A Comprehensive Week of Foal Gentling with Anna February 20th - 25th, 2012 Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary, Tucson, AZ

A once-in-a-life-time experience is coming to us here at Equine Voices! We all know it takes a village to save the lives of the foals and this year everyone came together to fund-raise, ship and take care of 15 foals. 8 foals were gentled by Anna Twinney and her trainer students in CT last November – their foal diary can be seen directly on our website. Never before have we had the opportunity to host a foal gentling course, and who knows if this will be possible again? This truly is a chance of a life-time to be part of unique class not offered anywhere else in the States, coached by a world-renowned horse whisperer! For all those showing interest in helping the foals or wishing to handle them after Anna's departure we HIGHLY recommend you attend this class as a spectator. Watch as the foals transform from feral foals to foals in training. The chance to be part of the EV handling team will depend on personal abilities and experience. It takes extreme skill to gentle foals, being untouched, innocent and influenced, they require experience handlers. This class will assist you in the next step towards your training and you will be recognized for your interest and commitment.

Gentling foals can be some of the most important and rewarding work one will ever do. Working with PMU foals, knowing that they have been saved from an out of business former PMU Canadian farm and given them a new chance for a full and happy life, is more rewarding than one can ever imagine. We want our foals to feel safe, and their experiences with humans to be positive and memorable. These first important lessons stay with them for the rest of their lives and so the training must be done right. Acknowledging the "whisper" is crucial, recognizing the "try" is an art.

And now it's your turn to join Anna for a week of fun, friends and foals. Although the "hands on" portion of this training has been filled, we invite any of you to come for one day or the entire week to watch the foals learn some very important lessons. 20 minutes or 8 hours, the first day is priced at \$75 for any day following the class is priced at \$50, or an AZ special for \$300 for the week. You will be included in the lectures, question & answers, watching demos & gentling, as well as the guest lectures. This week is jammed packed of educational, insightful and inspiring experiences!

You will have the chance to understand, first-hand, the power of compassionate leadership and positive reinforcement while creating the clarity in boundaries and balance.

Learn the same uniquely designed and tested program Anna herself uses to start foals for basic handling!

Join us for an experience that you will never forget, and one that may be a chance in a lifetime. *This class is being offered for the first time, and it is highly recommended for those of you who are interested in spending time with the foals, including mucking their corral in the future.* Each interaction with the horses at the sanctuary, especially those interactions with young foals that are in a critical learning stage must be done correctly in order to give these babies the "right start" on a path toward gentle, trust-based partnership with humans, which will stay with them for a lifetime.

Under Anna's tutelage you will observe students work directly with the foals, and learn how to teach them:

- Halter training acceptance of halter, leading
- Tying (if appropriate)
- Loading
- Picking up feet

- Grooming
- Worming
- Vaccinations
- Blanketing
- Navigating an obstacle course
- Desensitization techniques to plastic bags and other objects
- and more...

By introducing these elements of Basic Handling to these foals, they will be prepared for the best start possible. Horses have a memory for life, and these methods will stay with them for a lifetime.

Auditing fees only \$75/day or \$300/week.

If you would like to audit this clinic, please email us at info@equinevoices.org.