

Relationships in Balance

As many of you T&T followers, observers, friends and clients know, each year I pick a theme on which to build our clinics. They seem to be inspirations that come sometimes from places very distant from the ranch environment, but somehow they speak to things we may all need to work on with our horses and within ourselves. The horses appear to agree as I see happier, lighter, more engaged four-legged friends finding new positive experiences to pursue with their humans.

The theme for 2011 was...

~ Relationships in Balance ~

As with most of the themes the horses have sent our way over the past years, this one carries so many meanings and interpretations, with each word having a depth that is similar to horsemanship itself...Multi-faceted and going ever deeper if we only observe, listen, and apply.

Here are some of the aspects of horsemanship (and life!) we discovered in our 2011 clinics and horse courses:

"In building relationships, it is the foundation of thoughtful basics applied artfully, beautifully, without effort, which creates the perfect picture." *Alice*

"The goal for me is to know the point before it gets out of balance and to sharpen my perceptiveness."

Ann M. ~ August Cow Clinic

"It's always about me preparing ahead of time to influence the situation & then keeping good posture with balance."

Peggy B. ~ August Cows

"Just be here."

Bonny M. ~ August Cows

"It's all about relationships...Relationships with the horse, the cow, the environment, with the other humans. Dynamic & ever changing, but requiring consistency."

Gail L. ~ August Cows

"Developing positive balance requires breathing, seeing the positive, & riding relaxed but not complacent." *Alice*

"Our goal in developing balance in the relationship with our horses is to ride with confidence, staying off the reins, feeling the lightness, and trusting the horse up & down hills, over ditches, and through the woods!"

Arlynn & Dave ~ October Trail Clinic

"I learned that "Weight" in regards to balance is spelled...WAIT!"

Laurie ~ Fall Weekend Clinic

"I aspire to be clear, consistent, and supple in finding a relationship that maintains mutual respect. Sometimes the balance comes more from matching my personality with that of my horse to fit the relationship."

Jannine ~ Fall Weekend

"I just want to keep Juno 'with' me, and be there to soften and reassure before he needs it."

Anna

"The 'Magic' is finding that balance in your 'feel' to release just before the horse finds the answer you are seeking...that's the 'magic' of a horseman."

Susan

My over-arching "Simple Thing" regarding the 2011 theme, is that balance is ultimately one of the most important aspects of good horsemanship. If we focus with a clear and consistent picture, with a balanced attitude and good posture, anything can be accomplished. Sounds like life...does it not?

It seems like a broken record, but I have to close with again thanking all of you and your horses for a wonderful year and for helping me to find such great relationships. I have discovered that 'balance' is so much more than the physical scale, it is the interaction between horse and rider, between people who become friends, and it is a balance in positive energy that builds a total relationship.

How lucky we are to have one-another ~
How fortunate we are to have horses in our lives.

**I can't wait to build on our
relationship in 2012!**

*Relating to your horse is not a job,
or a sport, or about winning the
ribbon. It's about building a
relationship ~*

*A life-long partnership ~
A "Relationship in Balance"*

Alice Trindle



Where Did 2011 Go?

I simply cannot figure out where time goes! It EVAPORATED in 2011, and now as I reflect back some events seem more like a mirage than reality. Here are a few of the highlights and what truly was a year of balance between learning with fun!

April 'Celebrate the Horse' & Idaho Horse Expo

Every year we look forward to our two big April events. First our own 'Celebrate the Horse' right here at T&T, and then a mid-month, the Idaho Horse Expo. For the past several years we have conducted a 'Come Ride with Us' clinic at the Expo, where 8 to 10 riders join us on center stage to expose their horses to everything from dragging logs, to the quadrille, to handling the garrocha. We look forward to you joining us in 2012!

Emmett, Idaho Clinics

From May to October we had a series of great clinics and lessons at the Circle G River Ranch in Emmett, Idaho. With a variety of riders and horses ranging from a big Belgian draft to spunky Blazers, we had fun and saw huge improvement in horses and riders. We will be offering more opportunities for our Idaho friends to join us at Circle G next year with both group clinics and private lessons. Something to fit everyone's schedule.



Montana ~ Big Sky Country

We were delighted to return to Montana this year at the Janie & Steve Vogt Ranch in Hamilton. There is just something about that country ~ maybe because it is Susan's home ~ but we just seem to always have fun, meet great people, and go deeper in our understandings and relationships.

This year we really concentrated on developing our focus, with balance, and getting off the reins. Even big 'ol dressage horses found they could move in a halter and follow the balance of rider.



Yippee! July 2012...Montana here we come!



Tip for the Ride

In 2011 we launched our video series called 'Tip for the Ride'. Covering themes from liberty work to developing soft shoulders, from balanced lateral movements on the ground to effortless canter departs.

It has been so much fun to put these little video vignettes together, and we appreciate all the positive feedback, plus requests from you on what topics you'd like to see in 2012. Here are a few of the ideas requested so far...



In Depth Liberty, accompanying 4-months of articles in NW Horse Source Magazine



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Cows in Balance



Once again, those 'ol cows taught us so much about ourselves, our relationship with our horses, and certainly more than a little about balance! Learning how to position our horses (or mule!) so that they discover the fun of influencing the cow was just magical. Don't put off placing a T&T Cow Clinic on your 'Bucket List' for 2012! You gather your friends ~ we'll gather the cows.



