



Official Newsletter of Fawn Anderson

# The Journey...

## Happy Birthday Canada!

Summer is here and with it the heat has arrived! I reached BC last night and it is good to finally be home. My horses are settling in and classes here start up on Thursday.

It's been a great spring of teaching the new Lesson Series Formats and presenting brand new ways of explaining old concepts, causing a whole load of light bulbs to go off in students! It's been SO exciting for me as a teacher to see students taking their understanding of the true meaning of 'feel', 'harmony', 'connection' and 'core energy' to a level that I've never been able to take them to before. I'll be quite eager to see how

far they are all able to take these concepts by the next time I see them in the fall!

One of the most pivotal discoveries, according to students, is realizing how often they are behaving in a Dominant or Passive manner instead of like a Natural Leader and being able to trace that back to all the issues that they are having with their horses. Self-awareness has SOARED along with confidence in knowing when, where and WHY to be in order to become the Leader of their 'herd of two'.



The exercises we've been doing to teach people to tap into their Core Energy so that they can truly feel for their horse and get the responsiveness that has eluded them has completely changed their relationship with their horse. Liberty exercises where students finally understand how to become a 'herd of two' have transformed their connection and taught the power of "Natural Attraction". A very exciting spring, and it's only the beginning of 2008!

## Update on 'Sir William's' Recovery—Hans to the Rescue!



In June I flew down to Florida to check on Billy, currently recovering from fracture surgery. After careful consideration I asked my good friend Hans Wiza, of Farrier Consulting, if he would be willing to take over the next two crucial shoeings on the kid. I wanted to

make sure that he was being trimmed using natural balance philosophies to ensure proper coffin bone support. So Hans agreed and we flew him down a few days later! With the help of local farrier, Cole Barnett, they got the kid back on track.

Mid July I will be flying back down to Florida to oversee his third reset, obtain x-rays and meet with the surgeons to get the first official prognosis. I'm keen to hear how the bone is healing and hope all is well!

Other than that, he shows steady progress and seems happy! Joy is taking phenomenal care of the kid and spends hours doting on him - it shows! My good friend Gina & Tonya of Brooksville will be taking Billy for the month of July while Joy & Fred are away.

I can't thank all my friends enough for all they are doing to help me get my precious boy healed up and back to his rambunctious self! It's a huge team effort—THANK YOU!!!

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## Exploring Roles in a Herd—Dominant Vs Leader Pt.2

Last month I introduced you to the concept that the Lead and the Dominant horse in a herd are not always the same horse! For many of you, that would have come as a surprise. This month I want to elaborate on these concepts and help you recognize which horse you have. Next issue we'll start to look at which role you are playing and signs to watch for.

One of the Roles that we did not discuss last month was the Passive herd member. These are the horses in the herd that just go with the flow. They don't cause trouble or pick fights—they're just happy to do as they're told and are generally very submissive obedient horses. These are also the horses that make the BEST beginner or KIDS horses, in case you are pony shopping! They are the 'milds' (inner circle) on the horsenality chart.

The Dominant horse in the herd is easy to spot. They're the ones that go out of their way to push the other herd members around. They just can't help it! They are bossy, pushy, dominant and just can't seem to leave well enough alone. To them, it's all about moving the other horse and they are unrelenting about it! They often have a high play drive and will live on the Left Brain side of the horsenality chart. Confident and curious, the challenge with these horses is getting them OFF of you long enough to ask them to do something!

The 'Natural' Lead horse (in a wild herd) will often be an extreme Right Brain Extrovert (but not always!), as these are the hyper alert and ever vigilant horses that are ready to sound the alarm and take the herd to safety at a moment's notice. They are on a constant quest to make sure that every horse in the herd is paying attention to them or LOOK OUT! When they see lack of attention they are quick and effective at getting it back. This is important because without the herd's attention, they can't lead them to safety. These are the horses that can flick an ear and get a canter half-pass from the horse next to them if needed. But they are also often affectionate with other herd members and will even invite them to eat alongside periodically. More loved and respected than feared or resented (like the dominant horse tends to be), their priority is to keep the herd together and keep them safe!

