

Clinic Descriptions

Which class should I take?

If you are unsure of which class to take, send us an [e-mail](#) and let us know.

Level One Partnership

In order to have a partnership with a horse you need to understand their language. Parelli Natural Horsemanship takes you step by step through learning how to communicate with your horse. Horses have survived for centuries using Opposition Reflex, which is doing the opposite of what Predators want you to do.

This language can be broken down into 7 games that horses play and broken down further into 3 principle games. As Pat has said "If you master the first three games you can teach your horse anything you want to."

What an amazing focus for a clinic! When you realize that Opposition Reflex is the reason you get frustrated, disillusioned, and get mediocre results with your horses, you'll move into a whole new level of understanding about what you need to learn to make incomparable progress ... and it doesn't matter what riding experience level you're at now

This clinic introduces you to the basic concepts and skills of the Parelli program. The focus of this clinic will be starting and developing a strong lasting partnership with your horse on the ground therefore no prerequisite riding skills are required

Why start on the ground? When you understand the horse's language you will want to start building your communication on the ground first, so when you ride, it will be an easy transition. This also keeps you safe. Allowing you to read your horse for any tightness before riding.

What we will cover:

- We will use simulations to help you clearly understand the concepts at this level
- Communication Basic Equine Psychology: Learn why horses do what they do and why force, fear and intimidation do not work
- Personal Space
- The first three principle games
- The Seven Games: Learn how to communicate with your horse in their own language
- Opposition reflex: Learn to tell if fear or domination is the root of your horse's resistance and what to do about it.
- Saddling as a friendly game

Format: This is a two-day course with two three-hour teaching sessions each day. This clinic will emphasize theory and will be balanced with practical skills and activities.

Pre-requisites: There are no pre-requisites for this course. Previewing the Level 1 pack will greatly accelerate your learning

Parelli Equipment Needed: Rope Halter, 12 foot lead rope, carrot stick, and savvy string, saddle & pad (possibly no riding in this clinic).

Level 1 Advanced Partnership

Now you have a basic language in place it is time to progress your skills to a higher level. This will prepare you to pass your level one if that is your desire.

We will move onto using the horse's language on their backs.

What we will cover:

- We will use simulations to help you clearly understand the concepts at this level
- Continue to develop the 7 games online:
- Learn to be more creative and use obstacles.
- Saddling and Mounting: Learn to saddle and mount the savvy way.
- Pre-ride check: Learn how to tell if your horse is ready to ride and what to do if he is not.
- Three Rein Positions: Learn how the three rein positions set you up for success
- Lateral Flexion: Why this is important for horses
- How to ask your horse to go and stop and relax
- Emergency Dismount: Learn to dismount your horse quickly and efficiently and safely in an emergency situation.
- Pushing passenger: Learn the benefits of being a passenger for both you and your horse.
- Follow the rail: Learn the dynamics of one rein riding at the walk and trot

Format: This is a two-day course with two three-hour teaching sessions each day. Approximately half the time will be spent with ground skills and riding skills. Each participant will only move on to riding if both the horse and rider are ready.

Prerequisite: All participants should be comfortable walking and trotting their horses in an enclosed area prior to this clinic. You are not required to have attended an introductory partnership clinic but a thorough understanding of the basic concepts and skills is expected. Study/Review of the Level 1 Partnership Pack is recommended before attending the clinic and will help accelerate your learning experience!

Parelli Equipment Needed: Rope Halter, 12 foot line, carrot stick, savvy string, saddle, saddle pad, natural hackamore (optional- can use your halter and 12 foot lead to ride in).

Level Two Harmony

Once safety and basic skills are learned now we can build on these, and establish a deeper communication with our horse.

Level 2 is about confidence. Most of all, you will begin to have even more fun with your horse now that you are safe and confident!

What we will cover:

- We will use simulations to help you clearly understand the concepts at this level
- Add purpose to the 7 games: Learn to increase your online skills and add interest to the 7 games with an obstacle
- Use of phases: from teaching to reinforcing
- Make vs. want: How can you help your horse to get exuberant
- Transition to the 22 foot line
- Basic Liberty: Learn how to transition from online to liberty so your horse does not even know
- Introduction to Impulsion: Learn how straight lines and circles effect how horses think and how to begin a program to balance their whoa and go

Format: This is a two day course with two three-hour teaching sessions each day. Each participant will only move on to riding if both the horse and rider are ready.

