

RDLA 2013

Lots of exciting things happening this year at
RDLA!



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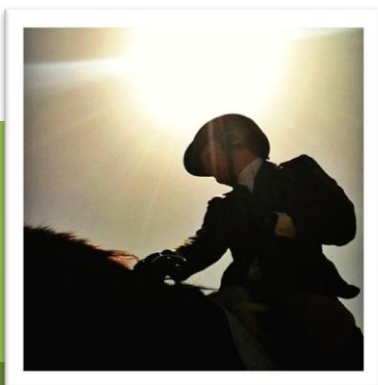
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The RDLA Difference

This beautiful facility has everything you need but one of the key differences is our wonderful and talented trainers all work together to provide the best skill sets and knowledge to our clients. You can trust your horse will get the most comprehensive care and you will receive the best coaching and training for your horse. Blackhound Equestrian covers hunter/jumper training for both rider and horse, while Vefele's Equine Partnerships works on dressage skills and equine behaviour.

Whatever your goals are we will work together to get you and your horse in a team in a positive and safe manner, both in and out of the show ring.



Want to try us out?

We have affordable lesson packages in which you will get lessons from our hunter/jumper and dressage coaches.

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Blackhound Equestrian

We support a community feel in our barn and specialize in Hunter/Jumper sales, lessons, training and showing.

Since 2004 Blackhound has been providing a fun and safe atmosphere for riders of all ages and levels. Our program centers on confidence building and safe horsemanship. We offer riders the opportunity to work in groups or one-on-one with a trainer depending on experience and rider goals.

If you would like to start your journey with horses this is the place to be! We have an extensive background helping children and adults become confident and capable riders. Our strength is teaching beginners from the ground up so they gain an understanding of daily horse care. This includes nutrition and grooming, horse behaviour and safety, riding position and effectiveness and the option of showing.

We also have a well-established adult program with the personal support needed to reach your goals. With our flexible lesson times you don't have to worry about fitting riding in your schedule. No matter if you are just starting out or are a well-seasoned veteran, we will be able to take your riding to the next level with our extensive knowledge and experience in all rings; hunters, jumpers and equitation.

Lesson packages are available!



Overall there are many benefits to our program. We always support a positive atmosphere in our barn with a family-like feel focusing on healthy sportsmanship. We offer customized training programs for all situations whether you are looking for coaching, sales or training. Our rates are very competitive allowing you more time to spend with your horse while working towards being successful in your goals. We even offer instructional clinics at no extra cost because we believe in an educated atmosphere. Please contact us today to book your free consultation 510-431-2610 or email us at blackhoundstaff@gmail.com. We look forward to helping you reach your goals!



“It’s not the horses that have to learn to understand the humans, it’s the humans that have to understand the horses.”

George Morris

Dressage for Everyone.

No matter what your level of experience, Vefele can bring dressage into your riding in a very fun and open environment. She has worked with a lot of riders and horses with little to no experience in dressage. Vefele has been specializing in dressage for more than 10 years and has trained horses up to the highest level, Grand Prix. For more info, call Vefele at 831-235-3437 today!



What is Dressage?

Dressage is the systematic development of horse and rider to create a balanced harmonious team. In it’s most basic stages dressage helps the horse and rider communicate with each other and develop balance, strength, flexibility and accuracy. For this reason, riders with different and competitive goals – Jumping, eventing and barrel racing – often use dressage as a way of creating a pleasant, athletic mount and improve the horses performance.

In the show ring horse and rider are expected to perform tests to show the strength of their partnership. Depending on the level of their training the team performs difficult and strenuous movements without obvious aids.

The Benefits.

Dressage teaches horse and rider rhythm, relaxation, contact, impulsion, straightness and collection. Not every rider will be performing the upper level movements of dressage but even the basics will assist you in achieving a better understanding of how your horse interprets your aids, how to loosen the horses muscles to improve athleticism and control.

Riding dressage tests and movements can improve understanding of the geometry of the ring, the measure of a horses strides, and better flexibility which is all extremely important when jumping.

“...I may not know a lot about dressage but after just one lesson with Vefele I was able to get the response I needed from my horse with minimal effort. Vefele truly helped me find a better connection with my mare.”

-Renee Murillo, Arabian Horse Owner

Upcoming Events

Amber's 30th birthday party! Hosted at RDLA on Feb. 24th at 1:00. Potluck food and handmade jewelry, soaps, and candles for sale! There will also be tables set up with our trainers to provide information on our philosophies and practices. Contact Leslie for more information.

Dressage clinic and practice show! Saturday March 9th Vefele Petruik will be running a dressage clinic with introductory rates. Vefele has shown successfully at the FEI level with numerous High-Points and Championships. Her direct approach has helped many riders achieve a better understanding with their horses. This clinic will have a focus on test riding and proper geometry to prepare for the upcoming show season. The clinic will be followed by a practice dressage show on Sunday March 10th. This fun show will provide riders with the opportunity to take their time in a stress free environment to practice dressage tests. Western Dressage tests are available upon request. Riders do not need to take part in the clinic to ride in the show. Clinic participants get one free test ride. Private \$70, Semi Private \$55, Tests \$20 each Please contact Vefele (831-235-3437 or vefelep@gmail.com) to sign up.

Movie Nights! Blackhound Equestrian will be hosting numerous movie nights at RDLA. Watch some of the horse classics on their huge screen! All you have to bring is yourself and your favourite dish to share. This is a fun way to spend time together and meet new people. Dates to be announced.

There will be many other events this summer including trials on our updated cross country course, dressage clinics with Grand Prix trainer Lehua Custer, Horse Behaviourist William Clinging, Hunter/Jumper clinics/practice dates/Hunter Paces, as well as Farrier and Veterinary lectures.



Rancho De Los Amigos

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Castro Valley, CA

Contact Leslie at 510-538-8932

Blackhound Equestrian

Contact Kate at 510-431-2610

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Vefe's Equine Partnerships

Contact Vefe at 831-235-3437

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Barn / Stall Choices:

Raised Center Aisle Barn \$580.00 / \$635.00 per month

Enclosed stalls with attached paddocks

Stalls with Paddocks \$565.00 per month

Shed Row and Mare Motel \$505.00 per month

Our Horse Boarding Services include:

Daily Stall Cleaning

Daily Arena Maintenance

Bedding Bags Added Tuesdays & Fridays (additional bedding available at additional cost)

AM / PM Feeding

Standard Feeding includes 1 flake Alfalfa/ Grass mix at each feeding.

Blackhound Equestrian Rates:

Please Contact us for our current training and lesson package rates.

Vefe's Equine Partnerships Rates:

Private lessons \$50

Semi Private \$45

Many other services including clipping, braiding and other show prep, trailer parking, daily grooming, lunging, hand walking, trailering, videos, pictures and others available.