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3 days with Ray Bove

When I contacted Ray I was very happy to have him tell me he would come to my place to teach me, as I have two children (one of them only five weeks old at the time of his arrival). I do not have time to get away, the three day intensive course at my place was ideal.

As a horse handler, I have knowledge of a horses mind set, their conformation, where to be, when to be and why to be. I had never looked into the anatomy and physiology of the horse, I had no need for this....or so I thought.

My approach to a horse has always been to feel with and for the horse to get their trust and to see where their mind is. Ray's teachings were very beneficial to me because I can now give a tense horse a massage to release the tension, and allow the horse to feel very good about themselves and me.

Learning about the muscle formation, where they are, where they meet, how they work, the nerves, ligaments, tendons, blood supply, the skin, the skeleton, and everything they hold in.....what an amazing three days I had. I enjoyed the theory and then applying the skills Ray was teaching me on my horses was so much fun. I saw results within the first fifteen minutes. Walking more freely, standing square, and they even showed me where they were sore. It is amazing. I got the same feeling I would get when I would handle a foal that had never been touched and they go from freaked to loved in a matter of an hour.....if you love handling horses you will know what I mean.



This old horse has done a lot of work in his life, and he is well loved in my family. His expression says it all. He is loving what I am doing and it is all thanks to Ray that I will be able to keep him feeling supple for the rest of his working life.

I thank Ray for opening my eyes to the entire horses well being, not just his mind, and recommend his teachings to even the hobby horse person. You will love it and your horse will love you for it.