As I indicated, I am new to blogging, but am excited to learn more so that we can share our enthusiasm for horses. I hope you are too.

I have sent you the information on how to access the blog I made for you, and the **minimum requirements** for blog entries. (These are also on the blogs, and the Moodle page). However, I have not given much guidance in the "how-to" department. For more help, read through this explanation and refer to the "screenshots".
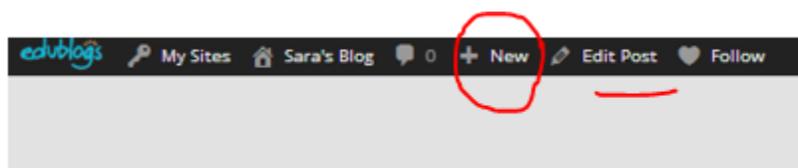
How to start:

Use the username and password I sent you in my introductory email to access blogs.

To start it would be a good idea to go to the "Kerpan's Course Corral" Blog site and check out the "about" tab and then the "module 1" tab that can be found across the top of the home page.

You can access information on the "Kerpan's Course Corral" blog, but do not post there unless prompted to comment. For example, there is info and instructions on each of the tabs across the top of the page, but make all posts on your own blog.

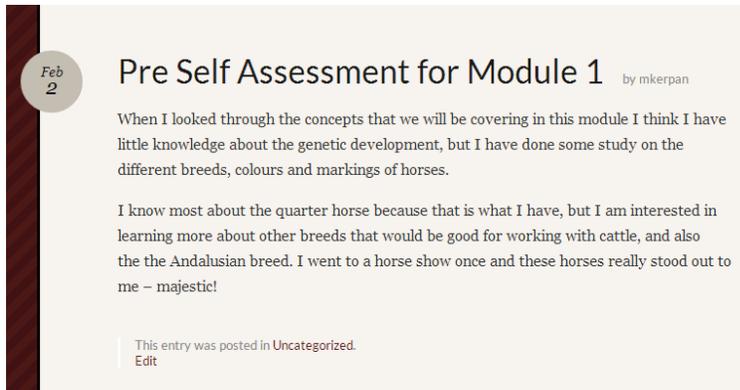You can add a post on your blog by clicking on the +New at the top left.

Posting for Self Assessment

You need to post at the beginning and end of each module as a form of self assessment. You could title these posts clearly to differentiate them from others you may choose to include (see rubric).

For example, "Pre Module 1 Self Assessment" "Post Module 1 Self Assessment"

This could be an example of a Pre Module Post.

> **Feb 2**
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> **Pre Self Assessment for Module 1** by mkerpan
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> When I looked through the concepts that we will be covering in this module I think I have little knowledge about the genetic development, but I have done some study on the different breeds, colours and markings of horses.
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> I know most about the quarter horse because that is what I have, but I am interested in learning more about other breeds that would be good for working with cattle, and also the the Andalusian breed. I went to a horse show once and these horses really stood out to me – majestic!
>
> This entry was posted in Uncategorized.
> Edit

For the post self-assessment you would want to take into consideration the questions that are on the main page under the Module Tab.

> **After completing the module**, post a reflection. You may want to consider some of the following prompts:
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> - Identify one important concept, research finding, theory, or idea that you learned while completing this module.
> - Why do you believe that the ideas and information in this module are important?
> - What question(s) has the module raised for you? What are you still wondering about?
> - Assess your understanding of the overall module. Explain.
> - List terms from this module that have been confusing to you or that you learned and will use in your vocabulary.
> - What aspects of the module have you enjoyed the most?
> - How has your understanding of the operations and care of equine changed as you completed this module? Explain.
> - What learnings from this module can you apply to your own situation? Explain.
> - Which of the terms common to equine and used in this module are you most familiar with? Which are you least familiar with?

Check out the rubric posted there as well.

Posting to Another Student's Blog for Networking

In order to use this tool as a way to communicate with and learn from each other you also need to comment on at least one other student's blog.

When you comment on their blog, you must also copy the url of that comment and paste it as a post on your own blog so that I have a record of it that I can access efficiently. It is similar to citing your reference.

I will explain further.

Student blogs are listed down the right side of the class page.

In order to comment on another student's post, click on their blog, then click on the title of the post you want to comment on (in the example that would be "About Me")

A box will appear that says "Leave a Reply". Type your comment in (respectfully) and hit "Post Comment". (The student may need to approve your postings.)

Copying Your Comment Post to Your Own Blog

Go to the top of the web page you are commenting on and copy the url of your comment and then go back to your own blog and paste the url as proof that you did this.

http://sarai2015.edublogs.org/2015/02/02/about-me/#comment-2

You could title your post "Required comment for Module 1"

This way all of your work is in one place and I don't have to search everyone's blog to see that you posted on someone's. This will allow me a clear, organized way to assess that you have met the minimum requirements for your blog.

It would also be a good idea to keep a list of the student blogs that you have added a comment post to.

NOTE:

I did mention that you can personalize the "theme" or overall look of your page and add pictures, links etc. You do not have to do this, so I won't go into detail about how to do this. You can use the support on the site or You Tube information if you wish.