



Therapeutic Riding and Driving

<http://www.pathintl.org/>

Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH)

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PATH members, instructors and centers serve participants of all ages and with a range of physical, emotional, behavioral and cognitive challenges. The organization and its members have developed a variety of different equine-related activities for therapeutic purposes, collectively known as equine-assisted activities and therapies (or EAAT). Besides horseback riding, EAAT also includes therapeutic carriage driving; interactive vaulting, which is similar to gymnastics on horseback; equine-facilitated learning and mental health, which use the horse as a partner in cognitive and behavioral therapy, usually with the participation of a licensed therapist; ground work and stable management. PATH's Equine Services for Heroes (formerly Horses for Heroes) is a program that uses a variety of EAAT disciplines specifically to help war veterans and military personnel. PATH certifies instructors and riding centers in therapeutic riding, driving and vaulting in the United States.

<http://www.americanhippotherapyassociation.org/>

American Hippotherapy Association (AHA)

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Ft. Collins, CO 80522

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AHA promotes the use of the movement of the horse as a treatment strategy in physical, occupational and speech therapy sessions for people living with disabilities. The site has information on hippotherapy and lists member therapists and facilities.

<http://www.usdfd.org/>

United States Driving for the Disabled (USDFD)

1354 Ray Rd.

Fenton, MI 48430

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USDFD exists to help drivers, instructors, and centers involved in disabled driving. The organization provides training for drivers and instructors at its national headquarters.

<http://www.cantra.ca/>

Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association (CanTRA)

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Guelph, ON N1H 6J2

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CanTRA promotes therapeutic riding for children and adults with disabilities throughout Canada. The organization acts as a resource for its members through certification, education and insurance. Local member centers offer programs such as hippotherapy, equine facilitated mental health, and therapeutic riding to provide socialization, recreation, interaction of clients and horses, and the care and training of the horse. Many also provide life skills training, rehabilitation and employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

<http://www.riding-for-disabled.org.uk/>

Riding for the Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving (RDA)

Norfolk House

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Edgehill Drive

Warwick, UK

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RDA represents and provides support to over 500 member groups which help people take part in riding, carriage driving and vaulting activities. RDA groups work across the spectrum of disabilities, age range, social status and urban and rural environments to ensure that each individual has the chance to derive a direct therapeutic benefit and the opportunity to achieve personal goals. The site lists contact information for member groups and has information on the disciplines of riding, carriage driving, vaulting, dressage, polo and show jumping.

<http://www.frdi.net/>

HETI (Federation of Horses in Education and Therapy International)

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Damariscotta, ME 04543

Email: office@hetifederation.org

HETI facilitates worldwide collaboration between organizations and individuals offering equine assisted activities. The site lists contact information for members in 46 countries. HETI was founded as a non-profit in 1980 in Belgium.

<http://freedomrider.com/>

Freedom Rider Tack Shop

5225 Tudor Ct

Naples, FL 34112

Phone: 888-253-8811 (Toll-free)

Freedom Rider offers a catalog of products for therapeutic riding.

<http://www.courbette.com/Catalog/accessories/therapeuticequipment.html>

Courbette Saddlery Co.: Therapeutic Equipment

This page has information on Courbette's products which were developed for therapeutic riding programs for disabled equestrians.

<http://www.fei.org/>

Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI)

HM King Hussein I Building

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1006 Lausanne

Switzerland

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FEI's primary mission is to advance the orderly growth of equestrian sport worldwide by promoting, regulating and administering humane and sportsmanlike international competition in the traditional equestrian disciplines. Its site lists information on 22 disciplines for people with disabilities: para-equestrian dressage, para-equestrian driving.

<http://www.usef.org>

U.S. Equestrian Federation (USEF)

4047 Iron Works Parkway

Lexington, KY 40511

Phone: 859-258-2472

PO Box 83

Gladstone, NJ 07934-2053

Phone: 908-234-0848

The USEF is the national governing board of equestrian sports in the U.S. It sets rules for para-equestrian events in the U.S. and chooses the Paralympic team.

<http://uspea.org/>

U.S. Para-Equestrian Federation

The USPEA, an affiliate of the United States Equestrian Federation, provides programs, clinics, and competition opportunities for athletes with physical disabilities.

<http://www.nchpad.org/260/1676/Therapeutic~Riding~for~Children~with~Disabilities>

National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability: Therapeutic Riding for Children with Disabilities

This fact sheet has information on therapeutic riding and hippotherapy and includes videos of a girl with a congenital arm disability.

Internet Discussion Forums

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/therapeuticriding/>

Yahoo! Groups: Therapeutic Riding Exchange

This group provides an opportunity to exchange ideas, ask questions, and learn more about therapeutic riding for the disabled.

Streaming Video

The following streaming video from the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation can be viewed for free at www.paralysis.org. To view, click *See All Videos* on the top, then click the *Paralysis Resource Center* tab and scroll through the videos listed on the right.

