

COLTER WILDEN HEAP

COLT STARTER



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PROFILE

Dedicated and experienced colt starter with specialty in starting, restarting, and equine psychology. Calm approach and experience-based strategies. Diverse range of skills focused on long term habit breaking and problematic animals. Hardworking and reliable acting with highest ethical integrity for the animals and the team.

TRAINING

- Colt starting
- Natural horsemanship
- Correcting behavioral issues
- Trauma recovery and rehabilitation
- Problematic animals
- Development of training programs
- Branding cattle
- Dressage training
- Equipment fitting and maintenance

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1st place in multiple extreme cowboy challenges
- Level 4 parelli natural horsemanship
- Placed 2nd in first evening show
- Lead 3 clinics in confidence building
- Assist in clinic and shows with Olympic Medalist, Luis Lucio

EXPERIENCE

9 BAR RANCH | WYOMING

Herd Management, Colt Starter

May 2023 - present

- Colt Starter and Ranch Hand
- Provide groundwork training, halter breaking and basic ridden work
- Land management including fencing, build/repair ranch structures
- Management of cattle herds; tending livestock and providing care from birth until they are taken to market
- Train in cattle branding
- Responsible for developing personal horses

COLORADO HORSE RESCUE | COLORADO

Colt Starter

2020 - 2023

- Intake evaluations of new horses and assess training needs
- Responsible for completing training program
- Halter breaking, starting, restarting
- At least 40 hours/week of riding, training or groundwork
- Management of adoption appointments
- Demo and ride for potential clients
- Representative for ranch when interfacing with clients and sponsors

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C O L T S T A R T E R



SKILLS

- Problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Time management
- Reliable and trustworthy
- Positive attitude
- Calm demeanor
- Physical strength and stamina
- Strong communication

REFERENCES

- **Professional:** Michael and Marion
Alway | 540.931.7515
- **Professional:** Kirsi Kesaniemi |
650.307.0222
- **Personal:** Sarah Hofkamp |
970.744.8555

INTERNSHIPS

ALWAY HORSEMANSHIP | VIRGINIA

Intern

2021

- Dressage focus; barn and horse management
- Train high profile imported horses and problematic sport horses
- Responsible for starting five horses
- Weekly lessons from Michael and Marion (former 3-star parelli)

RYAN ROSE | WISCONSIN

Participant | Intern

2019 -2020

- Participate in mustang starter clinic for 2 years
- Horse flipping; experience riding problem horses
- Achieve parelli level 4
- Representative for clinic demos; ranch camp clinics including cutting, cow work, roping
- Assist in Texas Circle Bar Ranch
- Responsible for developing personal horses

CARDINAL RANCH | CANADA

Intern

2022

- Start 6 colts
- Provide horse care for approximately 40 horse herd
- Trim feet, horse care, doctoring care
- Barn management and maintenance
- Start 3-year-old grade stud colt (unhalter broken); after 30 days of training sold as riding horse for \$10k

KIRSI KESANIEMI | COLORADO

Assistant/Intern

2014 - 2020

- Assist with private lessons
- Ride client and problematic horses
- Obtain training in natural horsemanship
- Horse care, barn management and maintenance