Not all domestic herds have a 'Natural' Lead or Dominant horse due to limited selection, so it's important to realize that we are using Natural models (as found in a large wild herd) for the best examples. Next month we'll look at how people naturally tend to be Dominant or Passive and how this affects their horses responses to them.

### Web Special!

Students who make purchases via my web site during the months of July thru September will automatically be entered into a drawing to win a new 12' line.

To enter, go to [www.fawnanderson.com](http://www.fawnanderson.com) and click on 'Shop'. Each person who makes a purchase will be entered into the draw - Good luck!

Anyone interested in ordering a Parelli saddle can download an order form from [www.fawnanderson.com](http://www.fawnanderson.com) for hands on help from Fawn.

### Congratulation to this past months newest Levels Graduates!!

- ◆ Susan Hall & Joe, Dryden ON—Level 2
- ◆ Nancy Boser & Brody, SK—Level 2
- ◆ Melissa Reimer & Big Guy, Dryden—Lv 1
- ◆ Stacey Brown, ON—Level 1
- ◆ Lisa Dumper & Nelly, Barrie ON— Lv 1
- ◆ Katrina Boutilier & T4, ON—Level 1
- ◆ Victoria Ann Parsons, BC—Level 1

## New Levels 3 & 4 Are Coming!!!

For those of you who, like myself, have been waiting anxiously for Pat & Linda to finish the new version of Levels 3 & (finally!) Level 4, the wait is nearly over! Sources have confirmed that if all goes as planned these will be available by late August/early September. Remember to shop at [www.fawnanderson.com](http://www.fawnanderson.com) to credit your Instructor with the sale of your new study material when it is released!

## Canadian Horsemanship Getaway???

Many of you are already aware that for the past several years I have been escaping to Florida during the winter to hide from the snow and progress with my horsemanship. Well, I thought it was unfair of me to not at least invite you to come and play with me, so I've decided to offer two Canadian Horsemanship Getaway Weeks at a gorgeous horse farm located in sunny Florida, not far from Ocala and the Parelli ISC. I'll be offering one at cost to my top clinic coordinators to thank them for all their hard work and the other will be open to students studying Advanced Level 2 and Level 3.

The Getaway will be a five day horsemanship experience, with morning horsemanship sessions similar to a clinic format and afternoons to enjoy all that Florida has to offer. There will be optional group activities to join in, such as kayaking, taking the horses riding on the beach (along with a professional photographer to capture the memory), and a visit to the Parelli ISC during courses. You also have the option to play with your horse or go off and explore Ocala on your own.

Accommodations, lease horses, stabling and cooking facilities will be available. Dates have not been set yet, but we're looking at February and/or March. Space will be limited to six participants to ensure a strong bond among class members. Contact Fawn if you are studying Level 2 or above and would like more information! [pnhclinics@yahoo.com](mailto:pnhclinics@yahoo.com)

## Fawn is coming to Ontario in August!

In response to the overwhelming demand, I've decided to offer four additional Ontario dates in August in order to support my most dedicated students with more frequent coaching as they progress on their Levels journey.

At this time one of these dates is still available to book - Saturday August 16th. This is your last chance to book me in Canada for 2008 and is an opportunity to take advantage of the unique teaching perspective I offer as a result of my time on Faculty and also with Karen Rohlf studying Dressage Naturally. The cost is a minimum of \$1050 based on six students.

After our final Lesson Series date in June, Judy Griffiths, of Dream Feather Farm in Uxbridge, ON, booked the remaining dates:

August 13 - Intro. Level 1

August 14 - Level 1 Riding/Level 2 Ground

August 15 - Intermediate Level 2

The response to the new format and unique teaching approach was very positive and as soon as the dates were offered people immediately put their names down. Participants will be limited to 6 and, although most spots are already taken, we are accepting waiting list names in case anyone is unable to attend for some reason. Contact me at [pnhclinics@yahoo.com](mailto:pnhclinics@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

## Advanced Dressage Naturally Spectator Tickets selling fast!

October 3-7th will host the *only* Intro AND Advanced Dressage Naturally Clinic in Ontario.

Watch as Karen takes a brand new group, as well as her Advanced class from the fall of '07, and progresses them through the steps of her Dressage Naturally program using the Parelli foundation.

