

## **SELECTING A TRAINER**

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- Where do you begin to look for a qualified trainer for your mule?
- Learn the smart way to interview a candidate to be your trainer
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Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

The mules are in the corral. Welcome to Mule Talk, and I'm Cindy K Roberts, your ho... And our author, TV personality, and world-renowned mule trainer, Meredith Hodges of the Lucky Three Ranch. We're back on. We are gonna talk about selecting a trainer. Meredith, this hits home with me because I sent my mule to a trainer several years ago after I broke my arm because I didn't want her to have time off, and boy was she mad about that when I got her back.

Meredith:

I bet she was.

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Oh, yeah, she reprimanded me big time. So let's talk about it.

Meredith:

I was looking at this article that I wrote back in 1986 about Selecting a Trainer. I had the same kind of experience with my mule. I sent him away to a trainer when he was three years old because I thought it was the thing to do. I didn't think I knew enough to train my mule and everybody was sending mules to trainers back in those days.

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Right.

Meredith Hodges:

I felt that if I tried to do something, I might get hurt. There was a lot of fear involved in that decision. And certainly you had that same thing going on. If you were sitting there with a broken arm, what can you do? And so you think you're doing the right thing and everybody tells you you're doing the right thing. Back when I sent *Sundowner* off for training in 1983, he went to a Reining Horse Trainer. They didn't have many Mule Trainers back then. They had Muleskinners that worked primarily with Driving and Pack mules, but not with any Performance mules.

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Right.

Meredith Hodges:

I picked an excellent trainer and he lived right down the road from me, so I could visit my mule every so often and see how things were going. One time I dropped in asked the stall cleaner where the trainer was. He said, "*Oh, he's just running around the indoor arena. Sunny missed a flying lead change and he's going let him run until he's done. He's not going to fight with him. Okay. Well, I guess that means I can't go in there. Maybe another time.*"

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

(laughs)

Meredith:

A few days later I went out to the barn here at home and here comes *Sundowner* running up the road, into the driveway and ran right up to me. I said, "*Oh, how'd you get here? You're not supposed to be here. You're supposed to be at the barn down the road about a half a mile.*" Pretty soon the trainer came driving in. I said, "*Whoa, what happened?*"

He said, "*He decided he didn't like it there and he left.*" (laughs)

I said, "*Well, he can't do that.*"

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

(laughs)

Meredith Hodges:

Then the trainer said, "*I know, but you try to tell Sunny that he has to go back. Are you going to bring him back? I don't want to have to load him up in a trailer since I'm just down the road. If you want to ride him back, that'd be great.*"

So I said, "*Okay, I'll do that.*" I still thought, "*Okay, well, I guess maybe it would be better. Instead of just dropping in once in a while to go see Sunny, I might learn something if I went down there more often.*" When I watched the trainer working with Sunny, I learned a lot from him about how he was training my mule, the kinds of things that he was doing and why he was doing them all. I would ask the trainer when he was going to be working him and I would go to his barn to learn. I think the most important thing that I learned was how important it was for me to actually *participate* in the mule's training process. ***If you're going to give your mule to a trainer, you need to be there.*** I don't mean for some lessons, I mean for ALL the lessons. *Sunny* thought that I had abandoned him and was resentful because of it. You need to be there even in between lessons to let your mule know you're still around.

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Right.

Meredith Hodges:

Because when you put your mule into a trainer's facility or into a boarding stable situation, he feels like he's being put into a Boarding School because you don't want him around anymore. My parents did that to me. Two different years they sent me to Boarding School and I just figured that they didn't like me and didn't want me around. I don't doubt that the animals can feel that way, too.

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Sure.

Meredith Hodges:

When one goes off to a strange place with strange people, you do feel alone and unappreciated. That's probably why your mule was mad at you. *Sunny* was mad at me, too. Mules are so intelligent and so sensitive that their Bonding Process is far deeper than we even think and more so than with a horse. Longears truly prefer human company and they expect you to be their friend.

