



Welcome to AAPH_{NE}...

AAPH *New England* is a group of equine enthusiasts dedicated to:

- Fostering fundamental knowledge of
 - ~ natural equine laws and movements
 - ~ effective communication between horse and handler
 - ~ biomechanics of horse and handler
- Exploring how these laws can be incorporated into horsemanship for any purpose, in any discipline, at any level

AAPH_{NE} accomplishes this through...
Providing a forum for exploring, sharing,
and applying the innate laws of the horse



And ...

Offering opportunities and events through
which the laws of the horse can be
examined, demonstrated, and promoted.

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Dedicated to exploring
 equine behavior laws through
 progressive horsemanship



TELL ME MORE ...

Q: What does AAPH_{NE} offer?

- A: There's always something going on, like ...
- ~ *Open Schooling Horsemanship Meets*
fun and competitive events encouraging sharing of knowledge and show of skills
 - ~ *Regular meetings*
group discussions, a chance to share and learn, guest speakers, hands on learning
 - ~ *Demonstrations and "Participations"*
learn practical skills; get a variety of perspectives; feel free to watch or join in.
 - ~ *Website www.aaphorsemanship.org*
stay in tune with events and find resources

Q: What can I get from AAPH_{NE} that I don't get from a clinic or a show?

- A: Connecting with people with similar interests is invaluable. Networking and learning from each other are at the core of AAPH_{NE}. Roundtable discussions at meets, topic discussions at general meetings, and the website forum all provide opportunities for conversation and questions.

Q: What training methodologies does AAPH_{NE} work with?

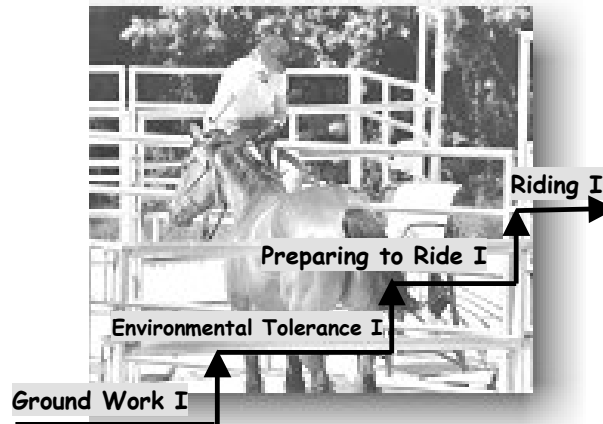
- A: As an organization, AAPH_{NE} is focused on the horse, first and foremost. There are many individuals and experiences that offer valuable insight and skills. AAPH_{NE} welcomes everyone whose goals are consistent with AAPH_{NE}, independent of specific training methodology or discipline.

Q: How do I become an AAPH_{NE} member?

- A: Visit www.aaphorsemanship.org or call (508) 529-3195 for membership info. Check out the terrific benefits and opportunities to plan and shape future events/activities.

Q: What's it like at an AAPH_{NE} meet?

- A: From the beginning, you know you're someplace different - welcoming and open to all disciplines; a self-paced, informative, and supportive environment where you can focus on your own (and your horse's) learning style and pace. Throughout all parts of an AAPH_{NE} meet, a spirit of fun and camaraderie is a must!



Q: How does an AAPH_{NE} meet differ from a traditional show?

- A: Did we mention fun?! Also, classes are based on the **Categories of Progression** -- the progression of the horse/handler team in harmony with the natural behavior laws. Evaluations are based on team achievement relative to a standard, not a ranking against other teams.

Q: What are Categories of Progression?

- A: Groupings of movements/tasks that:
- ~ Put the working relationship between horse and handler into a practical context
 - ~ Provide a framework for assessment based on equine communication and behaviors
 - ~ Emphasize building a strong foundation to support a safe and productive relationship between horse and handler.

Q: What if I'm interested in driving or working on the ground, instead of riding?

- A: Groundwork is crucial to building strong communication and foundation for any horse/handler team, and the first two categories focus on just that. Some classes are offered both as mounted and unmounted. Categories will continue to evolve. Check the website for updates.

Q: Other than Categories of Progression, what else does an AAPH_{NE} meet offer?

- A: Meets also offer ...
- ~ moderated, *roundtable discussions* with sharing of practices, experiences, information, and challenges in a facilitated and structured setting
 - ~ *Frolic & Romp and Freestyle* (mounted or unmounted) group classes for fun applications of horsemanship
 - ~ opportunities to get together with others who have similar interests.

Q: How can a meet give my horse and me a chance to improve? Isn't it just another competition?

- A: AAPH_{NE} recognizes the importance of ending any working session with a horse on a positive note. As needed, each horse/handler team is allowed time after their evaluation to reach a constructive end of their session before leaving the pen/arena. Spectators and participants are also encouraged to talk to each other, ask questions, and share observations.

