

Monkey Business

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**SPECIAL
POINTS
OF IN-
TEREST:**



WHO IS THIS HAND-
SOE LAD?



Richard is still working
his tail off....

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**POWDER MONKEY
BUSINESS OFFERS THE
FOLLOWING SERVICES:**

- Horse handling and riding lessons
- Long-reining and driving lessons
- Horse breaking and training
- Advice on purchase of horses for your needs
- Selling of horses on commission
- Music and choreography for Equestrian Freestyle Dressage
- Holiday animal care in your own home – reduces pet stress and increases home security
- Computer problem troubleshooting
- Advice and sourcing / fitting of computers, parts, software and enhancements

All at reasonable rates – call and talk to us about your needs.

DON'T FORGET!!!

LONGREINING LESSONS

Powder Monkey Business is offering an opportunity to learn to long rein. Even if you don't know how to ride, but enjoy interacting with horse's this is a sport for you.

We have available suitable horses at differing levels to use. Come and learn this powerful technique. If you are a rider, this is a wonderful way to improve your horse. Use your skills as is, or as a base to learn harness, or improve your horse's flatwork, we can teach you the fundamental skills. For the more knowledgeable riders, Powder Monkey himself can help you learn how to use this technique with lateral work and more advanced movements to increase collection of your horse. If you wish to bring your own horse and to start them off under supervision, then we can help you. We charge only \$25/hour for 1 : 1 lessons with our horse's or \$20/hr with your own. We have an excellent arena to use. Contact Allie or Richard to book now! If you are a club then we can organise to come and give a demonstration (02)63 555 247 or 0428

AND YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD TO USE INTERNET EXPLORER....

The topic this month is Internet Browsers. Many people have always just used the default browser that comes with Windows – that is Internet Explorer – but there are many alternatives available for free, many of which are much better. **Internet Explorer 6** is the most used browser because it comes with Windows. It is useable and compatible with most web sites. However it is the main target for hackers / virus writers because of it's popularity and has many security problems. It also does not allow tabbed browsing (many sites open on tabs in the same window), paste-and-go for web links, etc. It is also quite slow to load pages compared to many alternatives. The beta release of the new version 7 addresses some of these but it really is just playing catch-up with it's competitors.

Mozilla / Firefox: (<http://www.mozilla.com/firefox>) is one of the most used competitors is free and is being constantly developed by the open source community responsible for Linux.

Currently at version 1.5.0.4 it covers many of the things lacking in IE, it has an intuitive interface and blocks viruses, spyware, and popup ads, it's easy to install and import your favorites. It has tabbed browsing, Live Bookmarks, and an integrated Search bar. Worth a look.

Opera: (<http://www.opera.com/>) Currently at version 9.0 this is the browser I have been using for years. Some people have reported some bugs with the current release but I have uploaded the last fully stable release 8.50 at <http://rapidshare.de/files/10461826/ow32enen850.exe.html> . Opera has too many great features to mention them all, including Transfer man-

ager, Tabbed browsing, Password manager, Integrated search, Pop-up blocking, Sessions, IRC chat, and many more. Version 9 adds BitTorrent downloading, Content Blocker, Thumbnail Tab Previews and more. I love it and will keep on using it in preference to IE

Others: There are many others to choose and try, most with advantages over IE, be adventurous and try some – I guarantee you will find something more to you liking than Explorer, for example; Maxthon, Slim-Browser, Netscape, Avant, etc.

Here is a good place to start, enjoy!

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_web_browsers

Classifieds available.

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14.3hh Grey Arabian gelding. 8 yrs old. You won't find a better bred horse in Australia. Ahasbai will succeed at anything. A superb looking horse who has been professionally trained. He is generous in nature with graceful, powerful movement, giving a joyous ride. He is working in a soft outline with a mature outlook and lovely nature. Great extensions, soft mouth, beautifully put together, Ahasbai is a stunning testament to the horse. His blood lines include Mustafa, Naadirah and multiple links to the great Nazeer. Contact on 02 6359 0779. A rare opportunity to purchase at \$6,000



This gorgeous fellow is looking for his own mum. His name is Ahasbai, and is one of the best bred Arabians in Australia. His nature is kind and sensible. He is being professionally trained and is a joy to ride. At 8 yrs old, he is ready to turn his hoof to anything in the outside world, and is only for sale as he is not being used as much as he deserves. He is 14.3 hh, beautifully conformed.

OLD FASHION TECHNIQUES RETURN

Long Reining – you may of heard of it, you may even tried it. This very old skill is being recognized again as a very useful and powerful training technique again. From basic mouthing, to high school dressage, long reining can be used to teach and train your horse to do anything on the ground that you can teach under rider, and in some cases more. It allows a horse to learn without needing to balance the rider, and can allow the horse to understand aids and requests without confusion. It allows a trainer to see exactly what is happening, which can be close to impossible when you are riding.

