



The Elite Program, Inc.
Horse Grooming Fundamentals
A Groom Elite Basic Grooming Course
Northshore Technical Community College
Florida Parishes Campus
948 Hwy 1042, Greensburg, La 70441
March 17-19, 2014

Program Outline

Monday March 17	
8:00 – 8:30	Registration
8:30 – 9:00	Welcome & Objectives
9:00 – 9:45	Terminology and Introduction to the Horse
9:45 – 10:30	Horse Behavior & Instinct to Survive
10:30 – 10:45	Break and move to demonstration area
10:45 – 11:55	Haltering, Principles of leading, Handling leading problems
11:55 – 1:10	Lunch
1:10 – 2:00	Principles of using cue-response-reinforce
2:00 – 2:45	Grooming procedure, the foot and picking a horse's foot
2:45 – 3:00	Break and move to demo area
3:00 – 4:00	Demo and practice cue, response, reinforce, picking up a horse's feet
4:00 – 4:30	Questions and adjourn for day
Tuesday, March 18	
8:00 – 8:30	Coffee and Review previous day's lesson
8:30 – 9:00	Body Parts and body language of horse
9:00 – 9:30	Morning check – Reading stall & stall cleaning
9:30 – 10:00	Basic leg anatomy & morning leg check
10:00 – 10:30	Health check – taking a horse's temperature
10:30 – 10:45	Break & move to demo area
10:45 – 11:55	Tying horses, morning exam practice
11:55 – 1:05	Lunch
1:05 – 1:30	Introduction to exercise tack & types of bandages
1:30 – 2:15	Applying Polo bandages & initial polo bandage practice
2:15 – 2:30	Break & move to demo area
2:15 – 3:00	Demo of tacking (Racing, English & Western)
3:00 – 4:00	Tacking practice
4:00 – 4:30	Questions/Open discussion/ Wrap up

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Wednesday March 19	
7:30 – 8:30	Coffee – Bandage practice tables open
8:30 – 9:15	Mouth, Hay, Colic & Principles of feeding
9:15 – 10:00	Bathing a Horse
10:00 – 10:15	Break and move to demo area
10:15 – 10:45	Methods of restraint – Holding a horse for bathing or vet/farrier
10:45 – 11:15	Mouth check & equine dentist demonstration – Dr. Fitzgerald
11:15 – 11:55	Evaluating Hay, listening for gut sounds, checking pulse & respiration
11:55 – 1:05	Lunch
1:05 – 1:45	Review – Question/Answer
1:45 – 4:30	<p>Individual student evaluation of following skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of 12 body parts of horse Haltering, leading out of and into stall Tying, hooking to wall, hooking to cross ties Basic Health Check (Temperature, check for dehydration, listen for gut sound) Application of polo bandage Application of standing bandage Saddling a horse with exercise tack Bridling a horse with nose band and bridle with D-ring snaffle bit. <p><i>(This evaluation will be for benefit of evaluating students' readiness for employment. It is voluntary and not required for attendance. Individuals desiring to be employed in the equine industry are advised to participate in this evaluation exercise so that we may advise you on your readiness for employment, suggest areas in which you would benefit from further practice and make helpful recommendations to potential employers. A lot of information and skills are crammed into this intensive three day clinic. You are not expected to be "proficient", and we will help you obtain employment suitable to your skill level and will offer advanced classes in coming months where you can further your skills and enhance your advancement potential.)</i></p>
Thursday and Friday, March 20-21 – Teacher Certification Workshop	
	This clinic will be followed by a Teacher's Certification workshop on Thursday and Friday. Tuition for that workshop is \$50 a day or \$80 for both days. Participants in this clinic may enroll in the Teacher's workshop for \$25 a day or \$40 for both days.