

Booking information and form for Shawna Karrasch clinic 2nd and 3rd September 2017 at Conquest Centre Taunton TA2 6PN (indoor arena!!)

Clinic times will be 8.30 am to approx 6 pm each day and we plan to have a pub supper together on the Saturday evening so please tick the box if you would also like to attend the dinner.

Spectators (spectator places will be limited so please book in advance to be guaranteed a place)

Day ticket	£30
Both days	£50
Paying on the day (if available) will be respectively	£35 and £55

(Please pay on line and you do not need to complete the form! Please bring your own chair)

Horse places

Day place	£85
Two days	£170

Horse places will be limited to 6 each day and includes minimum of 2 x 30 mins sessions with Shawna each day (although it is hard to keep Shawna on time and she is very generous with both her time and knowledge).
More information will be emailed to you before the event.

*Travelling and visiting new places is stressful to horses so if your horse has not travelled much before, visited other places or is of a nervous disposition please speak to me before you book.
Please bring your own hay and water bucket. Sorry no stallions or horses under the age of 4.*

Stable or small paddock for the day (paid directly to Conquest Centre on the day)	£10 per day/night
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(if you would prefer a small paddock please bring electric fence posts, elec tape, fencer and battery)

**The Conquest Café will be open and serving delicious and very reasonably priced refreshments at lunchtime .
Coffee and tea will be provided throughout the day.**

Places will be limited to 6 each day so please check availability with me before booking a horse place.
Please provide the following information by email or post for horse places.

<i>Please complete to book a horse place</i>			
Name			
Address, incl postcode			
Email address (please write clearly!)			
Mobile and home numbers			
Horse name and gender			
Horse breed, size and age			
Horse experience and relevant information			
Contact name and number in case of emergency			
Which day(s) are you booking for?	Saturday	Sunday	Both
PL insurance nbr (BHS Gold or equivalent) Please bring evidence on the day			
I need a stable please (tick which days)	Friday	Saturday	
Please book me on the pub supper on Sat.			
Please add me to the Learning Curve Coaching mailing list			

Payment will be required to secure your place. Refunds for horse cancellations less than 2 wks before the event can only be made if I am able to fill the space or you find a replacement who will also need to complete the above form.
Payment by BACS (preferred!) to Lotta von der Heyde 40-51-62 Acct nbr 17818890 or by Paypal on my website. Please call me for address details if you would prefer to pay by cheque or if you would like any more information ☺

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Positive Reinforcement Training (also sometimes known as clicker training)

Positive reinforcement training is conceivably the most motivating way for animals to be trained and learn new skills when used correctly by their trainer. It has been extensively used by marine animal trainers for many years as well as for husbandry care of animals kept in captivity such as zoos and wildlife parks successfully training them to cope willingly with daily care, medical and husbandry procedures. It's the most ethical fun and rewarding way to train giraffes to have feet trimmed, lions or tigers to being wormed and having injections and walruses having their tusks cleaned! Even goldfish can be trained to swim into a jar so it can be moved to another tank. It has also been commonplace for a long time for dog trainers use it to train dogs for specialist roles such as firearms and bomb detection, drug searching and also more recreational activities such as dog agility, trick training and retrieving etc.

Using positive reinforcement training for horses requires the trainer to have a basic working knowledge of equine psychology (ethology) and a basic understanding of learning theory (operant and classical conditioning).

Well timed 'markers' are used to tell the animal that the behaviour he or she performed was the correct one and a 'positive reinforcer' follows from the trainer. Food is a very powerful (primary) reinforcer but other motivating 'rewards' can also be used such as play, scratches, vocal praise etc.– the key is that the reinforcer needs to be rewarding or motivating enough for the animal to want to repeat that behaviour again with enthusiasm.

The primary training technique used in training and riding and working horses is a method that utilises pressure and release also known as 'negative reinforcement'. It relies on the horse wanting to avoid the pressure and find 'relief' in the aversive pressure being released. Excellent timing is still crucial for the horse to understand when he or she performed the correct behaviour.