Trail Clinics

We had so much fun this past year with our series of Trail Clinics, held both at Eastern Slope Ranch near Baker City, and then out into our Elkhorn Mountains for the "Real" trail experience. Over logs, through creeks, up and down ravines, with live elk calves to rescue from fences, and "Flame" the Flamulated owl to visit. Great fun that we can't wait to experience again in 2012!



Life in Balance

There were so many other great horse experiences in 2011 that ultimately influenced our life here at T&T Ranch. From great classes up in Wallowa County, that lead to our plans for an on-going Horse Course in 2012. Come experience the homeland of the Master Horseman, Tom Dorrance. (Check dates on schedule)

Our Annual Horse Swim was again a fun day, however Lynn experienced a new way to utilize cow manure!

Susan and I had the amazing good fortune to see Cavalia in Portland with our friends Bonny & Cathy. Unbelievable and Inspirational.

2012 Listen with Your Heart

We are looking forward to riding with you in 2012, and exploring the theme of "Listening with Your Heart". With the economy such as it is, we are striving to put together a schedule of clinics and continuing Horse Courses that can be customize to fit the activities you enjoy most with your horse and your friends.



Freedom to Build Your Own Clinic

Trail Confidence Building
Connecting Your Horse with Cows
Spanish Traditions ~ Doma Vaquera
Dressage Principles in a Cowboy Environment
Group ~ Quadrille Riding
***You choose a topic and we will
find the dates and 'like-minded-souls'
to make it happen!***



Riding the Land of Dorrance's

We have set up a series of opportunities to explore Wallowa County and ride the range land that Tom & Bill Dorrance grew up loving. The format provides for private lessons on Saturday, and out riding on Sunday. You don't have to be from Wallowa County to participate!



The T&T Difference

What is it that makes a clinic with Alice Trindle so different?

- Individual attention with specific suggestions for each rider
- Depth of knowledge, applied to many environments
- Fun but challenging for both horse & rider, with true caring & understanding
- Gifted horseman & Amazing teacher!



The Art of Developing a Willing Partnership With your Horse 2012 Calendar of Activity

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Date	Activity	Location
April 7th Saturday 9-5 PM	'Celebrate the Horse' Demo's, educational seminars, exhibits, food & fun	T&T Ranch Haines, Oregon
April 20-22	Western Idaho Horse Expo- Come see Alice in Idaho!	Nampa, Idaho
May 5-9	5 Day Work In Hand Clinic	T&T Ranch, Haines
May 11 & 12	Private Lesson Sessions	Emmett, Idaho
May 18-19	3 Day Riding Clinics: ½ Day Mornings: Introduction to Alice ½ Day Afternoons: Returning Students	Circle G River Ranch Emmett, ID
May 26 - 31	6 Day Colt Starting Clinic (Pre requisite required)	T&T Ranch, Haines
June 2-3	Land of the Dorrance's - 2 Day Clinic, 1 st in series: 1 st day Private lessons; 2 nd day riding the range lands of Wallowa County, Oregon	Wallowa County, OR
June 9-10	2 Day Trail Clinic Preparing for the Mountain Trail Horse Classic	Eastern Slope Ranch Baker City, Oregon
June 11-13	3 Day Continuing Clinic: Real Mountain Obstacles	T&T Ranch, Haines
June 15 & 16	Private Lesson Sessions	Emmett, Idaho
June 23-28	6 Day Colt Starting Clinic (Pre requisite required)	T&T Ranch, Haines
July 7-8	Land of the Dorrance's - 2 nd in series 2 Day Clinics	Wallowa County, OR
July 13 & 14	Private Lesson Sessions	Emmett, Idaho
July 21-25	5 Day Horsemanship Clinic	Montana
July 28-29	2 Day Riding Clinic	T&T Ranch, Haines
July 30 - Aug 1	3 Days Continuing Clinic (Add 1, 2 or 3 Days to the above Clinic)	T&T Ranch, Haines
August 4-6	3 Day Cow & Mountain Retreat	T&T Ranch, Haines
August 11-12	Land of the Dorrance's - 3 rd in series 2 Day Clinics	Wallowa County, OR
Aug 18-19	2 Day Riding Clinic	T&T Ranch, Haines
Aug 20-22	3 Continuing Clinic Days (Add 1, 2 or 3 Days to the above Clinic)	T&T Ranch, Haines
August 25	Annual Horse Swim Party	T&T Ranch, Haines
Aug 31 & Sept 1	Private Lesson Sessions	Emmett, Idaho
September 8-12	6 Day All Women's Retreat Cows, Mountains & Riding Instruction	T&T Ranch, Haines, Oregon
Sept 15-16	2 Day Riding Clinic	T&T Ranch, Haines
Sept 17-19	3 Day Continuing Clinic(Add 1, 2 or 3 Days to the above Clinic)	T&T Ranch, Haines
Sept 22-23	2 Day Horsemanship Clinic & Private Lessons	Emmett, ID
Sept 29-Oct 3	3-5 Day Fall Retreat	T&T Ranch, Haines
October 6-11	6 Day Colt Starting Clinic (Pre requisite required)	T&T Ranch, Haines
October 13 & 14	2 Day Riding Clinic	T&T Ranch, Haines
October 20 & 21	2 Day Riding Clinic	T&T Ranch, Haines

If the above schedule does not meet your needs or time availability, give us a call.

- You can build your own clinic and you decide the focus... *You choose!*
Cows, Doma Vaquera, Dressage, Trails & Mountains, Quadrille...
We can tailor the agenda to meet your individual or small group needs.
- Consider Hosting a clinic in your area and ride free. Call for the details!

Join Alice on her blog and check out the monthly Tip for the Ride!

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