
Curriculum Vitae

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Dabney Horsemanship

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Horse and Rider Expert – I have ridden and been around horses for over 60 years. I have bred and raised horses for myself as well as having worked for large horse breeding ranches in Wyoming and Georgia dealing with 80 brood mares. I was responsible for imprint training all new-born foals and I performed riding training for the untrained young horses. I have started well over 100 young untrained horses, including wild Mustangs, teaching them all the fundamentals for successful riding. Having made a life-long study of horses, I work with horses within their nature as a specialist in horse behavior and herd communication.

For over 30 years I have commercially boarded and trained horses, taught riding lessons and conducted horse training and riding clinics in many locations of the United States, Canada and Europe. The clients with whom I have worked range from beginner to advanced riders and horses of many breeds at all levels of training for a variety of disciplines.

I have worked with horses and riders at small and large ranches and equestrian facilities as well as facilities operated by government military and police units including the King of Sweden's Royal Mounted Palace Guard, the Italian Forest Guard, the Malmo Sweden Police Dept., the Rome Italy Police Dept. and the Atlanta Police Dept.

I have provided horses and riders for many movie and television productions since 1988.

I have led group trail rides in 11 states and 4 European countries.

Clinician / Educator

- 2001- Present: “Ed Dabney Gentle Horsemanship”
Horse Trainer, Clinician, Lecturer and Instructor: Starting young horses and retraining problem horses; horsemanship and riding clinics for the public and for government agencies in the United States, Canada and Europe; riding instructor for groups and individual riders teaching balanced seat; fundamental and advanced riding skills, classical equitation, English and Western riding; ranch horsemanship skills, including cow working and roping.
- 2003: University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia
Hired by Dr. Gary Heusner, Head of Animal Science Department, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. I taught the senior level course on complete training program of young horses from ground work through saddling and riding. (Course was based on a syllabus I designed, consisting of classroom lecture on the history of horsemanship, communication and leadership with horses and horse behavior along with required outside reading, written exams and practical lab work in which each student was assigned a young horse to train during the semester under my supervision and direction.)

Clinic Programs Designed and Conducted

- “Six Keys to Harmony”: Essential exercises for horse and rider from ground and mounted.
- Classical Riding Skills for English and Western: Training and riding skills as taught by the French Masters of the 17th and 18th centuries.
- Trail Safety and Etiquette
- Ranch Horsemanship Skills: Cow Working and Roping
- Problem Solving
- Colt Starting
- Desensitizing
- Working Equitation
- Mounted Police Horse Training

Clinic History in US and Europe

- 2001 – Present: Conducted many clinics in Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Indiana, Colorado, Wyoming, California and Canada.
- 2007 – 2014: Traveled to Europe twice a year, spending as many as five months a year, conducting clinics in Sweden, Finland, France, Italy and Sicily.

Police and Military Clinics

- Conducted horsemanship and sensory and environmental behavior training clinics for Mounted Police Units in the cities of Rome Italy, Malmo, Sweden and Atlanta, Georgia. Conducted regularly scheduled training for over 10 years with the Atlanta Mounted Police Unit horses and officers.
- Sicilian Mounted Forest Guard
- King of Sweden’s Royal Mounted Palace Guard, Stockholm Sweden: Conducted three horsemanship and riding clinics, with additional individual lessons for officers and soldiers.
- Consulted with Major of the Guard regarding improvements to the coordination of the famous “Changing of the Guard” mounted ceremony, a daily event at the King’s Royal Palace in Stockholm.

Other European Clinics and Training

- Chateau de la Boulaye, Normandy, France (2008): Spent five weeks at the 500 year old chateau training horses for guest suitability for rides through the nearby village and on the forest trails. At this time I declined the offer of a permanent position as Director of the Chateau’s riding school not wanting to move my family from the United States.
- ENGEA, Italy and Sicily: Conducted numerous clinics at their accredited facilities.
- Italian quasi-governmental agency, responsible for coordinating horse events in Italy and providing education and instruction of applicants seeking licensing as horseback guides, adopted Ed’s training methods as the only approved method for handling, training and riding to be used by all ENGEA teaching facilities.

