

APPLICATION FORM

If you would like to take part in a Think Equus course, please complete this form and send it to:

**Think Equus, Ambergate Barn,
PO Box 230, Kidlington, Oxon OX5 2TU**

On application you must include a deposit (50% of the course fee). Cheques payable to **Michael Peace**. The balance is due on the morning of the first day of the course.

Please enrol me on the... (tick one)

- Starting Young Horses Course
- Think Equus Foundation Course

to be held on (date) at **Ambergate Barn**

Name

Address.....

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.....Postcode.....

Tel (day).....

Tel (eves)

Signed.....Date.....

- I enclose a deposit for 50% of the course fee.
Deposits can only be returned if participants cancel, in writing, no less than 28 days before the course commences
- I have read and understood the terms and conditions of the Think Equus courses – see separate information sheet



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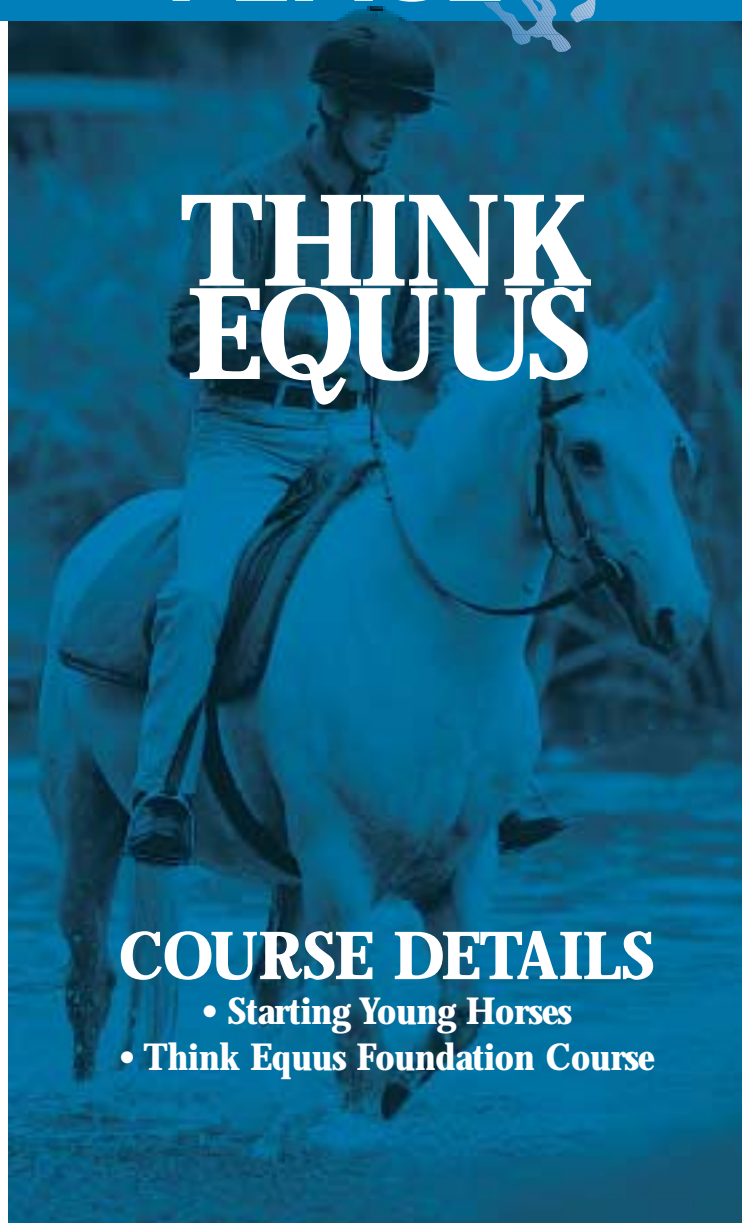
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STARTING YOUNG HORSES



FOUNDATION COURSE



IF YOU'RE THE OWNER of a young horse you are probably wondering how to give him the best possible start. The type and quality of education your horse receives in his early years will influence his behaviour in later life. Get it right and you'll have a happy, balanced horse – get it wrong and you could end up with a stressed, possibly dangerous animal.

