trot without breaking the gait.
  - Halting on command without unnecessary roughness to horse.
  - Keeping the proper distance when riding in a group or on the trail.
  - Riding at a jog or trot without breaking gait:
    - Simple reverses, circles and patterns.
- Put the horse into a lope or canter and ride at least once around the arena with good Level 2 seat and control on the correct lead.
- Post on the correct diagonal both directions of the arena / ring.

### **General**

- Show how to cool out a hot horse properly.
- Demonstrate how to tie a proper quick release knot for tying a horse.
- Understand how to clean a stall, clean the stable area and do stable chores.
- Pass written test.

### **Trail Requirements**

- Demonstrate the following:
  - What to do if you see a hazard like a hole or wire.
  - Keeping a safe distance from other horses and staying in your place in line
  - How to ride over or through a simple trail obstacle (like a creek, stepping poles or a muddy spot.)
  - How to ride uphill and downhill.