

CURRICULUM VITAE – ROD BERGEN, P.E.

Equine Forensic Consultant

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Qualifications/Background:

Qualified to testify as an Equine Forensic Consultant in the California Superior Courts
Horse Expert in over 40 legal cases (including 5 deaths) involving horses and horse facilities
Nationally certified as an Advanced (Level III) Horseback Riding Instructor by the American Riding Instructors Association (ARIA) in Dressage, Recreational Riding and Mounted Patrol
Certified Equine Appraiser and member of the American Association of Equine Appraisers
Advisor - National Park Services Mounted Unit (helped establish their mounted training standards)
Initiated and helped write the nationally recognized Horse Emergency Red Book (published by L.A. City)
Performed horse behavior workshops for a variety of horse riding and handling disciplines for over 30 years
Individual remedial work with difficult/dangerous horses
Assisted in drafting the guidelines for equestrian usage of the Malibu City Equestrian Park
Listed with the L.A. County Bar Assoc. as an Equine Forensic Consultant (Expert Horse Witness)
Owned and manager of a horse training, breeding and boarding facility for over 30 years.

Instructor:

Pierce College, Woodland Hills, Ca. (15 years, Horsemanship/Safety and Horseback Riding)
UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles) (Engineering)
Santa Monica College, Professor (Engineering)
Completed the Calif. POST (Peace Officers Standards and Training) Police Horse Instructor Program
Qualified as a Police Horse/Rider Instructor with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Private Instructor in Horsemanship
Recurrent practitioner/instructor in the techniques of Equine Stress Control Therapy
Initial horse and personnel trainer for the L.A. County Equine Response Team (Past Coordinator)
Former Mounted Posse Training Sergeant in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Mounted Patrol Training Sergeant – Agoura, Ca. Mounted Search & Rescue (currently inoperative)
Mounted Horsemanship and Sensory Training Specialist
Instructor in the proper way to safely and effectively fire weapons from horseback

Noteworthy Events

Selected as the U. S. National Mounted Patrol Training Officer of the Year 2001
Named as one of the country's top 50 Riding Instructors in 2007 by the ARIA
Performed mounted dignitary protection for three U.S. Presidents
Performed mounted security in the Rose Parade for over 15 years
Provided personal mounted escort for the Rose Parade Grand Marshall during the 1996 Rose Parade
Selected as the top national ARIA Riding Instructor Test Center Administrator for the year 2009
The only 2 time winner of the Trancas Riders & Ropers Award Cup for horsemanship and sportsmanship
Appointed by L.A. County Dept. of Animal Care and Control as the primary Field Commander to initiated and start up the current L.A. County Equine Response Team
Received an individual Certificate of Commendation from the L.A. County Board of Supervisors for the successful rescuing and handling of horses in the major Malibu Firestorms
Appointed by the City of Agoura Hills, Ca. to establish and maintain their Equestrian Center
Received an individual Certificate of Recognition from the City of Los Angeles Department of Animal Regulations as a primary core member of the L.A. City Equine Emergency Response Team

Clinician:

Developing safe and effective Trail Riding principles
Mounted Formation and Drill Team Principles and Techniques
Horse/Human Rider Stabilization Procedures
Safe and Proper Horse Handling/Riding Principles
Starting and handling young horses
Horse Behavior Modification
Safely and effectively shooting firearms from horseback
Equine Emergency Rescue Procedures
Driving and Handling a Horse Truck/Trailer Rig
Techniques for Safely Loading Horses into Horse Trailers
Performed a clinic in Modern Horsemanship with world famous Robert Miller, DVM

Lecturer:

History of the Horse
Selecting and Using Bits, Reins & Saddles
Trail Riding and Overnight Horse Camping
Equine Emergency Preparedness
Bombproofing your horse
Featured Presenter at CMOA (California Mounted Officers Assoc.) Training Seminars
Featured Presenter at Training Seminars with Royal Canadian Mounted Police Headmaster Brian Culp (Ret.)
Featured Four Time Presenter at the Annual Calif. Equine Affaire - L.A. County Fairgrounds - (4 years)
Featured Four Time Presenter at the Annual Calif. Horse Expo - Sacramento County Fairgrounds - (4 years)
Featured Four Time Presenter at the Annual National Riding Instructors Convention in Naples, Fla. (4 years)

Ranch Manager / Horse Owner:

Has managed a Horse Ranch in the Santa Monica Mountains for over 30 years
Personally owns three (3) Warmbloods and three (3) Quarter Horses

Executive Positions:

Equestrian Trails Inc. Corral 36 (Monte Nido, Ca.) (Founder & Past President)
Trancas Riders & Ropers (Malibu, Ca.) (Past President)
Equestrian Trails Inc. Corral 63 (Agoura, Ca.) (Past President)

Education/Licenses:

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (BEE) – Graduate Electronics Engineer
Pierce College – Equine Management course work
Extensive recurrent training in the effective use of horses
Registered by the State of California as a Professional Engineer (Control Systems Engineering)
Licensed by the State of California as a Contractor in four classifications (C10, C20, C36, B1)