If you go up to a pasture fenced full of mules and horses, the horses will all be grazing, look at you and go back to grazing. The mules will look up at you go, "*Oh, looky, it's a person,*" and they'll come trotting over to you to see you.

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Right.

Meredith Hodges:

They will all want to have a Conversation with you because they're so personable. When you're trying to Select a Trainer for your mule, you must keep these things in mind because this IS like sending your child off to school. And if you're going to send your mule off to a trainer, you need to be willing to Participate in the Training Process to lend support. Learning as much as you can with the trainer will make you more proficient with your Management, Riding and Training skills. You will observe *the feeding, cleaning of the pens and the stalls, grooming and learn about the various uses of the facility*. You would be really surprised at how much you can learn.

So when you're trying to Select a Trainer, the first order of businesses is select a trainer with a really Good Attitude who will let you be there. If they're going to say, "*Oh, no, your, your mule needs to get used to **me**,*" then you need to realize that that mule is going to bond deepest to the person who trains him. If you're not there, then the bond is not going to be with you.

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Right.

Meredith Hodges:

You're the one he comes home to. So don't have the expectation that your mule is like Tuning Up a Car and will be perfect for you when he returns home. Equines are living, breathing, beings with feelings and they get very sensitive about how they're being treated. If the trainer doesn't realize that, then he's not the trainer for your mule. Even if it's convenient and even though this guy does a really good job with horses, he's probably not the trainer for your mule. You must realize that hiring a trainer should be a Learning Experience and not a matter of Convenience. This is a lifelong decision for you and your mule, you're making this decision because you realize what your Limitations are, that you're not a trainer and that you haven't been taking riding lessons to become a Skilled Equestrian.

You might have gone up in the mountains and gone Trail Riding a lot with your friends to ride. You might be good at staying on, but that's about it. *That's not going to teach your animal how to behave because you haven't even taught yourself how to behave.* But you don't realize it.

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Right.

Meredith Hodges:

We listen to all kinds of people telling us what we ought to think and what we ought to do. "*Oh, your, your animal's been misbehaving.*" And the biggest problem that I ran into was that people were more than willing to give me advice out of nowhere, "*Oh, you need to put a tie-down on that mule,*" or, "*Oh, you need this bit or that bridle,*" or, "*Oh, you need to do this or you need to do that if he's acting up.*" The general school of thought was that the Mule was Misbehaving. I soon found out that that was not the case. ***I found out that I was always at fault.***

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Wow.

Meredith Hodges:

If my mule wasn't doing what I asked, then ***I wasn't asking the right way with the right attitude, with the right equipment.*** And I had the attitude that he should do what I want and that I was trying to be the Boss or the Leader like all these Horse Trainers were telling me. He should learn to do what I want him to do. Eventually I finally did sign up for Riding Lessons. I went to as many Clinics as I could with different Professional and acclaimed trainers. It was hard enough to get my mule into the Clinics. I was a fairly proficient rider but I couldn't really ride a balanced seat until I hired my Dressage Instructor I rode with her for 10 years. Before I hired her, I was doing Clinics with Western trainers, I was doing Reining Clinics, I was doing English and Western Pleasure where Basic Horsemanship skills were highlighted. I found out soon that highlighting Basic Riding skills with my mule wasn't really teaching either of us the adequate Communication Skills with each other that we both needed.

I didn't have the Right Attitude until I got with Melinda Weatherford, a Dressage Instructor-Trainer. She was quite unique. She was able to teach the animal as well as the rider during lessons. She was more than willing to have me bring *Sunny* up to her farm to work on our Technique and Balanced Seat. He'd already been trained for Reining and was a push-button Reining Mule. With the trainer riding him, he even won the World Championship at Bishop Mule Days in 1984. After that he didn't like Reining any more. When I tried to pursue it further, he began *bolting and running off* with me. It was his way of showing me that he was quite displeased with me *showing off* in Reining.

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Right. (laughs) Okay.

