



## 🕒 Horse Schooling

### **Horse Owners - Let Us School Your Horse or Pony...**

Why? Because we can make your horse a pleasure to ride. Well-schooled horses and ponies will carry themselves and their rider in a relaxed easy rhythm, they will be willing in their work, respond to your aids smoothly, be easy to handle and stay sounder for longer.

Whilst we are busy much of the time at Moutere Downs teaching customers, we do also start and train horses for ourselves to use in the school or sell on.

In addition, we have a limited number of places at any one time for additional horses or ponies that we educate on behalf of clients.

Such services may include:

- Teaching your young horse to be obedient in basic handling - catching, leading, tying up, grooming, picking up feet, floating.
- Mouthing, lungeing, long reining and driving.
- Backing your horse for the first time.
- Teaching your horse basic ridden aids, including walk, trot and canter transitions, turn on the forehand, leg yielding, rein-back.
- More advanced dressage training including lateral movements, extension/ collection and flying changes.
- Teaching your horse or pony to jump freely and correctly.
- Providing advice and techniques for correcting vices and behaviour problems such as bucking, bolting, rearing, biting and social aggression.
- Assistance with restoring your horse to soundness after illness or injury.

Within our team we have over 800 years combined experience and we can make your horse a pleasure for you to ride and handle.

At Moutere Downs, we use proven and gentle yet firm training methods to establish an effective working partnership between horse or pony and handler or rider. Whether you're working with your horse

on the ground or you are riding you want your horse to understand and enjoy doing what you ask of them. Let us help you gain that relationship.

## Our Horse Education Team

Dr Rhona MacKenzie is our lead coach and trainer. She has over 45 years experience in riding and training equestrian horses as well as being a qualified veterinarian.

Rhona is supported by Dr Alan Pearson in offering a comprehensive horse education service.

Alan is also a qualified veterinarian. He has a special interest in horse behaviour and was a member of the first scientific team to study the Kaimanawa wild horses in 1979.

Alan has had extensive practical experience in the correct handling and education of young horses.

Under Rhona's supervision, our assistant riding instructors ensure the horses being trained are regularly and correctly exercised and cared-for.

Consultant Trainer, Mr Eric Ropiha ONZ, provides us with additional input in training methods and techniques.

## Facilities



At Moutere Downs we have excellent facilities for training the horse.

A lot of our early work on the ground is done in a large sandy yard where we can bond with the horse, do basic handling and liberty work, followed by lungeing and then ride them for the first time.

Then we usually ride them out on our sandy outdoor trails, in the company of an older more experienced horse. For more advanced work, we move to our all-weather arena.

Our all-weather arena is light and airy yet dry in all weathers and even has lights for riding at night. The arena is large enough to build a challenging jumping course and we also use it for free jumping the young horses we train.

In addition, Moutere Downs has a variety of cross-country riding options - where we can work on balance and co-ordination up and down hills.

## Options for You

Our horse training services are customised to your specific requirements.

If you would like more information, please contact us and we can discuss how your needs can best be met.

We offer training in the 3 main equestrian disciplines, dressage, showjumping and horse trials and use classical training methods with proven results.

Our core team is also complemented by the services of visiting international experts from time to time.

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