
Curriculum Vitae

Edward W. Dabney

Dabney Horsemanship

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Clinician / Educator

- 2001- Present: “Ed Dabney Gentle Horsemanship”
Horse Trainer, Clinician, Lecturer and Instructor: Starting young horses and retraining problem horses; horsemanship and riding clinics for the public and for government agencies in the United States and in Europe; riding instructor for groups and individual riders teaching balanced seat; fundamental and advanced riding skills, classical equitation, English and Western riding; ranch horsemanship skills, including cow working and roping.
- 2003: University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia
Hired by Dr. Gary Heusner, Head of Animal Science Department, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. Taught senior level course on complete training program of young horses from ground work through saddling and riding. (Course was based on a syllabus Ed designed, consisting of classroom lecture on the history of horsemanship, communication and leadership with horses and horse behavior along with required outside reading, written exams and practical lab work in which each student was assigned a young horse to train during the semester under Ed’s supervision and direction.)

Clinic Programs Designed and Conducted

- “Six Keys to Harmony”: Essential exercises for horse and rider from ground and mounted.

- Classical Riding Skills for English and Western: Training and riding skills as taught by the French Masters of the 17th and 18th centuries.
- Trail Safety and Etiquette
- Ranch Horsemanship Skills: Cow Working and Roping
- Problem Solving
- Colt Starting
- Mounted Police Horse Training

Clinic History in US and Europe

- 2001 –Present: Conducted many clinics in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Indiana, Colorado, Wyoming and California.
- 2007 –Present: Traveled to Europe twice a year, spending as many as five months a year, conducting clinics in Sweden, Finland, France and Italy.

Police and Military Clinics

- Conducted horsemanship and sensory and environmental behavior training clinics for Mounted Police Units in the cities of Rome Italy, Malmo, Sweden and Atlanta, Georgia. Conducted regularly scheduled training with the Atlanta Mounted Police Unit horses and officers.
- Sicilian Mounted Forest Guard
- King of Sweden’s Royal Mounted Palace Guard, Stockholm Sweden: Conducted three horsemanship and riding clinics, with additional individual lessons for officers and soldiers.
- Consulted with Major of the Guard regarding improvements to the coordination of the famous “Changing of the Guard” mounted ceremony, a daily event at the King’s Royal Palace in Stockholm.

Other European Clinics and Training

- Chateau de la Boulaye, Normandy, France (2008): Spent five weeks at the 500 year old chateau training horses for guest suitability for rides through the nearby village and on the forest trails. At this time Ed declined the offer of a permanent position as Director of the Chateau's riding school not wanting to move family from the United States.
- ENGEA, Italy and Sicily: Conducted numerous clinics at their accredited facilities.

Software Development

2009 – Present: Developed EquineTec, a video motion analysis software program featuring many speed, zoom, measurement and drawing tools designed to provide detailed analysis of a horse's movement. This product is in use in the US, Australia and Europe by veterinarians, universities, veterinary hospitals, research centers, high level competitors, farriers and riding instructors. EquineTec has also been adapted to human sports medicine uses along with the prosthetic and orthotic industry to analyze human gait movement. Continues to manage sales and marketing of the EquineTec product.

Licensed Outfitter and Professional Guide (1994 – 2001)

- Elected to the Board of Directors of the Wyoming Outfitters Association
- Old West Big Game Hunts, Lander and Dubois, Wyoming: Owner/Operator: Held commercial operations permits from the National Forest Service to operate in Shoshone National Forest near Yellowstone. Held commercial operations permits from US Bureau of Land Management to operate in South Pass Region. Guided horseback hunting trips for Elk, Deer and Antelope from remote wilderness camps.
- Rocky Mountain Horseback Adventures, Lander and Dubois, Wyoming: Owner/Operator: Held commercial operations permits from National Forest Service to operate in Shoshone National Forest near Yellowstone and in the Wind River Mountains. Held commercial operations permits from US Bureau of Land Management to operate in South Pass Region. Guided five-day summer horseback and camping trips for trout fishermen and groups of recreational riders and families.