Meredith Hodges:

If you don't spend the time it takes to work your skills and ability with your equine, you can never establish a deep and abiding, mutually satisfying Working Relationship with him. The ten years with Melinda Weatherford was awesome because every time she told us to do something, it was for my benefit and his. She, would say, "*You have to do this the right way and in your own body you have to sit like this to make this happen in his body.*"

She was really looking at us from a Physical Development standpoint and not just doing different movements for fun. I had to learn to always be in Good Posture. Otherwise, *Sunny* would frequently throw me off balance. Then I would affect his balance and he would *bolt and run off* with me. He let me know, "*You're messing up.*" (laughs)

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

(laughs)

Meredith Hodges:

I finally got the picture. I recognized that Lindy was trying to teach from a completely different perspective than what I had believed before. She made me focus on how important it was to Build a Good Foundation Together. This is why I really got in to Dressage Training. I was dumbstruck when I saw what the stallions from the Spanish Riding School of Vienna could do.

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Oh, yeah.

Meredith Hodges:

And I had seen my mules out in the field doing those movements alone. I thought right away, "*I should be able to make them do that.*" Every time I tried to do a Capriole with any one of my mules, they jumped in the air alright and then *bolted and ran off* with me! Eventually I figured out that they were just displeased with my *forceful and show-off attitude* and maybe I should listen to Lindy a little more carefully.

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

(laughs)

Meredith Hodges:

I would go back to Lindy and say during the lesson, "*Well, you know, I'm trying to do this, but he's just not doing it for me, and I just don't know what I can do to make him do it.*" She would just look me in the eye and say, to me, "*Meredith, stop whining. You have a long way to go and you have to build this foundation first. You can't just go on and do all of these advanced moves without the proper foundation. So just learn a little bit of patience.*" Pretty soon she started showing up with a button that she wore all the time that was a circle with the word "*Whining*" with a slash through it. I got the point! (laughs).

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

(laughs)

Meredith Hodges:

It was a constant reminder to *focus on the RIGHT things!* We want it to be skilled and perfected between the two of us. We want to be in Balance and in Harmony, but we have to put the work in first. We can't just jump into the fancy moves. It's nice to have a trainer who's willing to train us both and also go for lessons instead of just abandoning my equine to a trainer. People that just throw off their animals with a trainer are going to experience difficulties later because they're not learning with their animals. *You really do need to learn WITH your animal.*

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Right.

Meredith Hodges:

Particularly with mules, the Selection of the Trainer is paramount due to his Psychological Makeup. ***Your mule can't learn from someone he doesn't like and mules do have their preferences.***

*Where do you begin looking for a trainer?* Probably the best place to look for a mule trainer is at a Mule Show. And you can look at the Performance Classes and see what trainer is winning. Talk to the owners if they don't do the training themselves and get recommendations from people. Other resources for trainers are the various Equine Publications that are popular from your area. Trainers will usually post ads. If no trainers are listed, study the Ranch Ads and contact Ranch Owners. They should be able to help.

Just because a person says they are a Mule Trainer doesn't mean they're going to be the right one. They all have their own differences, their own preferences, and their own way of doing things. They all have their own facilities that are kept in different ways. You don't have to have a lot of money to keep a well-organized and clean facility. But beware. There are a lot of trainers that will say, *"You give me your mule and I'll see what I can do in 60 to 90 days. Then you can come back and make an assessment as to whether you want to continue."* To me that is a big red flag! If they want that animal alone and they're talking about 60 to 90 days, it might sound nice and in expensive, but in my estimation, that doesn't necessarily mean that they will do a good job with your mule. It could mean they're trying to hide Abusive Techniques from you. What you might find when you go back is your mule has had a really bad experience and now you got to fix it.

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Right.

Meredith Hodges:

Once that you've accumulated a few names, go ahead and call them. Make Appointments to visit the various trainers. The Interview with the trainer is as important to you as it is to him. He needs to get a feeling of who you are and what you expect. What are you going to be doing with your mule? Are you just going to be Trail Riding or Showing? Do you even have an interest in showing? If you are just a Trail Rider, many trainers will get the idea that the mule only needs to be *broke to ride*. They will tell you after the training he does to just put miles on him.

