



See the world through the eyes of a horse

## May 2009 Newsletter

Practical Horsemanship is a collaboration between Dan Wilson & Grant Bazin, who have been involved with horses their whole lives. The methods they utilise are those of non-violence & using the horses own inbuilt body language to establish clear boundaries, allows them to train horses in a calmer & safer way.

**Course Dates for 2009!**

**The Royal Agricultural Show 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July**

With the great weather both yards have been extremely busy, and with the new course system starting soon and preparations for the Royal Show its going to be a busy year for Dan, Grant and all of Practical Horsemanship!

### The Royal Show 2009

This year will be our third at The Royal Show, we are hoping for brilliant weather and great horses to work with! Spaces for demonstration horses are quickly being filled (see information opposite for more details). We look forward to seeing friends old and new at The Royal this year. It will be a very sad day as it is the last year that the show will take place. We hope that someone will step in and take on the financial problems and reinstate the show, but it wont be us unless we happen to win the lottery!!!

### Grant: New Zealand International Rodeo

In November 2008 Grant was invited and competed in the New Zealand International Rodeo. Grant says 'It was an amazing 5 week tour finishing with a big night in front of 12,000 people in The Westpac Arena in Christchurch, complete with a spotlight entrance to our National Anthem! To be deemed good enough to be invited to compete against the best professional rodeo cowboys in the world was a great honour, and I'm already looking forward to next year's competition!' Grant was also invited to the Australian International Rodeo in Melbourne in May 2009 on the back of his performance in New Zealand. However, time has got the better of him, as things are too busy at home. New Leaf Farm is in the middle of a planning application involving an American barn with 8 more stables, new indoor round pen, a classroom, office and a house! So very busy but exciting times!

### Dan: Over Stanley

Recently, Dan has been training a pony for a film based on a true story called 'Over Stanley'. The main filming took place on Dartmoor at the end of March. The film is about a soldier in the Falklands war who got cut off and ended up in a mine field. On waking up in the morning he sees a pony wandering round the mine field, so he tries to scare it away, as he is terrified the pony will set off a mine. The pony, however, will not go away and instead approaches him. The soldier decides that maybe the pony knows the way out safely and is trying to help him. He catches the horse and eventually gets on his back and rides him away into the distance. Dan says 'All the filming of the horse (Rolo, a favoured riding school pony from St Leonards Equestrian Centre) had to be done free as a wild horse in the middle of Dartmoor and lots of the scenes were very specific. (things like: ok Dan, so he has to walk along here, stop at this point, then look startled to the left and trot away in this direction) there were some very tricky and very strange requests for Rolo but I managed to pull them off and get everything in the bag for every scene they wanted from us (with the help of Andy Reeve the owner of Rolo and proprietor of St Leonards Equestrian Centre)



### Courses and Demonstrations

In April Dan and Grant taught 'Riding the Remedial Horse' courses in Holland with the usual fantastic response! Dan has been on tour with Monty in Germany covering thousands of miles and learning from working with some very tricky horses. More demonstrations and courses including basic handling, long lining, vet care, handling the untouched, etc. are planned at both yards and many students are booked up for internships over the summer. We have also been invited back to Frampton Country Fair on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

### Practical Horsemanship Course at New Leaf Farm

The course, taking place on the 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May 2009 at New Leaf Farm, Northamptonshire, is a basic introduction to Practical Horsemanship including leading, body language, communication, basic long lining and basic ground handling skills. Theory and hands-on mix, the course is suitable for all ranges, from the complete novice up to the most experienced.

Only a few places left, see [www.practicalhorsemanship.co.uk](http://www.practicalhorsemanship.co.uk) or ring 07834 234214 for more details (Goldhill Farm 2009 date to be confirmed!)

### Demonstration Horses Needed for The Royal Show in Warwickshire 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July 2009

We want to find the toughest non-loaders in the area as well as youngsters ready for starting or horses with ground handling or ridden issues. If you have a horse that may be suitable please call Dani 07834 234214 or email [dani@practicalhorsemanship.co.uk](mailto:dani@practicalhorsemanship.co.uk)  
Demonstration horses will also be needed for 13<sup>th</sup> September at Frampton Country Fair

Finally for anyone having problems contacting Dan recently, he has had trouble getting access to internet or voicemail whilst traveling; please don't hesitate to contact him again now he is home.



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