Licensed Outfitter and Professional Guide (1994 – 2001)

- Elected to the Board of Directors of the Wyoming Outfitters Association
- Old West Big Game Hunts, Lander and Dubois, Wyoming: Owner/Operator: Held commercial operations permits from the National Forest Service to operate in Shoshone National Forest near Yellowstone. Held commercial operations permits from US Bureau of Land Management to operate in South Pass Region. Guided horseback hunting trips for Elk, Deer and Antelope from remote wilderness camps.
- Rocky Mountain Horseback Adventures, Lander and Dubois, Wyoming: Owner/Operator: Held commercial operations permits from National Forest Service to operate in Shoshone National Forest near Yellowstone and in the Wind River Mountains. Held commercial operations permits from US Bureau of Land Management to operate in South Pass Region. Guided five-day summer horseback and camping trips for trout fishermen and groups of recreational riders and families.

Other Horse Related Work

- 1960 –Present: Owned, ridden and trained horses since age seven. Fifth-generation horseman growing up on family’s horse and cattle ranch operation in Tennessee. Provided services of training, boarding, lessons. Rode horses frequently on trails and cross country over rural, undeveloped areas of north Madison County Tennessee during teen-age years. Attended college at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Member of the Texas Tech Rodeo Team as a bull rider. Worked as a pen rider for a large cattle auction facility in Lubbock, Texas.
- 1984 –1988: Operated a horse boarding facility and taught riding lessons.
- 1992: Endurance Rider: Trained and competed in endurance riding. Competed in “50 Miles in One Day” rides in Tennessee, Georgia, and Missouri.
- 1988 –1996: Living History Cavalry Reenactment Company: Member and Officer. Performed living history demonstrations and battle reenactments for the National Park Service on many battlefield parks including Shiloh and Stones River (Tennessee), Gettysburg (Pennsylvania), The Wilderness (Virginia), Brice’s Crossroads (Mississippi), Bibb Furnace (Alabama), Chickamauga (Georgia) and Custer Battlefield (Montana).

Guided Trail Rides (1994 – Present)

Guided many groups of riders on trail rides in the Bridger-Teton Mountains, Wind River Mountains, South Pass and Big Horn Mountains of the Rocky Mountain Range in Wyoming. (Most guest riders had little or no riding experience, but I safely guided them in many types of weather, including deep snow, blizzards, hail storms and swift river crossings while traversing some of the roughest terrain in the United States along steep, rocky trails in the deep wilderness of 11,000 foot elevation and on long treks across the high-desert sage plains.)

- US Guided Trail Rides:
 - Alabama: Lake Guntersville trails
 - Arizona: Moab
 - California: Redwood Forest of Mendocino County, Northern Coast beach ride
 - Florida: White Oak Plantation
 - Georgia: Jake Mountain, Dawson Forest, Watson Mill, Harbins Park, Hard Labor Creek State Park, Chickamauga National Park, Charlie Elliott State Park, International Horse Park
 - New Mexico: Mogollon Rim
 - North Carolina: Smoky Mountains
 - South Carolina - Pelzer
 - South Dakota: Badlands National Park
 - Tennessee: East Fork of Cumberland Gap, Lookout Mountain
- European Guided Trail Rides:
 - Finland: Western Coastal Plains and Forest
 - France: Cerisy la Foret, Normandy
 - Sicily: Madonie Mountains
 - Sweden - Eskilstuna

Ranch Work (1994 - 2001)

- Otto Ranch, Lander, Wyoming: - (8,000 acres): Started untrained, open-range raised young horses from completely untouched to the point of being well-trained, reliable horses to be ridden in the mountains as well as cross-trained to be used as pack horses.
- Broken Anvil Ranch, Lander, Wyoming: (12,000 acres): Started untrained young horses and retrained older horses for ranch cattle work.
- Beckton Ranch, Sheridan, Wyoming: (12,000 acres): Worked cattle and bulls on horseback gathering, driving, sorting, roping and branding
- Hidden Valley Ranch, Cody, Wyoming: (18,000 acres): Starting young horses, working with problem horses, conducting pack trips, driving wagons, assisting with horsemanship, pack and riding clinics for National Park Service summer trail crew employees
- Willow Creek Ranch, Kaycee, Wyoming: (60,000 acres): Director of guest riding program. Guided many guest rides on day rides as well as five day progressive riding / camping trips. Director of deer hunting program. Guided guest deer hunters on horseback.
- Worked independently: Started young horses and retrained problem horses for private individuals.