It can be difficult, and if done incorrectly can lead to some dangerous habits and situations. It can teach a rider the feel and use of hands, something which can be difficult whilst trying to maintain your balance and finesse on top.

The main reasons for long reining are:

- To mouth a young or untrained horse.

- To teach a young Horse to move by voice command with the trainer out of sight or partially out of site.

- To teach a young Horse to move forward confidently.

- To improve the Horse's balance and co-ordination.

- To improve the Horse's carriage and paces.

- For the more advanced training of horses such as increasing collection and advanced movements.

There are a variety of different techniques and styles, and it is best to look at what you are trying to achieve and at what point you are starting before deciding which one to use. If you are using a method that involves straight lines at the trot, then you will need to be very fit and fairly fast as this very tiring. Different techniques can be used at different stages of a horse's training, and it is a smarter trainer who will look and see if their methods

are working, and if not, then change them.

There are dangers associated with long reining. Firstly to the handler, the biggest and most common risk is getting caught up in the reins. It is very important that the reins are not linked together, and they are made of material which will not tangle or knot. Reins which are too long will allow you to get tangled more readily, and reins to short will not allow enough length if your horse goes wide suddenly. The reins need to be long enough for you and your horse to have room to move freely.

Secondly, some horse's (in fact most) do not like the rein behind the leg initially, and worse, if the rein rides up under the tail, some horse's will panic and take off. This should be avoided, and if possible, the technique chosen should take this into account. Some horse dislike the reins touching them at all at the back, and great care must be taken to not frighten the horse, especially when changing directions.

A clear area, preferably secure with good fencing is highly recommended, so if

you might trip over, including rocks and logs and holes.

The equipment used should be in good condition, and fit comfortably. Gloves are a MUST. Rope burn is not funny. Good footwear is essentially. You may need to move quickly and securely, so make sure your foot wear gives you good grip under foot, and laces cannot be tripped over. Falling over your own feet can be embarrassing, and will most likely give your horse a fright.

If you make a mistake while long reining you are normally attached directly to the horse's mouth and at best will jab the horse in the mouth and at worst you can actually damage and bruise the bars the lips and the tongue.

Voice commands are much the same as used in lunging. They should be simple, clear and different from each other so the horse can easily understand and not get confused by similar sounding words. You need to decide which commands you will use for each movement

and then say exactly the same word every time. The tone you use is just, if not more, important than the word itself. Upward transition commands are best said with an energetic lift to the voice, encouraging the horse to move forward and increase pace. Downward transition commands should have a slow calming tone to them, drawn out to allow the horse time to carry out the movement. I try and talk fairly constantly – it is as much for my benefit as the horse's. If you have not given a command or a period of time, try using the horse's name first to gain its attention before giving the command itself. A bit like a "tap on the shoulder" to let them know you are talking to them and not someone or something else.

Most of all, keep consistent, and don't ask for too much. Keep your horse calm and avoid aids which are sudden. Give your horse time to respond, and make sure they understand what you are asking.

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We are a multi purpose business with many different aspects. We will looking to expand our services, so if you have a problem and need a hand with anything, give Powder Monkey's Business a call and we will give you all the assistance we can.

Our current services include **computer support, animal care, horse training services** and **riding lessons**. We can arrange collection and delivery of your groceries, or give you a hand spring cleaning or preparing your house for sale. We can do YOUR running around, so you can have time to relax and focus on the important things.

If you can think of it, we can do it!



CASPER—POWDER MONKEY'S
NEW TEAM MEMBER

M O N K E Y ' S P R O G R E S S

Hi all, this has been the busiest few months. We have been to Canberra Classis, competed at Mudgee, been working on the arena, gotten a new team member on board, and been working hard to tell people about our freestyles my mum and dad are so clever at. They are off to the State Championships, they'r musical production is being used in the Inter I competition. Mum is very excited, and said they will be going down to cheer their client on. Mum said I am not going this year as I have not worked hard enough—I think I have worked very hard thank you, but I do notice that since we came back form Canberra, she has been putting me through some new exercises which are helping me learn I have to use my back legs more, and to go forward!. Gezz, if only she had made that clearer to me before.

I'd also like to tell you about a horse mate of mine who is looking for a new home, you can find his request in the newsletter, but I can tell you is a nice boy, and is really looking forward to

having a mum of his own.

Mum says it is too cold to compete at the moment, so she is waiting until the weather is warmer until we go out again. It's been so cold, I think that is a great idea too!

You will notice Casper's photo next door. I was jealous to start with, but as long as he remembers I am the most important horse here, we will get on fine. Richard decided he wanted to get into the horse's as well, but being too scared to ride (I think he is afraid of the ground), he is learning how to drive. Casper will also be helping our students with learning how to long rein , as well as doing the hard labour around the place—with the price of petrol, it sounds like a great idea to me. I'll let you in on a secret—Casper is bigger than me.

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