

DKQHA virtual western clinic 2021

In short, about the event:

Where: All video- and clinic material will be available on a virtual platform from the 19th to the 23rd of July. The 23rd of July at 20:00/8 pm a live Q&A session will take place.

Who: Our clinician is AQHA judge and trainer Karen Graham of Arizona, USA.

What does it cost: It is free! However, AQHA membership is required.

What is is about: The main theme is "both sides of the show pen". There is three subtopics: halter/confirmation, horsemanship and trail. Karen contributes partly with perspectives as a judge: mistakes that she often sees in the show pen, as well as perspectives as trainer: how do you correct these mistakes?

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About our clinician, Karen Graham

Our clinician is AQHA judge and trainer Karen Graham of Arizona, USA. Karen was in 2019 awarded as the “AQHA professional horseman of the year” and is very acknowledged as judge and trainer. Karen has had the title as “AQHA professional horseman” since 1994 and is specialized in equitation- and all-round horses. She has won, trained and coached multiple world champions, reserve world champions and congress champion. Karen has been an AQHA judge since 1996, and she has among others judged the World Show, the Youth World Show, the Select world show and the American Quarter Horse Congress. Thus, Karen has unique insights and perspectives to shows, partly as judge and partly as trainer.



What are the practicalities of the event?

Participants sign up with the entry form on our webpage. At latest the 19th of July all participants will receive a link to the virtual learning platform where the clinic takes place. Subsequently the participants can watch the material (1-1,5 hours of material) whenever it suits them the best. You can watch the material as many times as you want. You can watch only 1 or 2 of the disciplines, if you do not have interest in all three topics. You can also participate even if you cannot participate in the live Q&A session.

The 23rd of July at 20:00/8 pm the virtual live Q&A will take place with Karen Graham. Participants can ask supplementary and detailed questions to the material and present her with specific examples of issues that they experience in their own training or/and showing.

How much does it cost and who can participate?

It is free of charge if you are a member of AQHA. Since the event is funded by AQHA, it is mandatory for participants to hold an activate AQHA membership. If you are not a current

member of AQHA, you can buy a membership at latest the 12th of July. You can become a member on AQHA's webpage: www.aqha.com

What is the theme and topic of the clinic?

The main theme of the clinic is "both sides of the show pen". Based on three separate disciplines; halter, horsemanship and trail, Karen will provide the participants with specific tips on how to improve your performance at shows. Karen will explain some of the most widespread mistakes and penalties in the show pen, and give examples on exercises to perform at home, to improve your performance at shows.

We have all heard about how a nice seat is important in the horsemanship classes. But which specific exercises can you do to improve your seat?

Many exhibitors enjoy competing in the halter. But how can you train at home, to prepare your horse for a good performance in the halter class?

A trail class consist of many maneuvers. But which maneuver is the most underestimated?

How can you become an expert in this maneuver and impress the judge at a horse show?

It is questions like these that will be answered at the virtual clinic.