Other Horse Related Work

- 1960 –Present: Owned, ridden and trained horses since age seven. Fifth-generation horseman growing up on family's horse and cattle ranch operation in Tennessee. Provided services of training, boarding, lessons. Rode horses frequently on trails and cross country over rural, undeveloped areas of north Madison County Tennessee during teen-age years. Attended college at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Member of the Texas Tech Rodeo Team as a bull rider. Worked as a pen rider for a large cattle auction facility in Lubbock, Texas.
- 1984 –1988: Operated a horse boarding facility and taught riding lessons.
- 1992: Endurance Rider: Trained and competed in endurance riding. Competed in "50 Miles in One Day" rides in Tennessee, Georgia, and Missouri.
- 1988 –1996: Living History Cavalry Reenactment Company: Member and Officer. Performed living history demonstrations and battle reenactments for the National Park Service on many battlefield parks including Shiloh and Stones River (Tennessee), Gettysburg (Pennsylvania), The Wilderness (Virginia), Brice's Crossroads (Mississippi), Bibb Furnace (Alabama), Chickamauga (Georgia) and Custer Battlefield (Montana).

Guided Trail Rides (1994 – 2013)

Guided many groups of riders on trail rides in the Bridger-Teton Mountains, Wind River Mountains, South Pass and Big Horn Mountains of the Rocky Mountain Range in Wyoming. (Most guest riders had little or no riding experience, but Ed guided them in many types of weather, including deep snow, blizzards, hail storms and swift river crossings while traversing some of the roughest terrain in the United States along steep, rocky trails in the deep wilderness of 11,000 foot elevation and on long treks across the high-desert sage plains.)

- US Guided Trail Rides:
 - California: Redwood Forest of Mendocino County, Northern Coast beach ride
 - Florida: White Oak Plantation
 - Georgia: Jake Mountain, Dawson Forest, Watson Mill, Harbins Park, Hard Labor Creek State Park, Chickamauga National Park
 - New Mexico: Mogollon Rim
 - North Carolina: Smoky Mountains
 - Tennessee: East Fork of Cumberland Gap, Lookout Mountain
 - South Dakota: Badlands National Park
- European Guided Trail Rides:
 - Finland: Western Coastal Plains and Forest

- France: Cerisy la Foret, Normandy
- Sicily: Madonie Mountains

Ranch Work (1994 - 2001)

- Otto Ranch, Lander, Wyoming: - (8,000 acres): Started untrained, open-range raised young horses from completely untouched to the point of being well-trained, reliable horses to be ridden in the mountains as well as cross-trained to be used as pack horses.
- Broken Anvil Ranch, Lander, Wyoming: (12,000 acres): Started untrained young horses and retrained older horses for ranch cattle work.
- Beckton Ranch, Sheridan, Wyoming: (12,000 acres): Worked cattle and bulls on horseback gathering, driving, sorting, roping and branding
- Hidden Valley Ranch, Cody, Wyoming: (18,000 acres): Starting young horses, working with problem horses, conducting pack trips, driving wagons, assisting with horsemanship, pack and riding clinics for National Park Service summer trail crew employees
- Willow Creek Ranch, Kaycee, Wyoming: (60,000 acres): Director of guest riding program. Guided many guest rides on day rides as well as five day progressive riding / camping trips. Director of deer hunting program. Guided guest deer hunters on horseback.
- Worked independently: Started young horses and retrained problem horses for private individuals.

Movies and Television: Appearances and Training

- 1988 –2015: Cast in mounted, action roles with personally trained horses in the following film productions:
- 1988: Television commercial for Cavalry Banking Corp.
- 1990: “Class of ‘61” ABC Television movie
- 1992: “Gettysburg” TNT Production movie
- 1993: “Geronimo” Columbia Pictures movie
- 1993: “North & South” ABC Television mini-series
- 1994: Country music video for the song “Summer in Dixie” by the singing group Confederate Railroad
- 1995: “Crazy Horse” TNT Production movie
- 1997: “The Postman” Warner Brothers Production movie
- 1998: Worked as a mounted cowboy model for a professional photographer. Photos of Ed riding in various locations and genres appeared in many magazines and greeting cards.

