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## JACKIES UPDATE - JUNE 2012

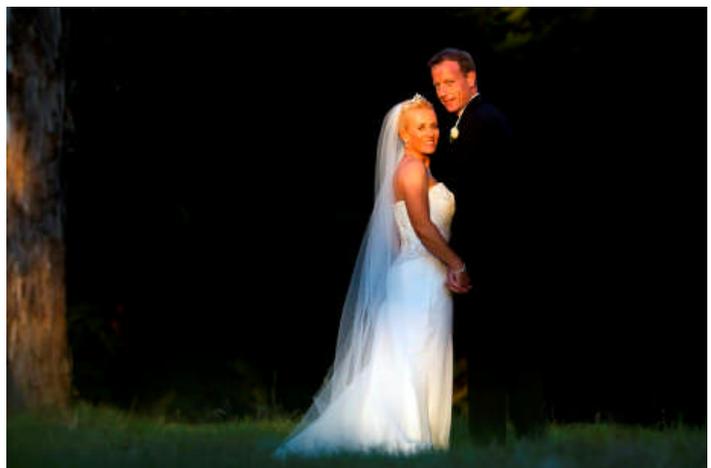
### Hello horse lovers,

It's amazing how fast this year is flying by. As you all know from my last newsletter, since April 8<sup>th</sup>, I am now a happily married woman! The wedding went off without a hitch (well any hitches were kept well away from me and I was blissfully unaware). The day was magical and perfect in every way. The weather was absolutely stunning and the lighting was the best our photographer had encountered the entire wedding season! We are still waiting on the official wedding photos however, but I can't wait to see them! I arrived in horse and carriage style to Trents Estate vineyard grinning with excitement. Rocky, Chanel and Lilly were in the paddock directly behind the gorgeously decorated gazebo in the garden where we were married and Bella was the flower girl and ring bearer. She was such a good girl, didn't put a mark on my dress and neither did Rocky! As usual when everyone applauded after the pronouncement, Bella barked (just as she does when we do the savvy clap at clinics!) and then the horses galloped off in the excitement! It was so cool! We spent the



next few hours having all the photos taken.... It was fun, although Rocky and the girls were not into posing for the best shot in the right lighting. Soon the sun was setting and we went inside for the reception. The food was absolutely amazing and then it was time for the speeches. My brother-in-law gave the most hilarious speech which seemed to go on and on and on and finally it was time to cut the cake and have the first dance which Lance and I had been nervous about. We had 3 private dance lessons to ensure we didn't make complete fools of ourselves and I'm happy to say it all went off very very well. Everyone was impressed and like our invitation said, then everyone got up and did their version of awkward but enthusiastic dancing! So I had my princess day and I will never forget it! Special thanks to my Parelli friends who helped make my day go so smoothly. Kate O'Reilly (bridesmaid) for washing horses the day before & being a great bridesmaid, Jayme Lang also for looking gorgeous in her bridesmaid dress, Kerrie Lang for all the great hair styling, Phillipa Richards, Louise Aitkinson, Hillary Adamson and Michelle Ludecke for walking my horses down the road to Trents to be at the wedding and bringing them back the next day and to Sue and John Shanks for their absolutely gorgeous Wedding venue, wonderful staff and delicious food! Thank you, thank you, thank you all!

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## Rocky's progress update

After returning from our honeymoon in Hanmer Springs, I have not had as much time with Rocky as I would have liked but never the less, we have been making some very good progress. I have been paying special attention to a few things Rocky had not made a lot of progress with such as having his feet held up for longer periods of time for the farrier, being tied up away from his herd for longer periods of time. As well as being more respectful at liberty at feed time or moving from day paddocks to night paddocks where he respected my space and my requests as his alpha. Herd dynamics were changed for a month while two young geldings arrived for starting under saddle and this seemed to really effect Rocky's energy and need to be with his herd (Chanel and Lilly) who he felt safe with. So it was time to address these issues and cause a positive change. I needed to be a better leader and finding the right strategies and techniques had me contacting a good friend and fellow horse development specialist for a fresh perspective and maybe some new ideas. I used the 7<sup>th</sup> key to success.... SUPPORT! I started a program with Rocky to improve his tolerance and teaching him to stand on three legs in a balanced way so he didn't need to lean on the farrier. He is a big strong horse, and this should have been addressed when he first arrived as a two year old, however, he had a very bad paddock accident only a month after I bought him and this had prevented me from solving this issue when he was younger and less willful. Being an extreme left brain extrovert, even standing still for any length of time was hard for him. So now as a five year old, I realised that I had learnt to put up with his lack of tolerance and that wasn't good for our relationship or my relationship with the farrier! With lots of ups and downs, some stressful moments and waiting to quit on acceptance and relaxation I got to where I had made some really positive changes. Rocky was now offering his feet, without any opinion or opposition reflex and able to stand still for me to pick up all four feet at liberty and hold them in stretched positions for longer and longer each day! Also, I had paid special attention to playing at liberty and 'winning' the catching game when he decided to play the - I'm leaving because I can game! I really had to 'own' his hindquarters and make it a fun game not a "YOU MUST DO AS I SAY" game. I had to have a positive and playful attitude to owning his HQ's and having him want to run to me instead of run through me or away from me kicking up his heels! With a dominant LBE horse, you really should never go anywhere without a savvy string in your pocket at the least and Rocky is no exception. As soon as he knew you had no way of going up your phase (having a savvy string to swing or CS to wave) he would completely take advantage of the situation and potentially that is dangerous if someone with less savvy is in the way of his extroverted behaviour. So as a result of focussing on these things, I discovered that he was infact uncomfortable in his HQ's and after a Bowen treatment and chiropractic treatment and then having the dentist out I have learnt a whole lot more about why he couldn't stand on three legs comfortably. It was most likely related to his injury as a two year old. So Rocky is in great shape now, he has a lovely new smile, is feeling fantastic to ride and we are making really nice progress with our Liberty, bareback and brideless riding and Game of Contact. We are both learning a lot and I am thrilled with how well he is going for a five year old. Just the other day I was remembering just how challenging my dear Archie was as a five year old (a year after I bought him off the track), he was so emotional and dangerous I was being advised to sedate him as a training aid. Oh how different our lives were after I found out about Parelli when he was a 10 year old and learned how to look at life from his point of view!

