

Lupita's Training Progress

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We had a rough start in the beginning. Trust issues on Lupita's part, weakness issues behind, feet issues and heat cycle problems, but that is all smoothed out. I've trained more than a 1,000 horses and I can tell you she is in the top 5 for the most challenging! This is not a horse for just any trainer or rider. She is very sensitive and requires very clear direction and incredibly sensitive hands. Personally I love that about her. She asks a lot of questions, and you better know that answers followed by clear direction!

I cannot say enough good things about this mare. When her training is finished, she will be absolutely incredible! Unstoppable!! The best partner ever!

I started with Halter less Liberty work. I wanted to make a clear connection with her, a bonding one that says "it's so much better to be with me"!

She's like glue to me now.

We are long lining, lunging on a loose line, doing pony work and riding with other horses, working in hand (a lot), and under saddle. You can mount her from the ground or a mounting block. We are doing nothing but walk and trot work, and teaching her to ride "on the bit in self carriage". This is a must in my training. Her stops are great. I will not start her in the canter until I think she is ready. I want no holes in my training. I don't work that way. With a horse like Lupita 100 days is not long enough to lay a really good foundation.

She understands bend, and the function of the outside rein. We have started shoulder in's under saddle which has strengthened her hind end considerably. She has no problem with any of the obstacles. She now self-loads in my two horse straight load. Every day I take her to the indoor arena, and she loves to go in the trailer.

Soon we will start doing some riding outside arena walls.

She ties and cross ties, has no problem with you picking up her feet. I had the farrier put front shoes on her. No problem! She thanked me for that one. Her toes were so short, they hurt. Lupita loves a nice warm bubble bath. She also has integrated well into our herd and can be turned out with all the horses in our big pasture.

I have to say she has become a bit of a princess! She likes her warm cozy stall with deep shavings. Loves her 2 big scoops of Total Equine too!

I love this mare. She will be hard to give up. I have a few friends interested in bidding on her. She needs the right home.