- 1999: “The Patriot” Columbia Pictures movie
- 2008: “We Shall Remain” PBS Docu-drama: Provided all horses, assisted in coordinating riding scenes, taught riding lessons to actors, on-screen role as carriage driver.
- 2009: “Untamed Legacy” PBS Documentary: Won three Emmy awards. Film crew followed and documented progress as Ed brought a wild Mustang through his training program from completely untouched to becoming a well-trained riding horse.
- 2014 - 2017: “Sleepy Hollow” 20th Century Fox Television Production: Seasons 2, 3 and 4. Providing all horses, assisting in coordinating riding scenes, on-camera riding role as a principal character and as a stunt double.
- 2016 – Fox – TV production of pilot for new television show, “Making History” – Provided all horses and assisted in coordinating riding scenes. On screen as wagon driver.

Professional Organizations

- Member of Screen Actors Guild SAG-AFTRA
- ENGEA - Italian national licensing agency for riding instructors

Awards and Recognitions

- 2005 Extreme Cowboy Race winner (Madison, Georgia): (This is a competition judging speed, riding skill and horsemanship displayed while negotiating a challenging obstacle course.)
- 2006 Judged the Extreme Cowboy Race (Buckhead, Georgia).
- 2007 North Carolina Equine Extravaganza Trainer Challenge winner
- 2007 Virginia Equine Extravaganza Trainer Challenge winner. Became the first trainer in the history of the event to win two events in the same year and was named as the “East Coast Trainer Challenge Champion.” (Competition consisted of three trainers competing against each other throughout a weekend of limited time sessions with their assigned, untrained horse, to accomplish as much as possible in the allotted time, without over-stressing the horse. Training sessions were observed by judges and spectators. At the end of the training sessions each trainer demonstrated what he had been able to accomplish with the horse toward the goal of saddling, riding at all gaits and negotiating obstacles.)
- 2008 Judged the North Carolina and Virginia Equine Extravaganza Trainer Challenge.
- 2009 Featured trainer in the Extreme Mustang Makeover (This is a competition in which a trainer is assigned an untrained Mustang, then given 100 days to accomplish as much as possible with the Mustang. The trainer brings the Mustang to a weekend event location to

demonstrate to the public what he has been able to teach the horse as far as advanced riding skills, obstacles, jumping, dressage and reining movements.)

- 2010 ENGEA Italian quasi-governmental agency, responsible for coordinating horse events in Italy and providing education and instruction of applicants seeking licensing as horseback guides, adopted Ed's training methods as the only approved method for handling, training and riding to be used by all ENGEA teaching facilities.
- 2010 Verona Horse Fair (Verona, Italy) and 2011 Verona Horse Fair (Verona, Italy): Invited by ENGEA to be headline Clinician, presenting twice-daily horsemanship and riding demonstrations. (This four-day expo is one of the largest and oldest horse events in Europe with over 250,000 people attending.)
- 2011 ENGEA President Testarella awarded Ed with the highest Five Star level Certification of ENGEA Superior Instructor. This is quite an esteemed honor as there are only a few instructors out of 3,000 licensed instructors in all of Italy who hold the Five Star Certification.
- 2012 Rome Horse Fair (Rome, Italy): Invited by ENGEA to present horse training demonstrations.
- 2013 AIEW, the Western Riding Association of Italy approved the "Ed Dabney Gentle Horsemanship" training methods. AIEW marketed and endorsed "Ed Dabney Gentle Horsemanship" clinics in Italy to their various approved facilities.
- 2014 and 2015 Georgia Equine Rescue League Rescue Challenge: Judged their Rescue Challenge event featuring top Georgia trainers working with rescue horses.

