

2019 Colt Starting Challenge Information

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What is the challenge? The Rocking Heart Ranch Colt Starting Challenge is a 60 day challenge that focuses on teaching a young horse essential basic training that is fundamental to the development of a versatile and dependable horse. It includes a pattern that will be provided to the trainers the day of the challenge that they will need to complete but does include elements such as being able to pick up the horses feet, saddling, loading into a trailer, opening a gate off their back and other basics that provide a solid foundational start. Trainers will have the horses for a minimum of 70 days.

Where and When is the challenge? The challenge will take place on September 14th, 2019 at Midnight Stadium in Fort Macleod, AB. Horse pick-up will be on June 22th at Rocking Heart Ranch down by Waterton.

Who can apply to be a part of this? We are looking for 10-15 trainers who want to work with a three or four year old American Quarter Horse from the Rocking Heart Ranch herd. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. Trainers will be accepted into the challenge after the Garner family has reviewed all applications. Application can be found at www.rockingheartranchltd.com and will be accepted until June 8, 2019.

Why enter? You can compete in the challenge to promote your talents and ability to be a top trainer to hundreds that attend the challenge. This may be for personal growth or to showcase your business as a trainer, but the exposure you will get is significant. Each trainer will be given a chance to promote their horse training business to the people attending and be promoted on the Rocking Heart Ranch website upon satisfactory completion of the Challenge.

All trainers will receive \$1,000 to participate in the challenge plus be eligible for additional prizes including; Grand Champion (\$1,500), Reserve Champion (\$1,000), and Runner Up (\$500). Plus a separate showmanship prize; The WOW Factor! (\$500) for 1st, \$300 for 2nd, and \$150 for third.

What type of Horses? The horses that will be used in the challenge are three or four year old registered American Quarter Horses. Their bloodlines include some of the great foundational quarter horse breeding like King, Joe Hancock, Blue Valentine, Doc Bar, Two Eyed Jack, PlayGun, Peppy San and Joe Quincy. All horses have been halter broke and have been handled since they were young and are mentally and physically ready for their next level in training. Horses will be given to the trainers via a random draw to take place at the ranch on the day of horse pick up.

It is the responsibility of each trainer to pick their horse up at the ranch and it is mandatory to attend horse pick up day as this is a great way to meet the other trainers and receive additional information on the event. Due to the length of time being over 60 days, the Garner family would ask that appropriate training methods based on the nature and age of the horse is the foremost thought in the trainer's minds. We believe in the fundamentals to ensure a solid foundational start for these horses. The time does provide you with the ability to allow horses to rest so that injury and lameness does not occur. Mistreatment of our horses will not be tolerated. To ensure this, regular check ins via videos sent to us will be required by all trainers.

How do I apply? If you are interested in being a part of this great event, please fill out an application form, sign the waiver form, contract, and email it to rhrcoltstartingchallenge@gmail.com by June 8, 2019. For any questions, please contact Melody Garner-Skiba at (403) 894-1005 or by the above email.

Alex Alves, 2017 Grand Champion says:

“Having been part of the RHR Colt Starting Challenge has been a great experience both times. The Garner family is very professional and communication is always easy. We have always said that the RHR Trainers Challenge has been our kick start as it has given us a chance to showcase our abilities in front of many new potential clients. This competition is definitely a must for any up and coming trainer who is looking to grow their business.”

Rocking Heart Ranch Application Form- please fill out and email to rhrcoltstartingchallenge@gmail.com prior to June 8, 2019 to be considered.

Contact and References

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website or Social Media (if applicable) _____

Location where Horses will be stabled and contact information of owner if you do not own the premises,(we will be contacting these individuals for a reference) and please attach a picture to this application: _____

Name of Business (if applicable): _____

References (Please provide 3 references to us which includes a minimum of 2 professional references of either clients, trainers you have worked with, or someone that can speak to your ability with training horses. We hope you understand that we request this as we are trusting you with one of our horses and want to make sure they are going to be safe and handled appropriately)

1. Name: _____ Phone: _____

2. Name: _____ Phone: _____

3. Name: _____ Phone: _____

Personal Information- additional information can be provided via a second sheet if needed.

Tell us a little bit about yourself and why you work with horses: (if chosen, this will be your bio in the catalogue) _____

What are some of your greatest accomplishments with horses: _____

What is your philosophy when it comes to training horses: _____

Why would you like to be a part of this challenge? What do you hope to accomplish by participating? _____

Please email this application in to rhrcoltstartingchallenge@gmail.com by June 8, 2019 accompanied by the signed waiver form, contact, and a picture of yourself. This picture may be used if you are selected for the challenge in the catalogue. You will also need to be available on June 22nd to attend horse pick up at the ranch which is located in Southern Alberta by Waterton Lakes National Park and to compete on challenge day which is September 14th, 2019 at the Midnight Stadium in Fort Macleod, AB.