- **Therapeutic Horseback Riding**
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The following books and videos are available for free loan from the PRC library. For more information, please visit the online catalog at: <http://www1.youseemore.com/ReevePRC/default.asp>

Books

- Britton, Vanessa. **Riding for the Disabled**. London: B.T. Batsford, Ltd., 1991.
- Caulkett, Lynne M. **Big Smiles, Small Miracles**. Montgomery, AL: E-BookTime, 2006.
- Engel, Barbara Teichmann, et al. **The Horse, the Handicapped, and the Riding Team in a Therapeutic Riding Program: A Training Manual for Volunteers**. Durango, CO: Barbara Engel Therapy Services, 1989.
- Engel, Barbara Teichmann. **Rehabilitation with the Aid of a Horse: A Collection of Studies**. Durango, CO: Barbara Engel Therapy Services, 1997.
- Engel, Barbara Teichmann. **Therapeutic Riding I: Strategies for Instruction Book 1 and 2**. Durango, CO: Barbara Engel Therapy Services, 1998. (2 volumes)

- Engel, Barbara Teichmann. **Therapeutic Riding II: Strategies for Rehabilitation**. Durango, CO: Barbara Engel Therapy Services, 2000.
- **Home Study Guide for Therapeutic Riding Instructors, Books 1 and 2**. Lulu.com, 2008.
Strides Therapeutic Riding Centers, Inc. in Tarzana, California, receives the proceeds from the sale of this book.
- Kidd, Pennie. **Cobbles Meadow: A Story of Riding With the Disabled**. London: Buckland Publications, 1995.
Kidd recounts her riding with multiple sclerosis and competing in disabled riding.
- Lincoln, Jerri. **Exercises for Therapeutic Riding**. Durango, CO: Ralston Store Publishing, 2010.
Exercises for the person with disabilities to do while mounted.
- Scott, Naomi. **Special Needs, Special Horses: A Guide to the Benefits Of Therapeutic Riding**. Denton, TX: University of North Texas Press, 2005.
- Weber, Peggy C. **The Effect of Therapeutic Horseback Riding on Self-Esteem of Children with Disabilities**. Ann Arbor, MI: UMI, 2005.
Dissertation - University of Utah.
- Wysocky, Lisa. **Therapy Horse Selection: A My Horse, My Partner Book**. Nashville, Tenn.: Fura Books, 2014.

Children's Books

- Anderson, Peggy Perry. **We Go in a Circle**. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co. 2004.
An injured race horse is rehabilitated to carry riders in hippotherapy (horseback riding used as physical therapy).
- Betancourt, Jeanne. **He's My Pony!** (Pony Pals series). New York: Scholastic, Inc., 2001.
Anna lends her pony Acorn to a riding program for the disabled. Christine has cerebral palsy.
- Brodsky, Kathy. **A Horse Named Special**. Helpingwords, 2012. Written for ages 3-9.
Special is a former race horse who was injured and is now a therapeutic riding horse.
- Bryant, Bonnie. **Riding Class**. (The Saddle Club series #52). New York: Skylark Book, 1996.
Emily has cerebral palsy and the Saddle Club girls help her learn how to ride.

- Doskotch-Carlson, Elizabeth. **I Am Sam: A Therapeutic Riding Horse.** www.freedomhorsefarmllc.com 2011.
Sam is a former race horse who becomes a therapeutic riding horse.
- Dukehart, Sybil K. **Happy Birthday!** Georgetown, KY: United States Driving for the Disabled.
Rosalie is a wheelchair user who gets a pony for her birthday.
- Dukehart, Sybil K. **Pony Tails.** Georgetown, KY: United States Driving for the Disabled, 1998.
Pony Tails has 3 different stories about Rosalie who is paralyzed in a car accident and learns to drive a horse carriage.
- Hohmann, Nancy. **Games for All Seasons: Designed for Use in Therapeutic Riding Lessons.** Norway, Maine: Roadapple Press, 2012.
- Nichols, Catherine. **Therapy Horses.** New York: Bearport Publishing, 2007.
- O'Brien, Susan. **Riding for the Gold, Naturally: Lauren Barwick's Incredible Journey.** 2011.
Barwick became a paraplegic at the age of 22. She took up adaptive riding and won the gold medal for Canada in dressage at the 2008 Paralympics.
- Presnall, Judith Janda. **Horse Therapists.** (Animals with Jobs series). San Diego, CA: KidHaven Press, 2002.
Describes the various aspects of therapeutic riding and hippotherapy.
- Springer, Nancy. **Colt.** New York: Puffin Books, 1991.
Colt is a young boy who has always been in a wheelchair due to spina bifida. His mom signs him up for a riding program which changes his thinking.
- Tayler, Deborah A. **Hippotherapy: A Trudie Small Book Series on Children's Health Matters.** Kansas City, MO: Deborah A. Tayler, 2004.
- Tuorto, Diana. **Janie's New Legs.** Diana Tuorto, 2008.
Covers ten years in the relationship of Janie, a young, paralyzed girl and her therapy horse Silver.
- Yeatman, Linda. **Pickles.** Hauppauge, NY: Barron's Educational Series, 1988.
Sarah owns Pickles and then becomes disabled in an accident. She starts driving Pickles in competition after that.

Videos

- **Ability, Not Disability.** Alameda, CA: Latham Foundation for the Promotion of Humane Education. Distributed by Freedom Rider www.freedomrider.com
Documentary visits the Cheff Center for the Handicapped near Battle Creek, Michigan.
- **Alternatives to Backriding.** Woodside, CA: National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy. (15 minutes, 42 seconds)
- **Equine Assisted Therapy: Helping Build Self-Esteem and Confidence.** Sherborn, MA: Aquarius Health Care Videos, 2004. (30 minutes)
- **Every Time...Every Ride.** Puyallup, WA: Washington State 4-H Foundation. Distributed by Freedom Rider www.freedomrider.com
Head injury prevention through helmet use.
- **The Hippotherapy Horse.** Woodside, CA: National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy. (18 minutes, 31 seconds)
- **More Than Horseplay.** Boston: Fanlight Productions, 2008. DVD. (27 minutes)
Three children with cerebral palsy participate in hippotherapy.
- **Program Safety & Emergency Procedures.** Woodside, CA: National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy.
- **The Therapy Horse: Moods, Behaviors, & Instinctive Responses.** Woodside, CA: National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy. (8 minutes, 48 seconds)
- **Volunteering at a Therapeutic Riding Center.** Allentown, NJ: Horseback Riding for the Handicapped of NJ, 2002. DVD. (24 minutes) www.hrhofnj.org

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