If you've been curious about Dressage or need proof that Parelli has everything you need to take you and your horse to a Competitive Level, this clinic will blow you away!

Grand Prix riders and backyard horse owners alike were impressed and inspired by Karen last fall, and this year you'll get to watch 3 PNH professionals IN the class!

Spectator tickets ARE limited.

Contact Kathleen: 705-639-1813



# June/July 2008 Clinic Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22 (JUNE) Dryden Level 2 Day 1	23 Dryden Level 2 Day 2	24 Dryden Private	25 DRIVING	26 DRIVING	27 Saskatoon Level 2	28 Saskatoon Level 1 Day 1
29 Saskatoon Level 1 Day 2	30 DRIVING	1 (JULY) Back home - the Kootenays!	2	3 Fruitvale—a.m. Lesson Series. NDRC—p.m. Lesson Series	4	5 Whitewater Kayak Festival!
6 Whitewater Kayak Festival	7	8	9 Fruitvale—a.m. Lesson Series. NDRC—p.m. Lesson Series	10 Karen Rohlf— Dressage Naturally in Spokane WA. (10-13th)	11 Fly to Florida for Billy's Prognosis!	12 FLORIDA
13 FLORIDA	14 FLORIDA	15 FLORIDA	16 FLORIDA	17 Fly home!	18 Buck Brannaman in Ellensburg, WA (18-21st)	19
20	21	22	23	24 Fruitvale—a.m. Lesson Series NDRC—p.m. Lesson Series	25 Creston, B.C. 4H Kids Clinic Diamond Cross Arena	26

## Clinic Contact Info

- Dryden Clinics- Kevin & Susan Glenister, sfhall@yahoo.ca, 807-937-5109.
- Saskatoon Clinics - Brenda Hagel, rivfarm@sasktel.net, 306-665-8289.
- Nelson Lesson Series - Heather Farrell, hfarrell@shaw.ca, 250-505-5270
- Fruitvale Lesson Series - Brent Wray, brent266@telus.net, 250-367-6015
- Uxbridge August Clinic - Judy Griffiths, 905-649-6309, dreamfeather@sympatico.ca

## How Do I Progress Quicker?

Any student who has ridden or studied with me knows that I recommend studying with AS MANY different Parelli Certified Instructors as possible in order to get through the Levels as fast as possible. If there are clinics going on in your area, go and audit even if you aren't at that Level! Every Instructor has a unique approach to teaching Pat's Program in their own way, and the more ways you hear something explained, the better you'll understand it. Students vary in their style of learning, so by sampling all the Instructors you will find the one that suits you the most and take the best from all the others while you are at it!

## Still a few spots left— BC Lesson Series!

I'm finally home sweet home in the gorgeous mountains of B.C. and I'm looking forward to sharing a wealth of information to my Lesson Series Participants all summer long!

This spring I was able to really work out the new format and it has come a long way! Student workbooks, access to email coaching between sessions, and the ability for students to send in requests for the next class are all ingredients that have made this a very customized and personalized class.

At this time there are still openings

in the Nelson (Level 1) and Fruitvale (Level 1) July Series. If we have sufficient interest we will be offering an Advanced Level 1 Series in August at the NDRC.

I do have midweek openings if there are other groups in the Kootenays interested in putting together a weekly Lesson Series. All you need is six keen students, a facility to have the classes and the desire to organize the event. For information on putting one together, email me at pnclinics@yahoo.com.

Fruitvale—brent266@telus.net

NDRC - hfarrell@shaw.ca

## Meet my newest Superstar! Beaulieu's Cote d'Azur - aka 'Trinity'

On May 15th I acquired the newest addition to my herd of champions—a lovely LBE/RBE 5yo Holsteiner mare with outstanding jumping bloodlines.

Although she is not yet started, her former owner has done an excellent job of using Parelli to establish a trusting foundation.

This winter 'Trinity' will be coming to Florida with me to start our journey together. It is my plan that we will eventually delve into the realm of upper level jumping, as this is where her talents seem to lie. Stay tuned for updates this winter...and next newsletter meet my stunning new Canadian filly!



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2008 Ontario!