If you have any questions, please email Melody at rhrcoltstartingchallenge@gmail.com or text them to (403) 894-1005. She will do her best to answer your questions within 24 hours.

Rules and Contract for the Colt Starting Challenge

- Trainers will be responsible for picking up the horse at the ranch (June 22, 2019), bringing it to the challenge in Fort Macleod, riding in the sale that follows, and discussing the horse with the new owner after the sale. The horse will be chosen by the trainer through a random draw on the day of horse pick up.
- Rocking Heart Ranch, its officials, volunteers, and staff assume no liability legal or otherwise for any trainer or people associated with the trainer. A waiver and release of liability form will be required to be completed by each trainer and is attached.
- Each trainer will use their own tack for the training period (Bridles, saddles, halters, etc.) and will care for the horse before and during the Challenge and Sale. Trainers may bring their own freestyle items as long as they are safe and follow the rules of this contract and common sense.
- All horses must be ridden in a snaffle bit.

- No motorized or power type equipment is to be used on the horse or in the arena during the challenge. Side arms and firearms including bows, cap guns, or similar devices are not allowed anywhere on the premise at any time.
- Only the trainer is allowed to ride the horse during the challenge.
- The use of drugs or alcohol during the event is prohibited.
- Trainers will be given 7 minutes to complete a basic reining pattern. Going past the 7-minute mark may result in a reduction in points, which will be at the discretion of the judges.
- The event will be judged by 2 industry-leading judges (TBA).
- Trainers understand that Rocking Heart Ranch Ltd owns the horse under their care before and during the challenge.
- Should a horse get injured, it will be at the discretion of Rocking Heart Ranch Ltd to possibly provide a new horse to the trainer.

Rocking Heart Ranch Ltd promises to:

1. Provide a stall for the event horse.
2. An area (usually in front of the horse stall) for trainers to promote themselves and/or their business.
3. Upon written consent from the trainer, provide the trainers biography on the Rocking Heart Ranch website and in the printed catalogue.
4. Pay \$1000 for the services described in this contract.

I have read and understand the rules as described in this document.

Trainer (Please Print) _____

Trainer Signature: _____

Date of Signature: _____

Waiver and Release of Liability Form

(Assumption of Risks, Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement)

By signing this document you will waive certain legal rights, including the right to sue:

On my behalf and on behalf of any minor children participating in these activities, for who I am legally responsible I agree to the following:

Assumption of Risks

I am aware and understand that activities involving horses involve many risks, dangers and hazards, including but not limited to the following:

- 1) Horses, which are powerful and potentially dangerous animals, may change their behavior at any time and may without warning, jump, run wildly, buck, kick, bite or step on people or things;
- 2) Horses may collide with other horses or objects or trip, stumble, or fall even if being led, ridden or attended to;
- 3) Negligence, which means in general terms, a failure to exercise ordinary or proper care or other riders or my child's own failure to ride safely, within my or my child's ability or within designated areas;

4) Equipment such as horse tack including saddles, bridles, headstalls, lead shanks, and horse shoes may fail; equipment like livestock handling equipment like gates, chutes, tie rails, doors, and horse trailers and accessories may fail. Training aids like cowboy curtains, barrels, whips and other related extreme trail items

might fail.

5) Weather conditions can change and sometimes may be dangerous causing the behavior of the horse and/or the physical conditions like the horses footing to become unstable;

6) I am also aware that the risks, dangers and hazards referred to above exist throughout the trail, stable, barn; arena, practice and other areas and many are unmarked. I understand and acknowledge that no amount of caution, experience or instruction can eliminate all of the risks involved and I freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers and hazards and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage and damages of loss resulting there-from.

Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement

In consideration of the provider providing me or my child with their horse for riding, training, and other services and permitting me or my child's use of their equipment, and other facilities and the Property Owners providing me or my child with the use of their property (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the services"), I hereby agree as follows:

1) TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS that I or my child have or may have in the future against Rocking Heart Ranch Ltd and their directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives and volunteers (all of whom are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "RELEASEES") and to release the Releases from any and all liability for any loss, damage, injury or expense that I or my child may suffer, or that my or my child's next of kin may suffer as a result of mine or my child's use of the Services or due to any cause whatsoever, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE OWNED UNDER THE "OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT" ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES;

2) TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any damage to the property of or personal injury to any third party resulting from mine or my child's use of services;

3) This Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my or my child's heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives in the event of my or my child's death or incapacity;

4) This agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Alberta; and

5) Any litigation involving the parties of this Agreement shall be brought within the Province of Alberta.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS AGREEMENT, AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY CHILD, OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND ASSIGNS MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES

Signed on this _____ day of _____, 20__:

Rider/Trainer or Legal Guardian Signature

Printed Name

Witness Signature: _____

Witness Name: _____