

Like to know more about how your horse learns so that you can improve their better performance, understand why problems arise in the handled and ridden horse, how to treat/prevent them? If so, then come to the

Equine Learning and Training Workshop



The purpose of this clinic is to show that by recognising and integrating the principles of learning theory into training, success is ensured. The desired outcomes can be reached in optimal time without the use of physical aids or devices and gadgets, behavioural problems are eradicated and the training becomes ethical, sustainable & effective

The Workshop will be presented by Orla Doherty, MVB, MSc, MRCV

There will be a limited number of places available for horse/rider combinations to take part in the practical instruction demonstration during the afternoon.

Summary Biography of Presenter

Orla Doherty qualified as a veterinary surgeon from UCD in 1992 and completed her Master's degree in Animal Behaviour and Welfare at Edinburgh University in 1993. She carried out further research and study into equine behaviour at Edinburgh University and then at Cornell University, New York, and at Auburn University, Alabama, USA. Most recently she has studied with internationally renowned behaviourist Dr Andrew McLean at the Australian Equine Behaviour Centre in Australia (www.aebc.com.au). In April 2010 Orla was instrumental in organising the

first ever seminar to be given by Dr Andrew McLean within Ireland. This will be held at the Spruce Lodge, by the kind permission of Joan Keogh.

Orla currently lectures on equine behaviour in University College Dublin and the University of Limerick. She has been a member of and competed with the Irish Dressage Ireland, the SJAI, and the AIRC.

Orla has been running a veterinary referral behaviour clinic, in Ireland,

Orla's Equine Learning and Training Programme is ongoing and is on a non profit-making basis. Its purpose is to promote ethical, evidence-based training and thus improve the welfare of the horse in sport.

There will be opportunities for attendees of Orla's clinics, to take part in the training which progress made will be assessed, and further training given. It is envisaged that the clinics will be for small numbers, and that they will be run on a local basis wherever possible.