They don't think you have to pay attention to the Physical Development of the animal. Actually in both cases for both Shows and Trail Riding, it's really important how their Foundation in Training is built. If you get up in the mountains and into difficult terrain and they're carrying you on their back, they need to know how to perform efficiently. Their body needs to be Developed Properly with Postural Core Strength to be able to do all that you ask from them. When you're shifting your weight back and forth and you're going up or down a narrow trail and there's a 100-foot drop on one side, one misstep and you could end up at the bottom of that cliff.

So you, you want a trainer that keeps Physical Development of the equine in mind and considers the importance of getting you both in sync with each other like Lindy did with me. When I started out with Lindy I thought, *Wow, I hadn't even thought about the things she was telling me. This is novel. This is a great approach to training. This is like no other trainer I have even experienced.* That's why I ended up staying with her for over 10 years.

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Wow.

Meredith Hodges:

Even though *Sunny* did some really screwy things during (laughs) those 10 years, including with her, (laughs). When she would want to have me do something I wasn't sure about, I asked her, "*Well, can you get on him and show me how to do this?*"

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

(laughs) Right.

Meredith Hodges:

Well, she only got on him once. (laughs). *Sunny bolted and ran off* with her. He seemed to say, "*What do you think you're going to do, substitute you for her? Mer's the one who needs to do the learning, not you*"

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

(laughs)

Meredith Hodges:

Then he turned to me, "Don't you think YOU should learn something? We got to do this together." Even *Sunny even* knew that. I wasn't exactly buying it at the time, but Lindy got the point really fast. The next time I asked her, "*Oh, do you want to get on and show me this?*" she said, "*No, I don't.*" (laughs) "*It's clear to me that the mule wants you to do it.*" I said, "*Well, I can't say you're wrong.*"

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

(laughs)

Meredith Hodges:

I went to see the facility where we were going to be working. It wasn't at her stable because she had just bought some property and was in middle of construction, but she had a friend down the road that would allow us to use their arena. I would just trailer *Sunny* up there for lessons. That way *Sunny* could live at home and we could both get trained at the same time.

In my experience with other trainers, it was helpful to see their Facility before making a commitment. When there are a lot of good trainers available and you have an opportunity to *discuss finance, goals and general care*. It's really important to look below the surface to see what you're going to get for training. This will help you to determine if it will be a Good or Bad Investment. If you're talking to a trainer that just wants to take your animal or is willing to have you out there to ride your animal twice a week, question it. If he's in turnout or confined in a stall the rest of the time, you can only imagine what kinds of *vices* your animal can get from being in containment. Mules and donkeys are typically very Claustrophobic animals.

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Right.

Meredith Hodges:

I avoid containing them in stalls. I do keep them in stalls and runs at night and turnout during the day, but ***never close them in the stalls*** except when they're showing and there's no alternative.

I try to Minimize Claustrophobia, because that creates the anxiety and interferes with your ability to bond and to learn your lessons together. There are a lot of good *horse* trainers available today, but they're not necessarily qualified to train mules. The Horse Industry is a really big business and most of the Show Horses that you see have all kinds of *vices*. If they are housed in wooden barns, the walls of their barns are chewed on and lumber needs to be replaced regularly. Longears are true artists and particularly good at sculpting! When you're looking for a Mule Trainer, he or she needs to be a person of extraordinary patience and be well-versed in technique. As a precaution, you might even ask if he has ever Trained a Donkey because donkeys are the ultimate challenge and mules ARE half donkey!

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Sure.

Meredith Hodges:

A good Mule Trainer must know how to appeal to the donkey half of the mule as well as the horse half to be truly successful. When you visit the trainer's facility, there are several ways to get the information that you require. Pay attention to the general condition of the facility. Is it clean, free of debris, with safe fencing? *If it's got barbed wire, that's an automatic No!* Anyone who knows equines knows that is a good way to *filet a horse's body*. So you want **safe fencing**. Check to see that the water and mineral salt blocks are available to the stock. Does the trainer have a Good Working Area available to him? And if he doesn't have one at his place, is he willing to go somewhere else and rent or lease a facility so you have proper place to train?