Movies and Television: Appearances and Training

1988 – present: Cast in mounted, action roles with personally trained horses in the following film productions:

- 1988: Television commercial for Cavalry Banking Corp.
- 1990: “Class of ‘61” ABC Television movie
- 1992: “Gettysburg” TNT Production movie
- 1993: “Geronimo” Columbia Pictures movie
- 1993: “North & South” ABC Television mini-series
- 1994: Country music video for the song “Summer in Dixie” by the singing group Confederate Railroad
- 1995: “Crazy Horse” TNT Production movie
- 1997: “The Postman” Warner Brothers Production movie
- 1998: Worked as a mounted cowboy model for a professional photographer. Photos of me riding in various locations and genres appeared in many magazines and greeting cards.
- 1999: “The Patriot” Columbia Pictures movie
- 2008: “We Shall Remain” PBS Docu-drama: Provided all horses, assisted in coordinating riding scenes, taught riding lessons to actors, on-screen role as carriage driver.

- 2009 - "Girls and Horses" music video by Templeton Thompson. Provided horses and riders.
- 2009 - "Untamed Legacy" PBS Documentary: Won three Emmy awards. Film crew followed and documented progress as I brought a wild Mustang through his training program from completely untouched to becoming a well-trained riding horse.
- 2014 - 2017: "Sleepy Hollow" 20th Century Fox Television Production: Seasons 2, 3 and 4. Providing all horses, assisting in coordinating riding scenes, on-camera riding role as a principal character and as a stunt double.
- 2016 – Fox – TV production of pilot for new television show, "Making History" – Provided all horses and assisted in coordinating riding scenes. On screen as wagon driver.
- 2016 - Television commercial for Harvey's Supermarket Chain. Head Wrangler coordinating riding scenes and providing horses.
- 2017 - Amazon Production of Television series "Lore". Provided wagon.
- 2017 - Newton College Film Festival, Covington, GA. Invited to address the audience regarding the training and use of horses in film work and was also invited to serve on the panel of judges for the film festival.
- 2017 - CBS-TV "Dynasty" CBS-TV Head Wrangler coordinating riding scenes and supplying stunt riders and horses. Riding instruction for actors.
- 2017 - The Front Runner motion picture. Provided horses and stunt riders as mounted police officers.
- 2018 - Sony Pictures Goosebumps motion picture. Head Wrangler and Stunt Rider
- 2018 The Warrant motion picture. Head Wrangler coordinating riding scenes and supplying stunt riders and horses. Riding instruction for actors.
- 2019 - Christmas on the Range motion picture. Head Wrangler coordinating riding scenes and supplying stunt riders, horses and cattle. Riding instruction for actors.
- 2019 - Old Town Road music video event. Head Wrangler supplying horse. Riding instruction for lead dancer.
- 2019 Amazon Prime series Underground Railroad. Provided horses, riders and wagon driver.
- 2021 - The Battle of Bushy Run motion picture. Head Wrangler coordinating riding scenes, doubling for the lead the actor in stunt riding scenes, supplying stunt riders, horses and wagon teams. Riding instruction for actors.
- 2021 - Music video for R&B recording artist Chiaie for his song "Cash Out". Head Wrangler coordinating riding scenes and supplying stunt rider and horse. Taught riding instruction for Chiaie.
- 2022 - Shadrach - six-episode television series for Sony Productions. Head Wrangler coordinating riding scenes and supplying stunt riders and horses. Taught riding instruction for actors.
- 2022 - Birthright motion picture. Head Wrangler coordinating riding scenes and supplying horses and wagon. Taught riding instruction for actors.
- 2022 Wolfpack television series. Supplied horses and on-camera wranglers.
- 2023 – Blue Ridge television series. Head Wrangler coordinating riding scenes and supplying stunt riders and horses. Taught riding instruction for actors.

- 2023 – Cherry River Cowboy commercial. Provided filming location on our ranch. Performed stunt riding on horse rearing up.
- 2023 Music video for recording artist Lil Baby. Head Wrangler coordinating riding scenes and supplying horse. Taught riding instruction for Lil Baby.
- 2023 The Last Truth motion picture. Head Wrangler coordinating riding scenes. Provided filming location on our ranch along with horses and stunt riders for night scenes of jumping and double riding.
- 2023 - Music video for recording artist, Duckboy, filmed in New Orleans. Head Wrangler coordinating riding scenes and supplying horse and stunt rider.

