

Is Fusion Horsemanship® schooling right for you and your horse?



Bring your horse and spend an hour with me. Let's take a look at how far you've progressed and see if we have a plan that would take you and your horse towards your horsemanship goals.

There are no shortcuts that will bring lasting harmony and softness between you and your horse. Establish the fundamentals and everything else becomes better! In fact, do not move ahead in your schooling until the fundamentals have been well established. You'll only be asking for problems and issues!

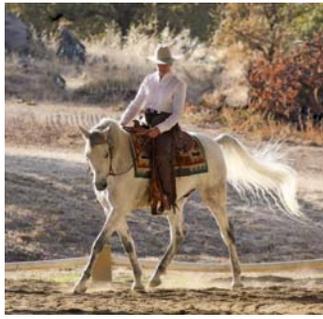
Our first session will focus on evaluating these foundational areas:

1. **Is your horse relaxed with you and attentive to you?**
2. **Does your horse lead and stand respectful of your space on a slack lead line?**
3. **Does your horse stand quietly for mounting and wait for your cue to move on?**
4. **Does your horse moves forward willingly with energy? Can you walk, jog and lope on a loose rein with your horse staying relaxed?**
5. **Does your horse obey the whoa command without hesitation?**
6. **Does your horse immediately move away from pressure cues from your seat and legs?**
7. **Is your horse fitted with the right bit suited for the purpose and his comfort ?**
8. **Does your horse accept contact from the bit without bracing, hollowing, or going behind the vertical?**
9. **Does your saddle fit properly to allow the horse to move without pain or discomfort?**
10. **Does your saddle allow you to sit balanced and straight?**
11. **Do you have a balanced, independent seat allowing you to post or sit the jog and sit the canter without unnecessary bouncing or bracing on the reins or stiffening your body?**

At the sessions end, we'll discuss a plan to help improve both you and your horse. It will be a valuable and fun session whether or not you decide to work further with us!

Look forward to riding with you!

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Fusion Horsemanship®



What is Fusion Horsemanship®?

Designed and taught by Susan Tomasini: Teacher, Clinician and Perpetual Encourager

Imagine –

- You and your horse moving together as one.
- Your horse responds immediately to your lightest cues.
- Your horse trained and schooled to be sound, athletic and content
- Relaxed, willing, happy, your partner.



My passion is giving horsemanship lessons and clinics. I coined the term “Fusion Horsemanship” to describe how I train, teach and ride. Fusion Horsemanship is my approach to teaching designed for all riders wanting to improve their horsemanship skills and train their horses to a higher level of responsiveness, lightness, softness and partnership performance. Any horse (or mule), doing any discipline, will benefit.



Fusion Horsemanship draws from the best Masters of Horsemanship through feel, Cowboy Dressage (I’m a Cowboy Dressage World founding partner), the Vaquero Tradition, Classical Dressage, and purpose driven Ranch Work.

Fusion Horsemanship is a never-ending journey complete with many destinations to enjoy while on the way. Fusion is the place where resistance ends and oneness begins, a unity in purpose and performance.

The horse and rider are taught to move together as one with no need for gimmicks or roughness! It is communicated by the language of lightness in the conversation between horse and rider. My mission is to teach this language to all who would desire to know it.



Fusion Horsemanship: the step by step mental and physical training of horse and rider with the goal of doing any riding disciplines more athletically, seamlessly and accurately.

It follows the pyramid progression of classical dressage from rhythm to collection. The goal is that all riders and their horses become athletic, willing, sound, and dependable partners in all they endeavor to do together. You will develop a balanced, independent seat and move with your horse in self-carriage.

It is the methodical practice of rhythm, relaxation, suppleness, contact, connection, impulsion, straightness, collection, all in that order:

- Before you can achieve suppleness, you must establish relaxation with rhythm
- Before you can achieve contact, you need to achieve suppleness.
- Before you can achieve impulsion, you need to establish connection or contact.
- Before you can achieve straightness, you need impulsion.
- Before you can achieve collection, you need straightness.



Fusion Horsemanship is the practice of this progression, by way of exercises and movements, to produce a horse and rider that exhibits partnership and harmony in all you do together.

I invite you to experience “the language of lightness in the conversation between horse and rider”. Sign up for lessons or attend a clinic. You will ride better than ever before, guaranteed!

What is the Fusion Horsemanship® approach to teaching great horsemanship?

1. We initially conduct an interview to determine your goals and introduce you to the Fusion Horsemanship journey.
2. Using philosophy and training tools gleaned from the masters, you and your horse will then be evaluated and placed on a path to better horsemanship (**see the “Is Fusion Horsemanship® schooling right for you and your horse” article that follows**).



If you decide to participate, your initial commitment should be for at least 4 lesson. Depending on your goals, experience, and your horses training, this journey may last for several months, or even years with progress being made into better and better horsemanship. It takes both commitment and time to make a fine horse and rider!

We will track and document your progress and focus on step-by-step training that develops an excellent base and builds your skills. You will be consistently coached and tested so that it is clear what you have accomplished, and where you need additional training and practice. Each lesson will have mini-goals and homework will be assigned to prepare for your next lesson.

You will follow the Fusion Horsemanship training journey. As each level is mastered, you will progress to the next. You will experience noticeable improvements in your horsemanship and partnership as soft feel, lightness and self-carriage is developed.

Your horse will become more relaxed and lighter. Muscles will be developed in the appropriate places for soundness and increased athleticism. Your partnership will grow and you'll both be happier.

Don't rush. Don't take shortcuts. Do not ask your horse to add a more advanced element before you and he have mastered what you're working on with softness and confidence. This will only introduce tension, anxiety and braces.

You are building a foundation for excellent horsemanship. It takes time and patience for good results. Do not be in a hurry.

We focus on teaching excellent horsemanship and often include elements of Cowboy Dressage, Working Equitation and Ranch Horse Pleasure.

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Your Horsemanship Goals:



To get the most out of our coaching and schooling time together, please be prepared to discuss these questions:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Horses name: _____

What type of riding or disciplines would you like to be doing with your horse? _____

Your current riding abilities:

- What are your developed strength?

- What areas would you like to see improved?

Your current horse:

- What does he/she do well?

- What areas would you like to see improved?

What do you hope to accomplish during our time riding together?

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