In bad weather, an Indoor Arena is essential. If he doesn't have an indoor arena, you're going to have a plan to have your lessons with your animal on good weather days. This is the beauty of keeping them at home and just trailering to a lesson rather than having them living with a trainer. Trainers that have a barn full of livestock generally don't have the time to give your animal the attention that he needs. *People generally thought it was most important to just put miles on the equines to get them trained.*

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Right. (laughs)

Meredith Hodges:

They would expect to ride for a lot of hours. "***Lots of wet saddle blankets,***" you would hear them say. During my experience, I've developed over the years a Collective Training Program that includes only the Best Advice from a lot of different trainers. I got some good information and some not-so-good information. I have learned that ***routine is really important***. It's not just what you're teaching them, but the routine needs to be structured sufficiently to develop their bodies in a healthy way. ***This is so they can perform movements correctly and in good posture with sufficient core strength and balance.*** We even have to do that in the sports world. Football players need to do all kinds of different exercises in order to build their bodies up to play the game. They also realize the benefit of taking days off in between for rest and not just working so hard that you tire and stress your muscles. Then you would only suffer from weakness and fatigue.

These things need to be taken into consideration and any trainer that you consider using should be able to Engage in a real Conversation with you about these things. They should be talking to you about how you are maintaining yourself and your animals. When you go see a trainer at his place, check the condition of his stock. Are they well-fed? Are there any obtrusive scars and bruises on the animals? And what's the condition of their feet?

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Right.

Meredith Hodges:

That is really important.

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Yeah.

Meredith Hodges:

A Good Trainer will know that these guys have to be properly trimmed or shod. If the trainer gives you a pat answer as to how many weeks in between trims, I would be suspicious. From what I have gathered, all equines are individuals and they're all different. ***They each will grow their hooves differently and have different trim times. The trainer should know that too.***

The answer to your, your farrier question, "*How often do you trim or shoe the animals?*" should be, "*As often as they need it.*" And are they going to get shod as often or any way that they need it? If I'm just doing basic training on an animal, he should say they can have regular shoes all the way around and they may not get worn very fast in the beginning. However, if I'm training a Reining animal and he's sliding on his hindquarters, we may have to change those shoes behind more often so that we don't cause damage to his balance and his hooves by the way that he's moving. The Condition of the Trainer's Animals can tell you a lot about the trainer. Back when I was looking for a trainer, many would hide a lot of things. *They kept secrets so they could get top dollar for their training.*

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Right.

Meredith Hodges:

And I had a lot of trainers mad at me when I started giving away free information in the articles I was writing. They said, "*Wow, what? You're going to cut into our clientele.*" (laughs) I said, "*Do you know how many millions of people there are in the country?*"

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

(laughs)

Meredith Hodges:

"*Do you know how many people there are out there that can't even afford a trainer like you? What, you don't think they deserve to have this kind of information so they can fumble along and try to train their own animals and maybe at least get coaching advice from you?*" So I had these kinds of conversations with the trainers, and eventually the Capable Trainers would concede.

Don't be afraid to ask the trainer if he'll ride for you. Take your mule to the interview. Tell the trainer that you wish to see him ride at the time you make your appointment. That's just polite and the trainer can be sure to allot the time necessary to ride for you. *That's just good manners.* As he rides, watch the way he handles the animal. *Are his hands light yet firm? Does he ask for collection and cause the animal to travel smoothly and fluidly? Does he ask him to over-collect?*

If you're taking the animal to a trainer, he's probably not in good physical condition and probably pretty stiff. If the trainer Forces Collection, you don't want that. You want a trainer that's going to work at the level for which your animal is physically suited.

