

Continuing Education with Connection Therapy

Course Title: Dr. Janet Jones Presents “Six Neurological Reasons for Horses’ Excellence as Therapy Animals”

Duration: 1 hour

Cost: \$50

Overview:

Dr. Janet Jones is the author of the award-winning book, *Horse Brain, Human Brain: The Neuroscience of Horsemanship*, and the forthcoming book, *A Horse’s World: A Neuroscientist’s Journey into the Equine Mind*.

In this discussion, she will specifically highlight the neurological features that enable horses to excel at therapeutic work with humans.

Program Details:

The biological nature of equine brains makes horses excellent for assisted therapy of many kinds. This talk explores the effects of equine body language, emotional expression, non-automatic categorization, fear response and management, sensitivity to smell, purity of memory, and lack of prefrontal cortex or executive function. These neurological features give the horse a unique ability to help human companions in ways that other animals cannot.

Course Agenda:

- Introductions
- Presentation: **Six Neurological Reasons for Horses’ Excellence as Therapy Animals**
- Group discussion/Q&A

Learning Objectives:

- Attendees will be able to observe and explain the effect of at least one equine characteristic, and how it applies to horses’ participation in therapeutic work with humans
- Attendees will be able to summarize the uniqueness of the horses’ abilities in therapeutic work with humans

Participants:

This program is designed for all participants interested in learning about the neurological features that enhance the relationships between horses and humans. There are no pre-requisites.

Instructor:

Dr. Janet Jones applies brain science to the training of horses and riders. She earned her Ph.D. from UCLA and taught the neuroscience of perception, language, memory, and thought for 23 years. Janet trained horses at a large stable early in her career, and later ran a successful horse training business of her own. She has worked with close to a thousand horses, specializes in green or difficult horses, rides many breeds and disciplines, and has competed in hunter, jumper, halter, western riding, and reining. She employs the principles of basic dressage in all horse sports.

Janet travels all over the world explaining brain-based horsemanship to riders, trainers, veterinarians, farriers, breeders, and equine physiotherapists. She co-teaches large animal behavior at Colorado State University Veterinary School and consults on equine topics with companies such as Disney World and Nissan Motor Corporation. Janet still rides her own horse every day and keeps a few other horses and riders in partial training. Learn more at <https://janet-jones.com>

Course Evaluation and Completion:

Participants will be requested to complete a program evaluation, and will also be able to provide their feedback during and after the course. Participants will receive a certificate of completion for 1 hour of continuing education upon completion of a program evaluation.

Additional Notes:

- Course will be conducted via Zoom. Links and access details will be provided upon registration
- A reliable internet connection, and a device with video and audio capabilities are required

Schedule:

Courses are offered regularly as live, virtual events. Please see connection-therapy.com for schedule and details. In-person events can be arranged. Please contact: info@connection-therapy.com for more information.