

# ASBURY COLLEGE EQUINE PROGRAM

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In 1997 Asbury College established an equine center overlooking the scenic Kentucky Palisades. The program began with three horses and matured into a herd of 40-50. These horses represent many breeds and come with unique



**INDOOR RIDING ARENA**

pasts and levels of experience.

In 2001, through

participation

with the National Police Horse Colloquium at the Kentucky Horse Park.

Asbury students began training

Percheron Thoroughbred crosses to be

used for police mounts.



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## POLICE MOUNT RE-TRAINING PROGRAM



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# PROGRAM PURPOSE

OUR HORSE-TRAINING PROGRAM IS GEARED TOWARDS STARTING, FINISH-



ASBURY POLICE MOUNTS AT THE POLICE HORSE COLLOQUIUM AT THE KENTUCKY HORSE PARK. (2006)

ING, AND RE-TRAINING HORSES FOR POLICE WORK. WE USE NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP TECH-

NIQUES INCLUDING A ROUND PEN AND VARIOUS SKILLS ADAPTED

FROM TRAINERS LIKE JOHN LYONS, PAT PARELLI, MONTY ROBERTS, AND LEW STERRETT IN ADDITION TO SKILLS THAT WE HAVE LEARNED ON OUR OWN OVER THE YEARS. IN ADVANCE OF YOUR HORSE'S ARRIVAL WE ASK THAT YOU TELL US IN WRITING WHAT SPECIFIC THINGS YOU WANT DONE WITH YOUR HORSE.

TRAINING IS CONDUCTED BY STUDENTS OF THE ASBURY COLLEGE EQUINE PROGRAM. CURRENTLY, ASBURY COLLEGE IS THE ONLY COLLEGE IN AMERICA WITH A POLICE HORSE TRAINING PROGRAM FACILITATED BY THE STUDENTS.

## Ground Training

We will start your horse and we will desensitize him/her using "de-spooking" techniques. This includes exposure to "scary" things like plastic bags, trash bags, umbrellas etc. This will help make sure that when you are out riding your horse and you encounter a similar scary obstacle that your horse will be less likely to bolt. Once desensitizing has been done with your horse we will then make sure that he/she knows how to bend softly doing lateral, vertical flexion, backing and yields to leg pressures. Then we will work with these skills once mounted and make sure the horse is responsive.

## Riding Training

The horses are taught to respond to leg pressure and seat position. The trainer focuses on teaching the horse to respond to light cues and collect at the walk, trot, and canter. The trainers strive for a superb level of equitation.

Horses that are at least three to four years old, will receive training in arena and cross country jumping.



ASBURY POLICE MOUNTS AND TRAINERS AT THE KENTUCKY HORSE PARK (2004)



ASBURY POLICE MOUNTS AND TRAINERS IN 4TH OF JULY PARADE, WILMORE, KY (2007)

## Street Training

Once the horse is performing consistently under saddle we will take your horse

through obstacle courses and on the streets. The horses are trained using a variety

of over, under, and through obstacles. We try to simulate all scenarios: with and without other horses, in ranks, in the front, in the back away from horses. Your horse will be exposed to traffic, bridges, creeks, trash cans, crowds and anything else encountered on active duty that can be simulated. They are ridden in parades and in town to desensitize to city life.

Cost:

\$600.00 for one month/4 wks of training —At least 10 hours a week of train-

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