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JACKIES UPDATE - AUGUST 2012

Hello horse lovers,

I'm on the plane headed for the Parelli University in Pagosa Springs, Colorado as I write to you. I'm excited to be spending four weeks with Linda Parelli and her team of beautiful horses for intensive advanced study in the Game of Contact. Since my last newsletter to you, I have been asked to replace Linda in her absence to teach the Advancing Game of contact clinic in Sydney this October which is a great honor and will mean these next four weeks will be packed full! I will be met by Kate O'Reilly in Durango Saturday morning and head straight to the Parelli corporate office for a meeting with Linda and then I will head to the barn to meet and ride the horse that I have been allocated for the four weeks. I expect to be challenged in many ways and will soak up as much savvy from Linda while I am there! I will also look forward to catching up with fellow Game of contact certified instructors, Lyndsey Fitch, Marion Oesch and Amy Bowers and will gain from the experiences they have had teaching the GoC out in the field so far. So no time for sitting around, it will be full on! To read about my adventures see my Facebook page or Parelli connect wall!

Since my last update in June I have been busy starting horses under saddle for Parelli students as well as teaching private lessons, workshops and clinics in Nelson and Waikanae and our winter series of horseless workshops in Christchurch with great success. I have braved a snow dumping which was a lot of fun and I even sculpted a snow horse head for the first time! It's been a great few months keeping cozy by the fire after being freezing outside feeding up in the darkness! This was my first winter here at home in 10 years and I think the worst British summer in years too so I was glad to have missed that!

I just have to say also, what a proud kiwi I was watching our New Zealand Eventing team riding in London!! Congratulations to the team for their Bronze medal and for carrying us all over that enormous X-country course and showjumping round. I know I was jumping every jump with them - very exciting stuff!!!

Over the past few weeks at the Parelli University there have been 4 Kiwi's on campus for the 2 week Instructor courses. Sandy Stanway and Kim Woods from Canterbury (who have also just completed their 12 week Externship), Kate O'Reilly (just starting her Externship) and Jane Cook from Pukekohe. This is great news for students in New Zealand as our instructor team continues to grow. Congratulations to Sandy Stanway for also being awarded her Level 4 Black string at the completion of her 12 weeks which was a great achievement with her fantastic little lease horse Smokie.

Rocky's progress update

Rocky and I have continued to make good progress over the last few months. Over all Rocky's respect level has been very good (most of the time) he has become more patient and is much happier after the treatments he has received. Our progress with liberty in a larger area and bareback and bridleless riding is going really great. We have been getting consistent flying changes Online, liberty and freestyle and 2 days before I left home, I got our first slower finesse flying change!!! Rocky's jumping has improved too, we jumped bareback and bridleless for the first time a few weeks ago and I also took him down to a cross country course and jumped him over some scary looking ditches and table tops and brush jumps for his first ever time online and he just kept saying YES! It's great to see his confidence growing in that area as being a LBE I know jumping will be a way to give him more purpose to his training! Our GoC is coming along really well

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also. We are playing in stage 4 concentrating on getting rhythm, relaxation and contact at walk and now at trot have started regulating his gait with 'shorter-longer' (this is where we shorten the stride but try to keep the same tempo and then release the power that comes from the collection to then lengthen the trot again keeping the same tempo). Canter has improved so much now that he is able to load his hindquarters and keep his balance in a rounder frame which is feeling fantastic! We have also been playing with leg yielding, shoulder in, mobility exercises of moving the HQ's in motion and Forehand in motion in preparation for more lateral movements. This may sound like a foreign language if you have never explored dressage before, but these are some of the elements that are required to achieve Level 4 Finesse and prepare Rocky for his dressage and performance career. I am so excited that Rocky is so happy in his training and building physically into a superhorse and he's only 5 1/2 years old! He is really starting to feel like he is knocking on the door of his level 4 foundation in all 4 savvy's now! As you know, Rocky has also been very herd bound and I am so pleased to report that we have been for our first road ride on our own!!! All the planets lined up and I'm pretty sure that my dear Archie came along with us to keep Rocky company! I know that once I return from the states, this coming season we will be able to get out and about so much more now that the respect for me as his leader and Rocky's self confidence away from the herd is growing more and more each session!

See out latest progress update video on Youtube: <http://youtu.be/PBm8BL1MsYY>

Summer season of courses is up on the webpage schedule!

You can find all information 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. For private/group lessons please contact me directly for an appointment (weekdays available only).

Upcoming scheduled courses in 2012

Game of Contact 3day Clinic – Selwyn Equestrian Indoor Arena, Burnham, Christchurch 14-16th Sept. Contact Sandy Stanway on info@sandystanway.com or Jackie on parellinz@xtra.co.nz 2 rider positions available. All auditors welcome.

Lesson day - Nelson 19th Sept, Contact Margaret Richards on c.m.richards@clear.net.nz Rider positions full!