Working in the film industry since 1988 as a Head Wrangler and Stunt Rider, I have trained many horses to calmly accept unusual environments full of noise, movement, people, equipment, traffic, smoke, fire, flashing lights, simulated lightning, gunfire and mounted combat with swords and lances. My horses have been involved in close-up filming in high traffic inner city scenes, inside sound stages, close to burning buildings and in battle scenes with ground explosions, cannon fire and extreme chaos.

Professional Organizations

- Member of Screen Actors Guild SAG-AFTRA
- ENGEA - Italian national licensing agency for riding instructors
- Georgia Film Production Partnership
- American Quarter Horse Association
- Georgia Equine Rescue League
- Western Riding Association of Italy
- Ranch Horsemanship Association of Finland

Awards and Recognitions

- 2005 Extreme Cowboy Race winner (Madison, Georgia): (This is a competition judging speed, riding skill and horsemanship displayed while negotiating a challenging obstacle course.)
- 2006 Judged the Extreme Cowboy Race (Buckhead, Georgia).
- 2007 North Carolina Equine Extravaganza Trainer Challenge winner
- 2007 Virginia Equine Extravaganza Trainer Challenge winner. I became the first trainer in the history of the event to win two events in the same year and was named as the “East Coast Trainer Challenge Champion.” (Competition consisted of three trainers competing against each other throughout a weekend of limited time sessions with their assigned, untrained horse, to accomplish as much as possible in the allotted time, without over-

stressing the horse. Training sessions were observed by judges and spectators. At the end of the training sessions each trainer demonstrated what he had been able to accomplish with the horse toward the goal of saddling, riding at all gaits and negotiating obstacles.)

- 2008 Judged the North Carolina and Virginia Equine Extravaganza Trainer Challenge.
- 2009 Featured trainer in the Extreme Mustang Makeover (This is a competition in which a trainer is assigned an untrained Mustang, then given 100 days to accomplish as much as possible with the Mustang. The trainer brings the Mustang to a weekend event location to demonstrate to the public what he has been able to teach the horse as far as advanced riding skills, obstacles, jumping, dressage and reining movements.)
- 2010 ENGEA Italian quasi-governmental agency, responsible for coordinating horse events in Italy and providing education and instruction of applicants seeking licensing as horseback guides, adopted Ed's training methods as the only approved method for handling, training and riding to be used by all ENGEA teaching facilities.
- 2010 Verona Horse Fair (Verona, Italy) and 2011 Verona Horse Fair (Verona, Italy): Invited by ENGEA to be headline Clinician, presenting twice-daily horsemanship and riding demonstrations. (This four-day expo is one of the largest and oldest horse events in Europe with over 250,000 people attending.)
- 2011 ENGEA President Testarella awarded Ed with the highest Five Star level Certification of ENGEA Superior Instructor. This is quite an esteemed honor as there are only a few instructors out of 3,000 licensed instructors in all of Italy who hold the Five Star Certification.
- 2012 Rome Horse Fair (Rome, Italy): Invited by ENGEA to present horse training demonstrations.
- 2013 AIEW, the Western Riding Association of Italy approved the "Ed Dabney Gentle Horsemanship" training methods. AIEW marketed and endorsed "Ed Dabney Gentle Horsemanship" clinics in Italy to their various approved facilities.
- 2014 and 2015 Georgia Equine Rescue League Rescue Challenge: Judged their Rescue Challenge event featuring top Georgia trainers working with rescue horses.
- 2019 - Everything Equine Expo, Lumberton, NC - Overall winner of the three day Trail Challenge competition
- 2019 - Placed third in the Georgia Open Horseback Archery Tournament

Demonstrations and Speaking Engagements

- 2001 - Present –Invited to present demonstrations or lectures during special events at numerous Georgia Horse Equipment Stores including Boss Brothers (Loganville), TC Country (Canton), Mary's Tack (Athens), GreenSouth (Madison).
- 2002 - Invited by the Georgia Horse Council to demonstrate Ed's "Six Keys to Harmony" training program at Georgia Horse Fair in Perry, GA.
- 2002 - Invited by the Georgia Horse Council to demonstrate Ed's "Six Keys to Harmony" training program at a special event at the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers, GA.

