

Meredith Hodges's Innovative New Series *Equus Revisited* Takes Training to New Heights on RFD-TV

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This March, Meredith Hodges will debut a new four-part training series on RFD-TV titled *Equus Revisited*. A new episode will air each Wednesday of the month under Meredith's show banner *Training Mules and Donkeys* and repeat throughout the week (check your local listing). The series, more than a year in the making, complements Meredith's correspondence equine training program with a complete preventive care regimen suitable for all equines.

Whether you're just starting out or experienced, competing in shows or enjoying your equine on the trail or in the backyard, a sound maintenance and training program supported by a team of professionals is critical to your equine's well being. This innovative series goes beyond anything Meredith or any other trainer has done before. Using her own mules, donkeys and horses and those of others as examples, Meredith draws from more than 35 years of experience to offer detailed explanations of her training methods and recommendations for maintenance, feeding and preventive care. The programs also include insightful interviews with Meredith's own team of equine-care professionals, including her vet, her farrier, her equine chiropractor and her equine masseuse.

"My original series *Training Mules and Donkeys* covers all levels of training, but this series goes deeper and covers many things most people don't learn about when they're first starting out—things that can be really helpful down the road," says Meredith. "This is more than a conditioning program for the equine athlete. We take the whole animal into consideration and break the program down into its components to show people how important each one is to an equine's healthy physical and mental development."

During her years as a trainer, breeder and competitor, Meredith developed a program through intensive study and plain old trial and error that has produced one champion performer after another. Her books and DVDs offer students at every level keys to training success and her program on RFD-TV, now in its eighth year, continues to draw new viewers and introduce more curious folks to mules and donkeys.

"It's important to let people know about these wonderful animals," Meredith says, "but it's just as important to teach them how to get the best from them. I wanted to give people information that wasn't out there when I was learning and, in many cases, still isn't."

Equus Revisited will be available on DVD, and Meredith will also publish a companion manual to be used in conjunction with the DVDs and her *Training Mules and Donkeys* training series. More information about these is available at www.luckythreeranch.com or by calling 800-716-7566. If you're working with an animal right now or thinking about it, *Equus Revisited* will get you on way to enjoying many years with your equine friend.