Get Started 2day Level 1 Clinic – Christchurch 21-2nd Sept. Contact Tanya Coles on parellinz@gmail.com

Advancing Game of Contact 5day course – Sydney, Australia. Contact Australian office on australia@parelli.com

Advancing Level 1-2 2day clinic – Invercargill 10-11th Oct. Contact Jane Garland on jane.garland@xtra.co.nz

Advanced Level 2-3 3day clinic – Invercargill 13-15th Oct. Contact Jane Garland on jane.garland@xtra.co.nz

Lesson days – Dunedin 15-16th Oct. Contact Karen Parker on loriep1@xtra.co.nz

Lesson day – Invercargill 23rd Oct. Rider positions full!

Freestyle/Fluidity 1day workshop – Auckland 6th Nov. Contact Jane Cook on jane.cook68@yahoo.com

Advancing your connection at Liberty 1day workshop – Auckland 7th Nov. Contact Jane Cook on jane.cook68@yahoo.com

Game of Contact 3day clinic - Little Valley Farm, 67 Douch Road, Ohuapo, Waikato 9-11th Nov. Contact Jane Cook on jane.cook68@yahoo.com Rider positions full! All auditors welcome

Level 2 3day clinic – Christchurch 16-18th Nov. Contact Tanya Coles on parellinz@gmail.com

Free 'What is Parelli' Demonstraion – Christchurch 16th Dec. Bring any horsey friends you would like to introduce to Parelli. It is a chance to be inspired and to grow the Parelli community in the Canterbury area! Free spot prize up for existing students who attend!

Focus Groups 2012-2013

Focus groups are really fun and supportive way to progress over the summer months with 4 group lessons spaced approximately 4-6 weeks apart. You will be set up with a new and improved goal setting session just recently presented by Linda Parelli at the Parelli campus which proves to be a very empowering way to encourage realistic goal setting and progress. We have 4 Focus groups set up for this season!

Level 1-2 3hr group held at the Chant Ranch in Christchurch on a Saturday (am)

Level 3-4 3hr group held at the Chant Ranch in Christchurch on a Saturday (pm)

Dates: Oct 20th, Dec 15th, 8th Feb, 22nd March

Bookings, please contact Tanya Coles on parellinz@gmail.com

Level 2 group with Young newly started horses at Kristie Everest's place, North Canterbury on a Sunday

Dates: Sept 8th, Oct 27th, Dec 22nd, Feb 23rd

Bookings please contact Kristie Everest on k.everest@clarkville.school.nz

Level 3-4 3hr group held at the Belfast Pony club grounds on a Wednesday

Dates: Sept 26th, Nov 14th, Jan 16th, Feb 20th

Bookings please contact us at parellinz@gmail.com

Don't miss out!!! Book your position now on the 'Focus group' that best suits you and together we will get the expand your knowledge, get results, and have fun achieving your goals this summer!

More study with Linda Parelli!

As I mentioned in my June newsletter, here I am typing now from the Parelli campus in Pagosa Springs and already two days into my 4 week intensive study with Linda Parelli and Colleen Kelly! I have been allocated my horse for the 4 weeks and it is Pat Parelli's horse Santana! He is a stunning Lucitano gelding (yep, he was gelded in April this year) and I'm very excited about the progress I can make with him during my 4 weeks. He doesn't know much about the Game of contact – has only done a little with someone who was learning it, Linda said so it is an opportunity to really build his confidence in that area! When I arrived and realised that Colleen Kelly was also here for my 4 weeks I was also very excited! She is a wonderful addition to the Parelli program with her enormous knowledge of the dressage (Grand Prix rider and judge), polo cross, vaulting and show ring worlds and brings so much experience to Linda's barn. Colleen is learning all about Parelli and Linda is picking her brains about dressage! Just yesterday Colleen got to ride Linda's 5 year old horse Hot Jazz and she was amazed at how incredible he felt. She went as far as to say, he was the most impressive horse she had ever sat on in her life! Wow, now that is saying something! I was also excited when Colleen said I had been working very hard since she saw me last year and that I had FANTASTIC leg and heel position!!

To keep up with my 'Linda land' adventures follow me on facebook or Parelli connect!



This is Kate O'Reilly and I in the hot air balloon above Pagosa Springs the day after I arrived!



This is Santana!

Just a reminder, once I am 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

Phone: 027 680 4800

9-11 November, Waikato

Clinic coordinator: Jane Cook

Email: jane.cook68@yahoo.com

Phone: 021 257 4704



Are you thinking of purchasing a Parelli saddle?

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.

Have you heard about the new Parelli Saddles Smart Pad?

I'm hearing wonderful things about the new Smart Pad that is the latest technology in performance pads. If you ride for long periods of time or have a very sensitive horse who maybe doesn't like the rubber or air of the Theraflex pad, then this is your solution. See www.parellisaddles.com for more information.

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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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:

<http://instructor.parelli.com/jackiechant> and click on shop, then click on education.

Regular Price
\$302.97

Member Price
\$227.23

All prices are in AUD



For a limited time I do have some of these packs available in NZ dollars – contact me to purchase.