- 2001-2005 - Invited to speak on numerous occasions on topics of Horse Training, Communication, Behavior and Leadership for the Rockdale Trail Blazers Saddle Club, Noonan Saddle Club, Walton County 4-H and Cherokee Saddle Clubs monthly meetings.
- 2005 - Invited to serve on the Horse South Magazine Training Advisory Board.
- 2005 - Provided, at no charge, a horse training demonstration at the Animal Rescue Fair at Wills Park in Alpharetta, Georgia.
- 2006 - Invited by the Columbia South Carolina Saddle Club to demonstrate “Six Keys to Harmony” training program at a special event in Columbia, South Carolina.
- 2007–2008 - North Carolina and Virginia Equine Extravaganza Expositions Headline Clinician presenting numerous demonstrations on various aspects of horse training, communication and horse behavior.
- 2009 - Chastain Horse Park –Atlanta, Georgia: Invited to instruct volunteers on “Safe and Respectful Horse Handling in and out of the stable.”
- 2009–2010 – Madison: EquestFest - Madison, Georgia Invited to present riding demonstrations.
- 2010 - Regional Animal Hospital - Helsingborg, Sweden Invited by Medical Director Dr. Flemming Winberg to present demonstration and instruction to hospital staff on “Safe and Natural Horse Handling” to avoid the use of mechanical control devices and sedation for veterinary treatment applications.
- 2014 - Little Creek Equestrian Center – Decatur, Georgia. Presented, at no charge, a horse training clinic as fund raiser for “Stamp Out Starvation of Horses” organization
- 2014 - Komiat Hevooset –Tiistenjoella, Finland Headline Clinician at large horse expo event presenting demonstrations of riding skills, cow working and roping
- 2016 - Invited to present a horsemanship demonstration for the "Friends of Horses" organization in Tryon, NC
- 2016 - Invited to present a three day colt starting demonstration for The Mane Event in Cilliwack, BC Canada
- 2017 & 2018 - Invited to present a horsemanship demonstration for the Georgia Equine Rescue League
- 2018 - Keynote speaker at a charity fundraising dinner for the Save a Mustang Save a Vet organization
- 2019 - Everything Equine Expo, Lumberton, NC - Demonstration on lightness in training and riding
- 2021 - Invited by the Georgia Horse Council to be the Headliner Clinician presenting a horsemanship demonstration at the Georgia Horse Fair
- 2021 – Equine Affaire - West Springfield, MA. Ed was invited to present four demonstrations and to judge the Versatile Horse & Rider Competition at the largest horse expo in the United States.
- 2023 - Invited to make a presentation on "Cowboys and Horses in Art and Film" at the Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville, GA.
https://www.facebook.com/watch/live?ref=watch_permalink&v=328489606789804

Instructional DVDs, Television and Radio Programs

- 2004 –Produced 90 minute DVD entitled “Six Keys to Harmony” which demonstrates the Ed Dabney Gentle Horsemanship fundamental training program of six essential exercises, performed on the ground and in the saddle, to establish communication and leadership with horses resulting in respect, trust and harmony.
- 2005 –Interviewed by Australian radio station on the telephone as a live broadcast about Ed’s training methods.
- 2006 –RFD-TV - The Ed Dabney Gentle Horsemanship television program broadcast on nationwide television network.
- 2006 - Produced second instructional DVD entitled “Foundation Training” Demonstration on a 2.5 hour DVD detailing training techniques used to bring untrained horses through ground work, desensitizing, obstacles, saddling, bridling and riding (This was a real-time video, in which I actually started three untrained horses and brought them through their third ride.)
- 2006 - Produced third instructional DVD entitled “Stress Free Trailer Loading” Demonstration on a 90 minute DVD detailing proper techniques for preparing a horse to accept loading into a horse trailer, along with safety tips on using a horse trailer and hauling horses.
- 2007 –Produced fourth instructional DVD entitled “Finding Effective Solutions” Demonstration on a 2.5 hour DVD teaching the Six Keys to Harmony exercises to seven different horses with behavior and training issues to establish trust with the horse and help erase problem issues.
- 2008 – 2013 Blue Highways Television Network Broadcasting of the Ed Dabney Gentle Horsemanship television program.
- 2009 –WOW Radio –Colorado One hour broadcast interview discussing Ed’s life experiences with horses, clinics and training methods
- 2015 –Completing work on fifth instructional DVD entitled “Riding Skills and the Balanced Seat” which will demonstrate how to achieve body control and proper relaxed balance, in the saddle as well as fundamental riding skills and use of the aids
- 2017 - Horse Talk Radio - Interviewed on live broadcast about my training methods and film work. <https://soundcloud.com/florida-horse-talk/ht-08-05-17>
- 2019 - Interview on my training methods with American Horse Talk live streaming Facebook
- 2021 - Interview on Facebook Live with the Alabama Horse Community about Ed's training methods

