



ESTABLISHING A SUCCESSFUL EQUINE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR HORSES NEW TO EAAT

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Presentation Objectives

- Identify useful information to collect, and skills to evaluate when developing Equine Screening and Evaluation Forms
- Establish a successful equine training program that will meet the needs of the center's programs
- Determine an on boarding program for trial horses through their first year of service in an EAAT program



Benefits of Creating a Formalized Program

- Why did MTR create a formalized program?
- Benefits
 - Continuity of processes and procedures
 - Improved communication and understanding of equine recruiting and training program
 - Decrease risk and improve on safety

Program Overview

- Equine Recruitment
- Equine Screening
- Trial Visit
- On Site Trial
- Evaluation
- First year as a therapy horse

Recruiting

- Amount of recruiting depends on need and resources available
- [Equine Criteria and Requirements](#)
- Marketing Materials
- Where to recruit:
 - Website
 - Equine Publications
 - Resource Fairs
 - Local tack shops
 - Clinics
 - Center community- volunteers, participants, staff, etc.

WANTED: Horses!!



*Do you have a horse that needs a new job?
If so, Maryland Therapeutic Riding has one for him!*

We are looking for calm, loving, and sound horses for our walk-trot-canter lesson program. Perfect for seasoned Pony Club or schooling horses. Contact our Equine Manager at equine@mtrinc.org today about leasing or selling your horse.

Specifications:

Height—between 8–16 hands

Age—between 8–18 years



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Programs support children and adults with special needs

Screening

- Purpose of Screening

- PATH Intl. Standard EQM1- Does the center have written criteria for the initial screening of prospective equines appropriate for the activities/therapies offered?
- Liability
- Time Management
- Provides clear communication and expectations on horses needed

- Screening Process

- Refer to [website](#) to review criteria and submit screening form
- Submit photos and video to designated email
- Review submission with team and determine eligibility of a visit
- [MTR Equine Screening Document](#)



Horse Visits

- Importance of communication with owner
- What to Bring
- [MTR Horse Visit Policies and Procedures](#)



Preparing for Equine Arrival

- Prior to equine arrival:
 - Trial Agreement
 - Transportation
 - Vet Records (minimum of coggins and vaccination records)
 - Farrier and Dental Records
 - Equine Arrival Form Completed
- Quarantine Procedures
 - Determine quarantine procedures suited for center
 - Communicate new arrival and information to staff
 - [Post Information \(Stall and Paddock\)](#)

Trial Period Month 1-3

- Introducing the equine to the center
- Week 1-12
- Horse Training, Mock and Lesson Documentation
- Evaluation and Determining Suitability



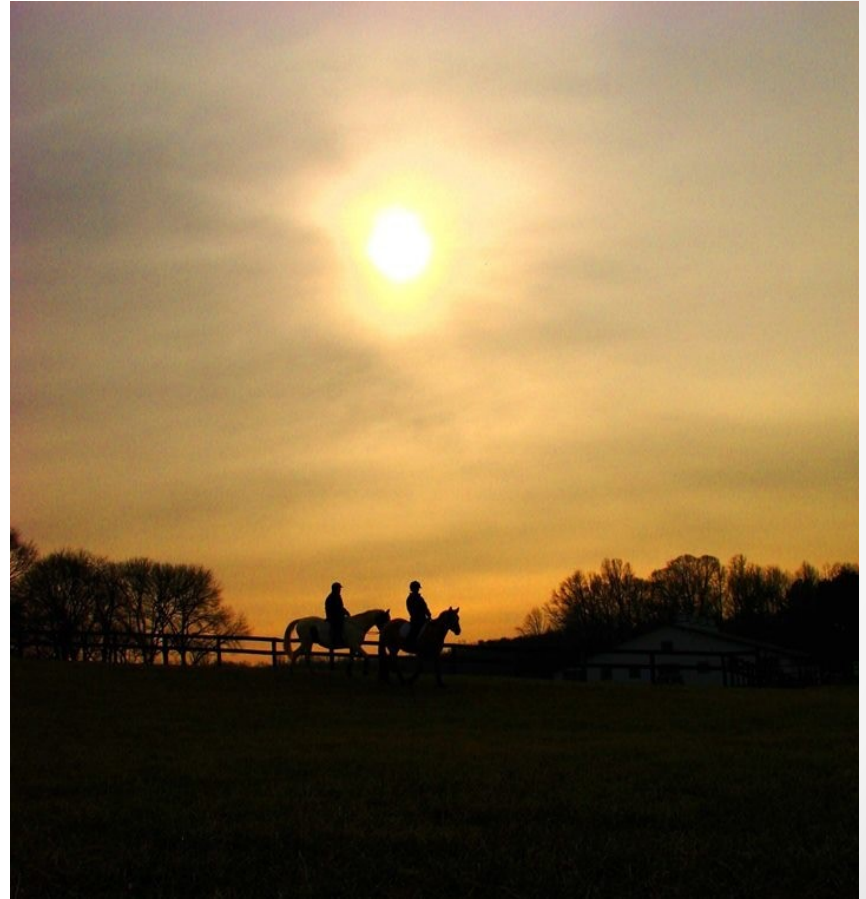
Welcome to the Program!

- [Month 4-12](#)



Equine Schooling & Training Program

- [Overview/Manual](#)
- Philosophy of Training Techniques
- Horse Bios
- [Criteria for Schoolers and Exercisers](#)
- Riding Test



Resources

- www.MTRinc.org
- www.PATHIntl.org
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- Sign up Form



Thank You!

