

Trainer Update on Pima by Zia Reata

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With Pima, it was instant. As soon as I laid eyes on her I knew she was the one. We were 3 weeks behind but didn't lose a beat. I got on her, bare back, in the round pen on our first day. She's little, narrow and incredibly sure footed. When we went on our first real adventure (checking fence) she finally understood what all this is about. We were first just trotting along then eventually she started picking up a canter (soooooo incredibly smooth) and how happy she was. Her strides getting longer, her breathing in and snorting out that fresh mountain air. Finally I can stretch out!!!!

Her learning curve is extremely steep which is great but it can fall quickly into anticipation and antsy behavior. She never bucked with me we had one little rear but that was more my fault than hers. As of now we are working horses, cows and taking dudes on rides. She's taking well to the rope. Her true talent lies in rough terrain. No obstacle is too scary, no trail too narrow, no water too deep and no mountain too steep. Since I have a background in Eventing, I started jumping her over a couple fences. Like flying!

After bringing the herd in today (on Pima) and feeding them we ran them back out. She did so good and I couldn't help myself but to untack her, right there by the (80 acre) pasture and letting her run with the herd. Those moments I will always live for. Letting her go will be hard. I hope whoever buys her can give her a piece of this.