Publications

- March 2003: *The Oconee Enterprise* newspaper of Oconee County, GA interviewed and published an article about my background and training methods
- Jan. 2005: *HorseSouth Magazine* Article –“An Organized Approach to a Better Relationship with Your Horse”
- Fall 2005: *HorseSouth Magazine* Article –“Training Tabee” Submitted regular series of articles in subsequent issues reporting on the progress of training of this particular horse
- Jan. 2006: *Hoofbeats* Article –“Stallions Aren’t For Everyone”
- Feb. 2006: *Hoofbeats* Article –“When Do I Start”
- March 2006: *Hoofbeats* Article –“Read Your Horse” Part 1
- April 2006: *Hoofbeats* Article –“Read Your Horse” Part 2
- Jan. 2007: *HorseSouth Magazine* Cover Story –“Starting the Young Horse”
- Nov. 2008: John Lyons’ *Perfect Horse Magazine* Article –“Turn Signals”
- 2008: *Natural Horse Magazine* published an article about my training methods.
- 2008: *Country Magazine* published an article about my training methods.
- Aug. 2008: *Tiistai* Newspaper – Finland. Interviewed and published an article about my background and training methods.
- 2005 –2008: *Stable Mates Magazine* - Regular contributor of articles.
- 2008 –2009: *Going Gaited* Magazine Consulting trainer and regular contributor of published answers to reader’s training and horse behavior related questions.
- June 2010: *LuckyRider* Western Lifestyle Magazine –Sweden. Published article about my training methods and European clinic tours.
- Feb. 2011: *LuckyRider* Western Lifestyle Magazine –Sweden. Published article about riding with me in the Madonie Mountains of Sicily.
- May 2011: *Keskisuomalainen* Newspaper –Jyvaskyla, Finland. Interviewed and published an article about my background and training methods.
- Sept. 2012: *Georgia Connector* Magazine. Interviewed and published an article about my training methods.
- Nov. 2012: *Hevosurheilu* Newspaper –Finland. Interviewed and published an article about my background and training methods.
- Dec 2013: *Hastfokus* Magazine –Finland (Largest horse-related magazine in Finland). Interviewed and published an article about my training methods and European clinic tours.
- July 2014: *Ilkka* Regional Newspaper –Finland. Interviewed and published an article about my cow working demonstrations at the Komiat Hevooset horse expo event.
- 2016: Horse Canada interviewed and published an article about my training of horses for use in movie and television production.
- 2017: Newton County, Georgia Chamber of Commerce interviewed and published an article about my training of horses for use in movie and television production.
- 2015 Oz magazine published a story about my film work with horses.
- 2019 Cowgirl Magazine featured my video on training a horse to stand tied patiently.

Formal Training and Education

Most of my education has come from practical work experience and many years spent with horses but his formal education and training has come from the following:

- Wyoming Outfitters School, Cody Wyoming: Instruction and hands-on experience learning skills in guiding trail rides, wilderness first aid, horse packing and handling strings of pack horses, farrier skills, driving wagons with teams of horses, wilderness camping, survival skills.
- Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Assoc.: Received “Horse Professional” certification to facilitate Equine Assisted Psychotherapy Sessions
- National School of Academic Equitation, Seattle, Washington: Received formal instruction and riding skills training on the Professional Instructor level, in advanced methods of horse training and upper level Classical Equitation which were developed and employed by the French horse masters of the 1600’s and 1700’s.