Prerequisite: All participants should be comfortable walking, trotting and cantering their horses in an enclosed area prior to this clinic. You are not required to have attended a Level 1 clinic but a thorough understanding of the basic concepts and skills as presented in the home study pack is expected. Study/Review of the Level 2 Harmony Pack is recommended before attending the clinic and will accelerate your learning experience!

Parelli Equipment Needed: Rope Halter, 12 foot line, 22 foot lead, carrot stick, savvy string, saddle, saddle pad, natural hackamore

Level Two Advanced Harmony

Now we add more purpose and more challenges. Building towards Harmony.

Level 2 is about confidence. Most of all, you will begin to have even more fun with your horse now that you are safe and confident!

What we will cover:

- We will use simulations to help you clearly understand the concepts at this level
- Transitions online: Learn how transitions build respect and attention
- Changes of direction online: Learn how body language and position influences your horse.
- Sideways without a fence
- 7 games at liberty: Learn to set yourself up for this.
- Liberty: Learn when it's time to advance to liberty and when to go back online.
- Leads: Learn how body position in both the horse and rider affects leads.
- Simple Lead Changes
- Sideways in the saddle
- 9 step back up

Format: This is a two day course with two three-hour teaching sessions each day. Approximately half the time will be spent with ground skills and half on riding skills. Each participant will only move on to riding if both the horse and rider are ready.

Prerequisite: All participants should be comfortable walking, trotting and cantering their horses in an enclosed area prior to this clinic. You are not required to have attended a Level 1 clinic but a thorough understanding of the basic concepts and skills as presented in the home study pack is expected. Study/Review of the Level 2 Harmony Pack is recommended before attending the clinic will only accelerate your learning experience!

Parelli Equipment Needed: Rope Halter, 12 foot line, 22 foot line, saddle, saddle pad, carrot stick, savvy string, natural hackamore, and Parelli snaffle bridle, bareback pad is optional

Level Three - The Beginning Refinement

Just starting level three, it looks huge and vast.

With this introduction we will cover the four savvy's and set you on your way with strategies into level three.

Moving the first three principle games into anything that you ever wanted to do with your horse, is a very fun and challenging thought.

What we will cover:

- We will split the clinic into four segments:
 - On-line, Freestyle on day one
 - Liberty, Finesse on day two
- Level three is a vast topic we will not cover all of level three, but give concepts and ideas of how to achieve tasks and put purpose to the things you are playing with.
- We will use simulations to help you clearly understand the concepts at this level.
- We will always keep the relationship first, ahead of any task.
- Please bring your questions and what you are playing with.

Format: This is a two-day course with two three-hour teaching sessions each day.

Pre-requisites: It would greatly accelerate your learning if you have previewed the level three pack. You must have passed level one and if not passed level two, be very confident that you can.

Parelli Equipment needed: Rope halter, 12 foot lead rope, carrot stick and savvy string, saddle & pad, 22ft line, 45ft line, second carrot stick (optional)

Level Three – Mid to Advanced Refinement

Level three is a vast, challenging and interesting topic.

There are many clinic options at this level

Option one (choice of)

- Online Clinic – 2 days
- Liberty Clinic – 2 days
- Freestyle Clinic – 2 days
- Finesse 1 Clinic – 2 days
- Finesse 2 Clinic – 2 days

Or Option Two:

Specifically designed format:

This type of clinic is on a case by case basis as level three is a vast topic and its entirety won't be cover in two days.

Get your group together and put forward the tasks you would like to cover and we will design a format especially for the groups needs.

Format: This is a two-day course with two three-hour teaching sessions each day.

Pre-requisites: It would greatly accelerate your learning if you have previewed the level three pack. You must have passed level one and level two.

Parelli Equipment needed: Rope halter, 12 foot lead rope, carrot stick and savvy string, saddle & pad, 22ft line, 45ft line, second carrot stick (optional) Bridle and hackamore