Demonstrations and Speaking Engagements

- 2001 - Present –Invited to present demonstrations or lectures during special events at numerous Georgia Horse Equipment Stores including Boss Brothers (Loganville), TC Country (Canton), Mary's Tack (Athens), GreenSouth (Madison).
- 2002 - Invited by the Georgia Horse Council to demonstrate Ed's "Six Keys to Harmony" training program at Georgia Horse Fair in Perry, GA.
- 2002 - Invited by the Georgia Horse Council to demonstrate Ed's "Six Keys to Harmony" training program at a special event at the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers, GA.
- 2001-2005 - Invited to speak on numerous occasions on topics of Horse Training, Communication, Behavior and Leadership for the Rockdale Trail Blazers Saddle Club, Noonan Saddle Club, Walton County 4-H and Cherokee Saddle Clubs monthly meetings.
- 2005 - Invited to serve on the Horse South Magazine Training Advisory Board.
- 2005 - Provided, at no charge, a horse training demonstration at the Animal Rescue Fair at Wills Park in Alpharetta, Georgia.
- 2006 - Invited by the Columbia South Carolina Saddle Club to demonstrate "Six Keys to Harmony" training program at a special event in Columbia, South Carolina.

- 2007–2008 - North Carolina and Virginia Equine Extravaganza Expositions Headline Clinician presenting numerous demonstrations on various aspects of horse training, communication and horse behavior.
- 2009 - Chastain Horse Park –Atlanta, Georgia: Invited to instruct volunteers on “Safe and Respectful Horse Handling in and out of the stable.”
- 2009–2010 – Madison: EquestFest - Madison, Georgia Invited to present riding demonstrations.
- 2010 - Regional Animal Hospital - Helsingborg, Sweden Invited by Medical Director Dr. Flemming Winberg to present demonstration and instruction to hospital staff on “Safe and Natural Horse Handling” to avoid the use of mechanical control devices and sedation for veterinary treatment applications.
- 2014 - Little Creek Equestrian Center –Decatur, Georgia Presented, at no charge, a horse training clinic as fund raiser for “Stamp Out Starvation of Horses” organization
- 2014 - Komiat Hevooset –Tiistenjoella, Finland Headline Clinician at large horse expo event presenting demonstrations of riding skills, cow working and roping
- 2016 - Invited to present a horsemanship demonstration for the "Friends of Horses" organization in Tryon, NC
- 2016 - Invited to present a three day colt starting demonstration for The Mane Event in Cilliwack, BC Canada
- 2017 - Invited to present a horsemanship demonstration for the Georgia Equine Rescue League

Instructional DVDs, Television and Radio Programs

- 2004 –Produced 90 minute DVD entitled “Six Keys to Harmony” which demonstrates the Ed Dabney Gentle Horsemanship fundamental training program of six essential exercises, performed on the ground and in the saddle, to establish communication and leadership with horses resulting in respect, trust and harmony.
- 2005 –Interviewed by Australian radio station on the telephone as a live broadcast about Ed’s training methods.
- 2006 –RFD-TV - The Ed Dabney Gentle Horsemanship television program broadcast on nationwide television network.
- 2006 - Produced second instructional DVD entitled “Foundation Training” Demonstration on a 2.5 hour DVD detailing training techniques used to bring untrained horses through ground work, desensitizing, obstacles, saddling, bridling and riding (This was a real-time video, in which Ed actually started three untrained horses and brought them through their third ride.)
- 2006 - Produced third instructional DVD entitled “Stress Free Trailer Loading” Demonstration on a 90 minute DVD detailing proper techniques for preparing a horse to accept loading into a horse trailer, along with safety tips on using a horse trailer and hauling horses.

- 2007 –Produced fourth instructional DVD entitled “Finding Effective Solutions” Demonstration on a 2.5 hour DVD teaching the Six Keys to Harmony exercises to seven different horses with behavior and training issues to establish trust with the horse and help erase problem issues.
- 2008 – 2013 Blue Highways Television Network Broadcasting of the Ed Dabney Gentle Horsemanship television program.
- 2009 –WOW Radio –Colorado One hour broadcast interview discussing Ed’s life experiences with horses, clinics and training methods
- 2015 –Completing work on fifth instructional DVD entitled “Riding Skills and the Balanced Seat” which will demonstrate how to achieve body control and proper relaxed balance, in the saddle as well as fundamental riding skills and use of the aids

