



American Brabant Conformation Clinic
Using Historical Data and Today's Principles
to Assess and Evaluate Working Draft Horses

Learning to develop an 'eye' for a draft horse is the central theme for this conformation clinic being offered by the American Brabant Association. The clinic is open to everyone seeking to expand their knowledge and skill level for the assessment and breeding of quality working draft horses.

Through a series of visual, interactive classroom topics the attendee will learn the foundation for the assessment and evaluation of draft horses. These sessions will be highlighted by actual hands-on live horse assessment, applying generally accepted principles and theories to the live animal.

One of the goals is for the attendee to acquire skills to be objective in their assessment of their own horses, recognizing the qualities and weaknesses, and using this information to selectively breed an animal of higher standards.

The presentations will be made through the use of Powerpoint, Videos, Live Horses and Literature Designed for Take Home.

Instructor - Wayne G. Hipsley, BSc, MSc
Lexington, Kentucky

Dates October 17-18, 2024 [Thursday-Friday]

Location Indian Creek Historical Society & Museum
Hastings, IA

Cost

If registered* By October 1, 2024 ABA Members \$50; non-Members \$75
After October 1, 2024 ABA Members \$75; non-Members \$100

Lunch available for purchase (at time of registration) \$12 per day

Lodging Primitive Dry Camping available on the grounds

Hotels/Motels can be reserved in nearby towns:

Hotel Arthur in Glenwood, IA; Rodeway Inn in Red Oak IA; Many options in Council Bluffs IA; Quality Inn, Tall Corn Inn & Shenandoah Inn & Suites, in Shenandoah IA;

Questions? Contact Dave Mires, ABA Director
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***Register** by sending name, phone number, email address, number of lunches and fees
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or Use PayPal account ABAOffice@americanbrabant.org
?? ABA breed standard... CPL as factor in breeding decisions

Conformation Clinic Agenda

Thursday, October 17, 2024

7:30- 8:00am Check-in Registration
8:00am - 10:00 Morning Presentation -
 History of Draft Breeds
 Development of Standards for Breeds
 Fundamentals of Structure and Soundness
10:00 to 10:15 Mid-Morning Break - Refreshments
10:15 to 12(Noon)
 Fundamentals of Conformation and Draft
12 - 1:30pm Lunch - Special Presentations
1:30pm to 3:00pm -
 Development of Assessment Systems - Understand What You See
 For Conformation - Longevity
 For Movement - Show vs Work
3:00 to 3:15p Mid-Afternoon Break - Refreshments
3:15pm to 5:00pm
 Live Horse Assessment
5:00pm End Day
Dinner On Your Own

Friday, October 18, 2024

8:00am - 10:00 Morning Presentation -
 Brief Review
 Using Performance for Breeding Selection
 Proficiency of Draft Testing - What Does It Mean
 Evaluating Performance
10:00 to 10:15 Mid-Morning Break - Refreshments
10:15 to 12(Noon)
 Trainability vs Functional Ability
12 - 1:00pm - Lunch
1:00pm to 3:00pm
 Live Horse Demonstration and Assessment
3:00pm to 3:30pm
 Closing, Wrap-up

Wayne G Hipsley, BSc, MSc
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Wayne has a life-time experience in evaluating and selecting horses through different formats, from the traditional horse show ring to licensing and keuring for studbook approvals. As a former University Professor teaching in the field of Equine Studies, he has taken his practical knowledge of working with horses to a higher level by applying today's knowledge to long standing theories and principles of horsemanship.



He enjoys sharing with adult learners who want to increase their personal knowledge, helping them to become better horsemen and horsewomen. So, during his presentations he is able to bring his diverse horse background to a realistic common sense approach to teaching.

Some of his accomplishments include:

- Served as a seminar instructor for the training of evaluators and judges for over 30 years.
- Developed HAPS©, Horse Anatomical Position Score, method for assigning values to conformation and movement to assist in the assessment.
- Worked with various breed associations in the development of breed standards and linear scoring systems for the purpose of breed improvement
- Written manuals for the assessment and evaluation of horses for circulation in many English speaking countries.
- Judged draft horses along with many different breeds of horses all over the world, which includes 17 foreign countries.
- Bachelor of Science in Animal Husbandry from the University of Tennessee; Masters of Science in Animal Physiology from the University of Connecticut.
- Licensed horse show judge for 48 years with the United States Equestrian Federation and many others in the United States.
- Worked as a breed association administrator and consultant for a wide range of topics.
- Serves on breed association committees in a variety of roles from development of show rules, education and testing of judges, licensing of judges.
- Written co-operative extension publications on horse judging for youth
- Coached intercollegiate horse judging the teams at the University of Massachusetts and University of Connecticut

He grew up on a farm in Maryland where he had the opportunity to learn first-hand about the care and management of horses.