

## EQUINE APPLIED BEHAVIOR

### EAB 200 - FIRST DEGREE COURSE

Type	General Program
<p><b>First degree EAB 200</b></p> <p><b>Two weeks (10 days)</b></p>	<p><u>Theory:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The horse: origins and evolution</li> <li>○ The nature and evolution of ethology</li> <li>○ Human-equine relationship evolution in history</li> <li>○ Principles of physiology and anatomy</li> <li>○ The study of behavior for a correct communication between man and horse</li> <li>○ Human-animal principles of communication: similarities and differences</li> <li>○ The equine language: how the horse communicates in his natural environment</li> <li>○ The priorities of the use of the five senses in horses</li> <li>○ The training methods called <i>natural</i>: where they come from and how they are working</li> <li>○ Horse wellness</li> <li>○ Pre purchase exam: lameness exam, soundness exam</li> <li>○ Feeding habits: natural vs. domestic</li> </ul> <p><u>Practice:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The first contact: imprinting and initial ethological approach</li> <li>○ The imprinting on the horse</li> <li>○ Applied communication: trust and understanding</li> <li>○ The trust relation: the "<i>believe</i>" on the horse</li> <li>○ The three elements to communicate: the pressures</li> <li>○ The herd code: how to make the correct requests and interpret the answers, the "opposition reflection"</li> <li>○ Applied behavioral techniques: catch the horse, leading and correct handling</li> <li>○ How to recognize and handle a horse with behavioral problems</li> <li>○ Proper equipment and correct methods for their use (knots, halters, ropes)</li> <li>○ Halter breaking in young and old horses</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Safety issues</li> <li>○ Trailer loading</li> <li>○ Basic riding instruction (western)</li> <li>○ Cattle handling</li> <li>○ Horseshoeing: how to choose your own farrier, the right requests according to your horse performance</li> </ul>
<p><b>Horse watching I</b></p> <p><b>The natural life, observation and learning of the equine language</b></p> <p><b>2 days</b></p>	<p><i>At the end of the first degree course, in order to test and practice the acquired knowledge, students will spend two days in studying and watching the natural behavior of horses in the wild.</i></p> <p><i>The students will be guided by professionals while observing wild mustangs and horses that have been domesticated.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Observe the behavior: how and why</li> <li>○ The life of the horse: perception of the surrounding world, space and time, utilization of the natural resources</li> <li>○ Communication, herd life, social life</li> <li>○ Social structures, behavioral patterns in wild horses</li> <li>○ Individual differences, temperament</li> <li>○ The parental cares: the importance on the foals</li> </ul>
<b>Fees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ \$ 2,650.00</li> <li>⇒ \$ 2,200.00 special fee for the students enrolled in the Academy of Equine Dentistry or student having completed the preliminary course</li> <li>⇒ Deposit requirements at application: \$ 300.00</li> </ul>
<b>Course Dates 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ May 19<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup></li> <li>➤ October 13<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>
<b>Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Courses include two days Horse watching practice.</li> <li>⇒ At the end of each course students have to attend a written exam followed by a practical hands on horse examination.</li> <li>⇒ It is possible to bring personal horses for practice days at no extra cost.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Events offered in 2008</b>	<p><b><u>Equine Applied Behavior - Preliminary Course (3 days)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ April 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> and May, 3<sup>rd</sup></li> <li>➤ October 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Ranching Vacation in Idaho:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ June 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Ranch vacations in Tuscany, Italy</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ June – July – August – September</li> </ul>