



## TRAINING PHILOSOPHY



For many years, talented horses and riders in North America fail to reach their full potential when competing with their European counterparts. The reason for this is a lack of basic fundamental training in dressage. It is important to understand that there is no difference in the inherent ability of either the horses or the riders in the United States to compete equally and to exceed to become the best dressage riders in the world.

In order to work towards eliminating the existing inequality, Crown Dressage International was founded on the principles of training the fundamentals of classical dressage. CDI works toward training horses and riders in the classical way dressage has been taught in Germany for generations. CDI passes along this important tradition to riders, trainers and coaches in an effort to widen the base of classical horsemanship in the U.S. Only from such a knowledge base will the greatest number of talented riders and trainers rise to succeed in international competition.

“I believe the systematic training of a young horse, by applying the principles of classical dressage, results in an obedient, on the aids and supple horse, as well as enhances the natural movement of the horse,” explained Ron Postleb, owner and master trainer at Crown Dressage International in Brewster, N.Y. Training in a relaxed environment encourages a content horse that develops in a classical program with rider and trainer towards harmonious understanding. Every client who trains at CDI will develop a set strategy and clear understanding on how to achieve his or her personal riding goals in classical dressage. “We’ve designed our classical dressage training program to appeal to those who want to compete and to win in national and international competition, as well as those who just want to improve there horse to there maximum potential .” said Ron

He sees himself as somebody who continues the tradition of centuries old classical dressage. The classical dressage training schedule und its six principles: rhythm, suppleness (Losgelassenheit), acceptance of the bridal, developing of impulsion, straightness and collection are the core of Ron’s program. “The Training schedule is like a blueprint for the systematic training of the horse,” explained Ron

With more than 35 years of dressage training experience with hundreds of horse/rider combinations, Ron is able to identify the problems quickly and address them with immediate suggestions that turn into positive results for his students. The rider has to accomplish every single step in order. “If you lose one or more in-between steps, you lose everything. Every step is equally important and must be accomplished and maintained before moving on to the next,” Ron explained .



Ron Postleb is one of the country’s leading work in-hand training experts and one of very few people who specialize in this technique. Work in-hand is a technique to improve the ability to collect the horse and teach the horse to put more weight on the hind legs vs. the front legs without the weight of the rider, and leads ultimately to piaffe.

“Classical dressage trainers say they all use the same teaching tools and techniques developed over centuries. I just do them better,” said Ron, adding, “CDI teaching techniques last longer for both rider and horse. And clients say they have better results in shorter time.”

Ron’s strength lies in his ability to quickly and accurately analyze the problems of a horse under saddle. This enables him to give correct and effective advice to a rider by transforming a correction into practical application while taking their skills, knowledge, and physical as well as mental abilities into consideration. In all cases, CDI’s training method is based upon careful analysis of problems and systematic implementation of the principals of classical dressage.

Crown Dressage International, based in Brewster, N.Y., is a complete training and boarding facility focused on all levels of dressage. Ron , who opened the facility in 1997, is the principal instructor and trainer. He employs a number of qualified professionals who assist him in the day-to-day operation of the business. CDI offers all levels of dressage, ranging from Basic through Grand Prix. Under Ron’s instruction, students have won numerous awards and accolades including students who were short- and long-listed for the Olympics. Other students have competed at the North American Dressage Championships and Ron himself has won many championships at FEI levels. For more information visit

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