Have him ride one of his own. *Do his animals move away from leg pressure? Do the animals bend through their rib cage on their circles? Are they falling out or falling in and swapping ends? If he does a Turn on the Haunches, is he really using the pivot foot properly and walking with the outside hind foot. Is there vertical flexion? Is there impulsion and lateral bend, which are all the elements of proper shape?* Any truly good trainer will know and practice these techniques.

Dressage is a system of training that takes the animal through their Physical Development in very small steps with very small target goals at every stage. He will learn to bend through his rib cage just by virtue of traveling through the corners properly.

While you're Touring the Facility and watching the trainer at work, it is time for discussion. You have a chance to determine the overall character of the trainer. If he's the least bit short-tempered or gruff, he's not the trainer for your mule. If he seems patient and even-tempered, it's now time to discuss your goals, the way they will be financed and the way that they will be approached. ***Be realistic about your expectations.*** Talk about Dressage training with him. Is he familiar with what that is? If he only has general knowledge, he's not the trainer for your mule. The one that really understands the goals and the sequence of Dressage training is going to be a much better trainer for your mule because he won't push your mule too hard or too fast.

Then you can work out the semantics about what you expect with a trainer. For instance, a lot of people talk about training the mules the basics in 60 to 90 days, but unless you're an experienced rider, the training can't be produced or maintained that way. ***Remember, training is primarily teaching the animal to respond to cues in a habitual manner and it takes time to build good habits that result in a solid foundation.***

When you're just doing the basics without consideration to Body Development, that's all you should ever expect in the 60 to 90 days. Don't expect your mule to be so broke you can go to a show and do all these different things, like Barrel Racing, and Pole Bending, and English and Western Pleasure and all that. Those kinds of activities take years of Body Building and Core and Bulk Muscle Conditioning to create any kind of Solid Foundation or Performance Finesse.

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Right.

Meredith

The trainer has to have a balanced seat to ride correctly. And if anybody tells you different, he's not the right trainer for you. When you discuss your goals with a trainer, be concise and to the point. Don't be afraid to ask him questions and clarify the terms of the agreement so that you understand exactly what he will be doing with your mule. Ask him for a copy of the contract to take home with you so you can study it. Don't just sign it in a big hurry and go,

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Right.

Meredith Hodges:

Ask the trainer about the terms concerning the Veterinarian, the Farrier, Hauling expenses, and any Showing Appearances. I wrote down notes about every lesson, about every clinic and after every encounter, with every trainer, with every clinician.

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

(laughs)

Meredith Hodges:

For the most part, they were Excellent Trainers. I got from every encounter and brought the knowledge home and practiced to see what worked and what didn't. I got into Dressage and Combined Training. I started riding English because it was more challenging and offered more details to work on than the Western disciplines.

Meredith Hodges:

There are so many things you can learn when you're willing to take the time to develop the ability and the skill and pay attention to the Physical Development of your equine. There's nothing better than a really good trainer to help you do that. You just need somebody to Boost your Confidence and get you started in the right direction and to Lend Support when you need it. ***Most of the training should be done by you as equines bond closest to those who do the training.*** It is better to have a trainer that is content to be your coach! I'm not discounting any trainers at any level because each is suitable for people and their animals at certain levels. ***Just be careful of taking a mule to a horse trainer.***

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

There you go. (laughs)

Meredith Hodges:

The trainers are out there as our coaches are an available opportunity to better ourselves, better our mules and deepen the bond between us. We can enjoy them in a lot more different ways than we ever thought we could. In all of this, following the basic guidelines I've outlined will enable you to locate the Right Trainer for you and your mule. It does take a little time to visit and discuss things, but it's time well spent. The Right trainer can help you to produce a happy, healthy, and well-mannered mule. ***Then you can be a completely satisfied owner.***

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Oh, you bet. This is a good perspective to have when considering hiring a trainer. This is, this is excellent. Thank you, Meredith.

Cindy Roberts (Interviewer):

Meredith's website is [luckythreeranch.com](http://luckythreeranch.com), and you can call her at 1-800-816-7566. And I can be reached through my website, [everycowgirlsdream.com](http://everycowgirlsdream.com).

Gotta go, my mule is looking for me.

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