## Horseless workshops in Christchurch over the winter months



Our first Horseless workshop was held on 20<sup>th</sup> May and was a HUGE success. The subject was Freestyle and fluidity and was held at the West Melton community hall. Students came from all over Canterbury and from as far south as Geraldine and Mosgiel! The day was full of simulations around fluidity, riding posture, core strenght and balance. We also covered bridle wisdom – which tools when? and everyone had the chance to sit in the different varieties of Parelli saddles. It was a real fun day with lots of laughter and discoveries and new body awareness. Thank you to all of you who attended and I look forward to our next horseless workshop coming up on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June!

There have been a few date changes to the winter schedule and I will be adding the summer season courses as they are confirmed so be sure to check the schedule regularly. You can find it by going to <http://instructor.parelli.com/jackiechant> and clicking on schedule. You can also see courses coming up on Parelli connect. If you are interested in hosting a course in your area please contact me at [parellinz@xtra.co.nz](mailto:parellinz@xtra.co.nz) . For private/group

lessons please contact me directly for an appointment that suits.

## **June 17<sup>th</sup> Horseless Workshop – Online provocative playtime and Parelli patterns**

If you are struggling with really knowing how to keep your play sessions fun for your horse, knowing how to use the patterns to develop a strong willing bond with your horse or how to build more trust and confidence in the relationship then this workshop will help you develop the 6<sup>th</sup> key to success - IMAGINATION!

**Time: 10.30-3.30pm Venue: West Melton Community Hall and the Chant ranch, Christchurch**

**Contact Tanya Coles [parellinz@gmail.com](mailto:parellinz@gmail.com) or call 027 471 7728 Booking essential so we know numbers and can tell you what you need to bring with you!**

## **July 1<sup>st</sup> Horseless Workshop – Understanding Horsenality and horse behaviour**

Understanding why horses do what they do at any given moment based on Pat and Linda Parelli's revolutionary Horsenality paradigm is truly the key to success with any horse at any level of his training. By understanding the different horse's behavioural tendencies and knowing what strategies we should use to accurately deal with them, we can then choose the most suitable path to keep any horse progressing effortlessly in their training. This is a fascinating subject and one you will want to know more and more about as you progress through the Parelli program! Everything means something!

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## **July 15<sup>th</sup> Horseless Workshop – Creating a connection at Liberty**

You find out the truth when the halter comes off. If you would like to know how to create a bond stronger than any lead rope and really developing feel and timing with any horse you are going to love this workshop. Liberty is about causing your horse to want to be with you, not making him stay with you. With horsenality, we can understand what our horses needs are and use strategies to really have our horse want to play with us in a constructive way where it is fun for both of you! **Time: 10.30-3.30pm Venue: TBC - Christchurch**

**Contact Tanya Coles [parellinz@gmail.com](mailto:parellinz@gmail.com) or call 027 471 7728 Booking essential so we know numbers for choice of venue and can tell you what you need to bring with you!**

## **Private/Group lessons are available with Jackie during June and July**

To book an appointment to have one on one or group tuition please email me at [parellinz@xtra.co.nz](mailto:parellinz@xtra.co.nz)

