



5 Essentials of Horsemanship

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1. Achieve and Maintain Straightness
2. Engage the Hindquarters
3. Raise the root of the neck
4. Ask for forward movement properly,
in a weight bearing posture
5. Bend in the rib cage

Notes: #2 through #5 cannot happen in quality application without #1.

A. To use our energy to create the horses energy.

B. To use the proper kind of emotion to create the desired energy.

Notes: Understand the use of positive emotion, not negative to create movement.

A and B are Paramount to have success in #1 through #5

Sounds easy, this short little list, but in reality it will entail a lot of work, more on your part than that of your horse.

A. You have to find the answers to what each means in totality.

B. You yourself will have to learn how to make each happen and maintain it.

C. You will have to learn to show and teach your horse how.

One of the biggest pay offs when you can achieve these, is experiencing and coming to that very special place of "**feel**".

Once you achieve these in a form of quality, one will have stepped into a new arena of discovery and excellence, and what it is to be one with your horse in every sense of the word.

The above relates to all breeds of all horses not specifically to gaited or non-gaited breeds.