

My advice to aspiring Parelli Professionals and Parelli students is to dream BIG. I know it sounds clichéd; however, reaching your goals and not making new ones can slow your progress. My challenge would be to continue upgrading your goals and making sure they are progressive as you grow. This will keep you hungry for more information, and also on a path of

knowing why you're doing what you're doing!

My advice to competitive riders would be to not allow the language of the program to overwhelm you in the beginning. There is a lot of information, and the jargon used in the program can take a little while to get used to. However, there

is a lot of useful information, and a lot of practical, simple exercises you can begin integrating. Competitive riders are doing great things and achieving great results, so they don't need to convert to only doing natural horsemanship, but there are definitely elements that can enhance their training programs.

Taking The Time It Takes, A Makeover



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Many of you might know me as Pat's Personal Assistant, Protégé, 3-Star Parelli Professional and Horse Development Specialist, but first and foremost, I am a horse lover, horsewoman and horse owner, just like you. For the past two years, I have been keeping my eyes open for a personal horse. About one year ago, a young, beautiful mare showed up at Pat's World. She was a reject from a Cutting horse trainer and at the time belonged to a friend of Pat's.

She made quite the first impression, bucking across the Big Top at the Parelli Center in Pagosa Springs... Yes, why exactly did I think that horse should become mine? However, after I got to play with her and ride her a couple of times, I decided that she was a keeper.

I didn't get to spend a whole lot of time with "Catty" then due to the move to Florida and the chase for prize money in order to qualify for the NCHA Cutting World Finals.

It wasn't until the beginning of 2015 that I was finally able to make time to "train" MY horse. So I thought...

Catty, being a left-brained horse with quite some baggage, wasn't having any of that "training." We didn't canter for what felt like an eternity because her only response to my suggestion of going forward was to either buck or run back into the tack room. Any attempt to cross water became quite the circus act with Catty walking on her hind legs to where even just a simple trail ride became a mission impossible.

Slowly but surely, I was able to gain Catty's trust not only on the ground but under saddle as well. Over the course of this year, we established a partnership that was strong enough to where she trusted me to swim across the pond at the Parelli Campus in Florida, participate in the VIP Wild West Cattle Drive and move 700 head of cattle into the National Forest in Colorado, win a Level 3 ribbon in the Parelli Games, be on the Savvy Team bareback and bridleless during the Wednesday night BBQ and campfires, do demos while teaching on Campus and ride her at the beach including cantering through the waves! Taking the



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time it takes, everything the Parelli Program has to offer and some of Pat's Success Coaching helped me to reveal the Super Horse I knew was in there somewhere.

This horse has taught me so much and I can't wait to see how much further we can go!

My goal is to one day take her into the cutting pen and prove not only to her previous trainer but also to the world what a Parelli Foundation can do for YOUR horse! So, trust the process and have fun!

Come experience YOUR horse's Makeover at the Parelli Campus or take advantage of Pat's Success Coaching Program!