

Liz Snoblen Biography

Liz Snoblen has been operating horse farms since 1980 and training horses since 1986. She has experience with most breeds of horses including Quarter Horses, Arabians, Morgans, Swedish Warmbloods, Belgium Warmbloods, Thoroughbreds, Standardbreds, Paints, and P.O.As. The majority of her experience has been focused around Dressage (Training through Third level) but also includes Driving, Western Pleasure, Hunt Seat Pleasure, Jumping, Halter, Showmanship, and some Saddleseat. She has purchased and sold horses; operated boarding, training and breeding facilities and has been an owner, boarder, student, and competitor.

She has various awards in each of these riding disciplines (except Saddleseat) that include various wins in each division as well as year end circuit champion and reserve championships. Driving experience was mainly on the track in a training cart as Liz has never raced.

As the landscape of the horse industry changed from numerous trainers with a string of horses in training to many adults becoming first time owners, Liz saw a need to start to teach these first time owners (both adults and children) and make horse ownership fun and enjoyable. As with any first time event, owners have many questions on the how's, what's, why's, etc of horse ownership. Liz strives to help these owners understand the maze of information that is available to them through educating them and allowing them to come to their own conclusions on the care of their horses.

Her training programs incorporate the owner's individual needs as well as what the horse will require to meet those needs. Goals are established and a program is developed to meet those goals. Programs can range from a lesson once a month to full time training and showing. For example, many trail riders find ring work boring, but necessary especially in the winter. By taking a few lessons throughout the winter, they can sharpen certain skills or just learn new exercises so arena work isn't so boring. Other people want faster results and like to be competitive in the show ring. These programs involve daily training of the horse and weekly lessons for the riders. Even horses in heavy show training are given breaks through trail rides and grass turnout.

Liz's experiences allow her to be flexible in her regimen and customize each program for each person or horse's individual needs. She is firm when needed and soft whenever possible in her handling of horses and people. All of her horses are happy and enjoy their activities they are placed into. She believes that happy horses will perform better, especially when a bond is formed between horse and rider.

Detailed Experience

1980 – 1994 – Personal farm located in Lapeer, MI

Starting at 8 years old, operated the horse farm that had 2 – 3 horses. Horses were my full responsibility.

1981 – 1985 – Willow Place Farm – Standardbred Harness Racing

Grooming, feeding, exercising harness horses

Various barn repairs

Assisting with veterinary care

Assisting trainer with the identity and care of injuries

Training retired Standardbreds to ride

Halter breaking yearlings

Foaling Mares

Stallion management – including assisting with live cover

Management of facility (20+ broodmares and 3 yearlings) during winter while trainers where racing the Florida circuits

1985 – 1992 – Working student for Susan Snethkamp - Dressage

Riding dressage horses that were in training

Training level to Grand Prix

Groom at Horse Shows

Read Dressage Tests

Braiding at shows

Trailing to shows

1986 – 1988 – West End Farm – Thoroughbred Racing & Breeding Farm

Bridle broke yearlings for Thoroughbred Show at DRC

Saddle broke 2 year olds
Conditioned 2 years olds through cross country work
Halter broke weanlings

1988 – 1990 – Ulmanis Veterinary Clinic

Front desk receptionist
Cleaned kennels
Processed Xrays
Assisted in surgeries for large and small animals, such as, colic, C-Sections, Hit by cars, amputations
Assisted with post surgery recovery: taking vital signs, administration of intravenous or intramuscular drugs, changing bandages, removing stitches
Medicated animals as needed
Assisted in various outpatient procedures: nail trimmings, lameness exams, enemas, baths, collections for breeding viability, ultrasounds, spinal taps, liver taps, endoscopy

1991 – 1994 – Box Circle A – Quarter Horses

Assistant barn manager
Conditioned halter horses (AQHA)
Assistant trainer for riding horses
English riding instructor
Managed volunteer barn help

1995 – 2000 – Dressage Student under Anne Stahl

Worked with Anne Stahl to bring Magictouch, Belgium Warmblood, to 3rd level.

2000 – Current – Riding instructor for Western and English riders

Provide riding lessons to adults, children over 5 years old in various disciplines except Saddleseat
Show 4-H, ShoMe, EMAA and AHA horse shows
Organizes group trail rides at local parks

2009 – Present Coach Walled Lake Equestrian Teams

Head Coach of Walled Lake Northern High School

2005 – 2010 Purchased Equinox Farm - Boarding/Training/Operating

Operate a 6 acre farm with a maximum 9 horse capacity
Maintain outbuildings, fences, pasture management
Care for all horses, owned and boarded
Train horses
Breeding (mare care) and foaling services

2010- Present Operating Equinox Farm – Boarding/Training/Lessons/Shows/Clinics

Moved operation to 40 acre farm in Highland Township
Conducted clinics on Horse Handling and How to Trailer Horses
Host to ShoMe Oktoberfest and Xtreme Cowboy Race
Provide Equine Intensive Care program for owners who don't have the time or skill to care for their severely injured equine.
Provide foaling and mare care services

Member in good standing of the following organizations:

United States Equestrian Foundation
American Quarter Horse Association
Arabian Horse Association
United States Dressage Foundation
Eastern Michigan Arabian Association

References:

Available upon request