Continuing Education

Instruction under modern masters of Classical Equitation including:

- United States:
 - Craig Stevens: Director of the National School of Academic Equitation and author of “Mediterranean Horsemanship.”
 - Walter Zettl: Renowned Clinician and author of “Dressage in Harmony.”
 - Karl Mikolka: Master Rider at the Spanish Riding School of Vienna, Austria.
 - Mark Russell: Clinician and author of “Lessons in Lightness.”
- Europe:
 - Monsieur Philippe Karl: Former director of the Cadre’Noir, the French National Riding School, Clinician and author of numerous books.
 - Baron Albert Moyersoen: Coach of the Italian Olympic Equestrian Team and Icon of Classical Riding.
 - Col. Christian Carde: Former Director of the Cadre’Noir, the French National Riding School and Olympic Dressage Judge.
 - 2010 Spent three days at the Spanish Riding School in Vienna, Austria observing their training sessions.
 - 2013 Spent three days at the Royal Andalusian Riding School in Jerez, Spain observing their training sessions and performances.

Expert Witness

Since 2013 I have served in numerous litigation cases as an Expert Witness or Consultant regarding my areas of expertise including:

Horses, Horse Training, Horse Behavior, Horseback Riding, Riding Instruction, Trail Rides, Outfitting, Guiding, Hunting, Horse Care, Horse Transport, Horses in Film Work, Horse Facility Management and Design, Rodeo, Horse Herd Behavior, Mounted Police, Mounted shooting , archery and sword fighting.

Sponsorships

The following companies have provided corporate sponsorship and endorsement for Ed's clinic tours and appearances:

- Tribute Equine Nutrition
- Sundowner Trailers of Georgia
- Telesis Animal Health / Equiderma
- ABI Equine
- Thinline
- CSI Saddle Pads
- Sunpipe Inc.
- Patience Pole
- Tow and Collect

Testimonials

Dear Ed, I just wanted to congratulate you for the high quality of your training. I am considering you as a “classical” trainer, in the sense that you eliminate any constraining instrument and do not use force. Your message, founded on deep knowledge and respect to the horse, would be very useful on the official scene. All the best to the “gentleman cowboy” you are!

Yours Sincerely, Philippe Karl
Former Director of the Cadre’Noir, French Riding School

Ed’s pleasant personality combined with true expertise and love for the equine partner makes him highly qualified to pass on an important equestrian culture to a new generation of riders, by combining centuries-old European tradition with American Cowboy culture. Having received my equestrian education for over 13 years at the Spanish Riding School in Vienna, Austria, I can only recommend Ed Dabney as a role model for many.

Karl Mikolka
Oberbereiter (master rider) Spanish Riding School of Vienna

I’ve been to several other clinics, even week-long clinics, and have not learned as much as I did this weekend. Your unbelievable patience and your clear way of explaining everything brought me to a better relationship with my horse.

Tracy Whiddon, Georgia

I went to Ed’s clinic with a good mannered mare without any expectations and I came out with a mare who reads my mind. Ed is really amazing. I’m impressed.

Anne Ollia, Finland

Years of lessons, different trainers and a myriad of horses have not taught me nearly what I learned from you in just three days. These tools for communication and respect have proven effective.

Alex La Pierre

I was impressed with your magnificent touch with the horses.

Katja Pulkkinen, Finland

“I know very good natural horsemanship trainers. I myself have learned from a natural horsemanship trainer per excellence, Ed Dabney, a trainer of highest integrity and one of the best horsemen I have ever met, who shared his knowledge and love of the horse with me generously and with an open heart and who I will always hold in high esteem.”

-Tatiana Kiselyova

"I have found all of your advice very helpful and insightful. So glad you made horses a priority and are able to pass along knowledge. It is a special gift to the horse world! "

-Patina

"Dear Ed, The clinic and lessons were so great! I was impressed with your magnificent touch with the horses and your teaching skills. I feel the relation between me and my horse is getting better every day. I hope you had a good journey in Europe and we will see you soon here in Kokkola! Best wishes "

-Katja Pulkkinen, Kokkola Finland

"The communication and understanding of horsemanship that you are teaching and sharing is a beautiful connection that I think many riders are looking and searching for in their various disciplines."

Heather Evans - Macon, GA