## **More study with Linda Parelli!**

Ok I know I said that this year I was going to stay in NZ for my first winter in 10 years and I really was intending on doing that when I wrote that. However, who would say no, when invited to go and ride with Linda for another month? I practice what I preach.... Good better best, never let it rest! I'm going to get my good better and my better best this August by spending another four intensive weeks riding under Linda's watchful eye. I did try to get Linda to come to Christchurch to give me some help with developing Rocky's stage 4 in the Game of contact, but she just couldn't fit it in to her schedule, so instead, I'm going to ride with Linda in her barn at the Parelli ranch in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. I am really excited beyond words about what opportunities I will have while I'm there this year to observe and be instructed by Linda on her horses. With Linda's two fabulous new horses, Highland and Navi, Apollo now started under saddle, the amazing Hot Jazz and my buddy Allure I rode in last years intensive study, it's going to be very busy! Wish me luck and I will of course be writing about my experiences on Parelli connect and in a newsletter once I have returned.

Then, freshly back from the Parelli Ranch, I will be reved up and ready to teach the first ever Game of Contact clinic here in New Zealand! Are you going to be there? This is a do not miss clinic so please spread the word and help us bridge the gap between tradition and natural horsemanship!



## The Game of Contact Clinics scheduled in New Zealand this year!

I am very excited to be bringing Linda Parelli's Game of Contact to you here in New Zealand this year. I will be running one in the South Island and another in the North Island before the end of this year!

This revolutionary approach teaches horses to be confident with the bit and riders to have more "feel".

It also solves perplexing riding issues such as:

- fear and avoidance of the bit
- head behind the vertical
- not wanting to go forwards
- high headedness
- short and choppy stride
- tongue displacement issues
- open mouth
- grinding teeth
- swishing tail
- head tossing
- hollow back
- ...and more

**The Game of  
Contact**  
Coming to Your Area!

### Rider positions are limited, so act quickly!

There is a limit of only eight riders with the pre-requisite of Level 3 Freestyle or approval from me directly to ride in the course. If you would like to ride but have not completed your Level 3 Freestyle officially don't let that stop you! Please contact me to see if you could be eligible to ride in this amazing course.

All spectators are welcome, with pre-registration.

#### Who should come to watch?

Any time you pick up the reins, even briefly, you are making contact with the most sensitive part of the horse. Every rider should learn how to do that in a way that invites the horse to connect back rather than brace, resist or avoid it. If you are focused on going above Level 2 and advancing your savvy and grace, then this course is a must see, regardless of whether you are riding or attending as a spectator.

#### What should I expect to learn as a spectator?

You will see the process of horses with problems overcoming those problems, you'll watch as horses that are behind or above the bit go confidently into the contact and move more beautifully and powerfully. You'll also see riders learn to ride better, improve their posture. You will learn why all of these things happen and come to truly understand riding with contact. As a spectator you will also take part in some of the simulations – so bring your thinking cap and a notebook and be ready for action!

### 3 Day Clinics with Certified Game of Contact Instructor Jackie Chant

#### 14-16 September, Christchurch

Clinic coordinator: Sandy Stanway

Email: [info@sandystanway.com](mailto:info@sandystanway.com)

Phone: 027 680 4800

#### 9-11 November, Waikato

Clinic coordinator: Jane Cook

Email: [jane.cook68@yahoo.com](mailto:jane.cook68@yahoo.com)

Phone: 021 257 4704



## Are you thinking of purchasing a Parelli saddle? Avoid expensive shipping...

Kate O'Reilly will be heading away for her 12 week externship at the Parelli University this month and is offering to anyone out there who is wanting to purchase a Parelli saddle that she could bring it back to NZ with her in October if you were prepared to let her ride in the saddle while she is in the states to avoid expensive excess baggage on the way to the US. She can get the saddle back on her baggage allowance just not on the way there. If you are interested contact her on Ph 0273877719

**For Parelli saddle enquires, please email me for a saddle fit session to ensure you order the correct saddle for you and your horse. I have Fluidity, dressage fluidity, Cruiser and Natural performer saddles you try on your horse.**

**Please check my schedule regularly for the most up to date course details and contact information by going to my home page <http://instructor.parelli.com/jackiechant> and clicking on 'Schedule' or if you need to buy any Parelli Equipment or DVD's etc just click 'Shop' and you will support your instructor with the sales commission! Thank you!**

**Follow Jackie & Rocky's progress on Parelli connect**



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Jackie Chant - 4\* Senior Parelli Professional**

**Happy horsing naturally, See you soon!**

*Jackie Chant*



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## The Key to Collection: The Game of Contact

A truly revolutionary breakthrough, the Game of Contact addresses several riding issues in a natural way. If your horse has inactive hind legs, tongue displacement, choppy stride or any number of other issues related to contact, this DVD is an essential addition to your library.

The DVD is packaged with the Study Manual that Linda gives to all riders in her wildly popular Game of Contact Clinics.

**To purchase please go to my link:**

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Regular Price  
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