Publications

- March 2003: *The Oconee Enterprise* newspaper of Oconee County, GA interviewed and published an article about Ed’s background and training methods
- Jan. 2005: *HorseSouth Magazine* Article –“An Organized Approach to a Better Relationship with Your Horse”
- Fall 2005: *HorseSouth Magazine* Article –“Training Tabee” Submitted regular series of articles in subsequent issues reporting on the progress of training of this particular horse
- Jan. 2006: *Hoofbeats* Article –“Stallions Aren’t For Everyone”
- Feb. 2006: *Hoofbeats* Article –“When Do I Start”
- March 2006: *Hoofbeats* Article –“Read Your Horse” Part 1
- April 2006: *Hoofbeats* Article –“Read Your Horse” Part 2
- Jan. 2007: *HorseSouth Magazine* Cover Story –“Starting the Young Horse”
- Nov. 2008: John Lyons’ *Perfect Horse Magazine* Article –“Turn Signals”
- 2008: *Natural Horse Magazine* published an article about Ed’s training methods.
- 2008: *Country Magazine* published an article about Ed’s training methods.
- Aug. 2008: *Tiistai* Newspaper – Finland. Interviewed and published an article about Ed’s background and training methods.
- 2005 –2008: *Stable Mates Magazine* - Regular contributor of articles.
- 2008 –2009: *Going Gaited Magazine* Consulting trainer and regular contributor of published answers to reader’s training and horse behavior related questions.
- June 2010: *LuckyRider* Western Lifestyle Magazine –Sweden. Published article about Ed’s training methods and European clinic tours.
- Feb. 2011: *LuckyRider* Western Lifestyle Magazine –Sweden. Published article about riding with Ed in the Madonie Mountains of Sicily.
- May 2011: *Keskisuomalainen* Newspaper –Jyvaskyla, Finland. Interviewed and published an article about Ed’s background and training methods.

- Sept. 2012: *Georgia Connector Magazine*. Interviewed and published an article about Ed's training methods.
- Nov. 2012: *Hevosurheilu Newspaper* –Finland. Interviewed and published an article about Ed's background and training methods.
- Dec 2013: *Hastfokus Magazine* –Finland (Largest horse-related magazine in Finland). Interviewed and published an article about Ed's training methods and European clinic tours.
- July 2014: *Ilkka Regional Newspaper* –Finland. Interviewed and published an article about Ed's cow working demonstrations at the Komiat Hevooset horse expo event.

Formal Training and Education

Most of Ed's education has come from practical work experience and many years spent with horses but his formal education and training has come from the following:

- Wyoming Outfitters School, Cody Wyoming: Instruction and hands-on experience learning skills in guiding trail rides, wilderness first aid, horse packing and handling strings of pack horses, farrier skills, driving wagons with teams of horses, wilderness camping, survival skills.
- Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Assoc.: Received "Horse Professional" certification to facilitate Equine Assisted Psychotherapy Sessions
- National School of Academic Equitation, Seattle, Washington: Received formal instruction and riding skills training on the Professional Instructor level, in advanced methods of horse training and upper level Classical Equitation which were developed and employed by the French horse masters of the 1600's and 1700's.

Continuing Education

Instruction under modern masters of Classical Equitation including:

- United States:
 - Craig Stevens: Director of the National School of Academic Equitation and author of "Mediterranean Horsemanship."
 - Walter Zettl: Renowned Clinician and author of "Dressage in Harmony."
 - Karl Mikolka: Master Rider at the Spanish Riding School of Vienna, Austria.
 - Mark Russell: Clinician and author of "Lessons in Lightness."
- Europe:
 - Monsieur Philippe Karl: Former director of the Cadre'Noir, the French National Riding School, Clinician and author of numerous books.

- Baron Albert Moyersoer: Coach of the Italian Olympic Equestrian Team and Icon of Classical Riding.
- Col. Christian Carde: Former Director of the Cadre'Noir, the French National Riding School and Olympic Dressage Judge.
- 2010 Spent three days at the Spanish Riding School in Vienna, Austria observing their training sessions.
- 2013 Spent three days at the Royal Andalusian Riding School in Jerez, Spain observing their training sessions and performances.

Expert Witness

- 2008 – Retained as a consultant by Larry K Butler, a Georgia attorney, representing the plaintiff in a case of wrongful death due to a riding accident. (The case was settled out of court and did not require my deposition.)
- 2013 – 2015 Retained as an expert witness by Atlanta law firm, Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial representing the defendant in a case involving a horseback riding accident. My services included site visit, inspection of equipment used, evaluation and riding the horse involved, reviewing all documents, accident reconstruction opinion and deposition. The case is still pending.
- 2015 – Attended SEAK four day intensive training course for Expert Witnesses which provided instruction in developing high quality performance in the duties of an Expert Witness including thorough investigations, writing excellent reports, understanding of laws governing expert witnesses, depositions and testimony.
- 2015 – Retained by Mintzer, Sarowitz, Zeris, Ledva & Myers, LLC of Philadelphia, PA representing the defendant in a rodeo accident case. My services included reviewing all documents and writing a report of my opinions. The case was settled out of court in favor of the defendant.
- 2015 – Retained by Law Offices of Jerry Bosch, LLC of Wilson, Wyoming representing the plaintiff in a case of wrongful death during horseback riding. My services included site visit, inspection of equipment used, evaluation and riding the horse involved, evaluation of training methods used for horses and trail guides, safety standards and operating procedures, reviewing all documents, accident reconstruction opinion and deposition. The case is still pending.
- 2016 – Retained by attorneys George E Cire, Jr. and Janet Hansen of Houston, TX representing the plaintiff in a horseback riding accident case. My services included reviewing all documents, writing a report of my opinions and being deposed. The case was settled out of court in favor of the plaintiff.
- 2015 – Retained by attorney for the Plaintiff, Bob Hanna Law Firm of Abilene, TX in a personal injury rodeo accident case. My services included reviewing all documents and writing an affidavit of my opinions. The case is still pending.

- 2016 – Hired as an Expert Consultant by Rob Cowan of the Cowan Law Firm of Dalton, GA representing the Plaintiff in a personal injury horse riding lesson accident case. My services included advising the attorney on matters of horse behavior, responsible horse ownership and generally accepted safety procedures for teaching riding lessons especially as it concerns selecting the appropriate horse for the student. The case was settled out of court.
- 2016 – Retained by attorney Jeff Barber of Anchorage, AK representing the Plaintiff in a personal injury horse riding accident case. My services included reviewing all documents and writing a report of my opinions. The case was settled out of court in favor of the plaintiff.
- 2017 – Retained by CARTER & VALLE LAW FIRM of Albuquerque, NM representing the plaintiff in a personal injury case. My services included reviewing all documents and writing a report of my opinions.

Sponsorships

The following companies have provided corporate sponsorship and endorsement for Ed's clinic tours and appearances:

- Tribute Equine Nutrition
- Sundowner Trailers of Georgia
- Telesis Animal Health / Equiderma
- ABI Equine
- Thinline
- CSI Saddle Pads
- Sunpipe Inc.

Testimonials

Dear Ed, I just wanted to congratulate you for the high quality of your training. I am considering you as a “classical” trainer, in the sense that you eliminate any constraining instrument and do not use force. Your message, founded on deep knowledge and respect to the horse, would be very useful on the official scene. All the best to the “gentleman cowboy” you are! Yours Sincerely,

Philippe Karl

Former Director of the Cadre'Noir, French Riding School

Ed's pleasant personality combined with true expertise and love for the equine partner makes him highly qualified to pass on an important equestrian culture to a new generation of riders, by combining centuries-old European tradition

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with American Cowboy culture. Having received my equestrian education for over 13 years at the Spanish Riding School in Vienna, Austria, I can only recommend Ed Dabney as a role model for many.

Karl Mikolka
Oberbereiter (master rider) Spanish Riding School of Vienna

I've been to several other clinics, even week-long clinics, and have not learned as much as I did this weekend. Your unbelievable patience and your clear way of explaining everything brought me to a better relationship with my horse.

Tracy Whiddon, Georgia

I went to Ed's clinic with a good mannered mare without any expectations and I came out with a mare who reads my mind. Ed is really amazing. I'm impressed.

Anne Ollia, Finland

Years of lessons, different trainers and a myriad of horses have not taught me nearly what I learned from you in just three days. These tools for communication and respect have proven effective.

Alex La Pierre

I was impressed with your magnificent touch with the horses.

Katja Pulkkinen, Finland