The vast array of training methods can be confusing. Do you send your horse away to be started or try doing it yourself? The answer's simple: let yourself be guided by equine behaviour expert and pioneer of the Think Equus approach, Michael Peace, and take advantage of his Starting Young Horses Course.

You and your horse can share in the Think Equus experience. Your horse will spend 16 days at Michael's Oxfordshire-based yard, while you join in his education programme, taking part in a six-day course spread over three weekends.

STARTING YOUNG HORSES COURSE ITINERARY...

1ST WEEKEND

You will gain an understanding of the Think Equus philosophy – teaching people to think like horses and vice versa – and the principles that apply to a riding horse's early education.

This includes...

- **Gaining your horse's respect and attention**
- **Mouthing**
- **Preparing your horse to accept tack and other equipment**

For the next five days Michael will consolidate the weekend's work. By the end of this week your horse will happily accept a saddle and bridle.

2ND WEEKEND

Your understanding of the Think Equus philosophy will progress to how the approach applies to the development of your horse's mouth through long-lining exercises. Some horses may be introduced to their first rider towards the end of this weekend. Over the next five days any remaining youngsters will be introduced to their first rider.

3RD WEEKEND

The aim of this weekend is to introduce you to riding your horse. You will learn how he moves and how to associate your aids with their respective movements. You will also begin to understand the Think Equus approach to riding young horses and how this helps to build confidence.

FURTHER EDUCATION

All horses will have the option to stay for the following seven days to develop their ridden education further. By the end of this week your horse will have accepted a rider and will comfortably walk, trot and canter, moving smoothly through transitions. Michael will then advise a programme of continuation for each individual partnership.

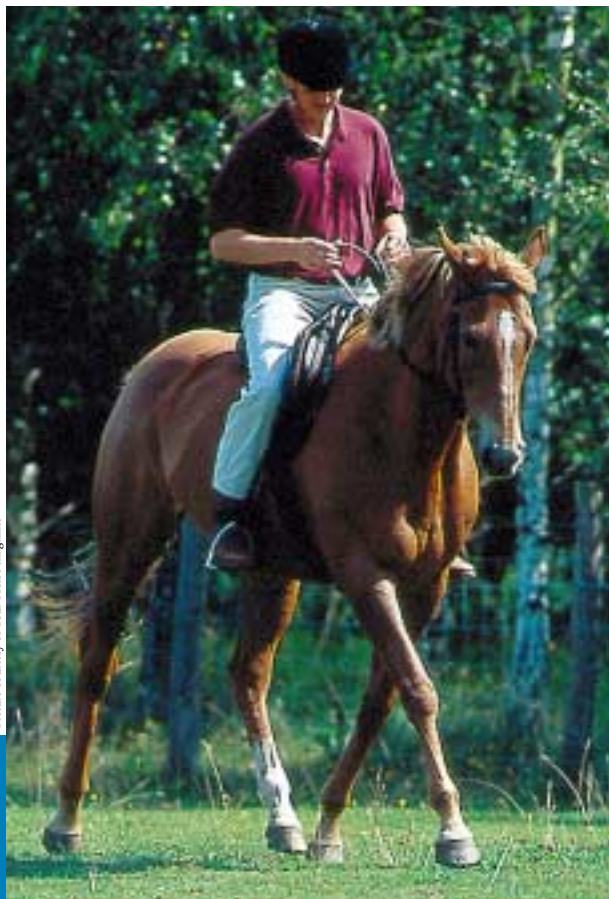
DOES YOUR HORSE BARGE you out of the way? Does he kick out when you try to pick his feet up? Does he nip? Does he throw his head up when you touch his ears? Does he refuse to be clipped or ignore your commands?



If any of this sounds familiar then chances are it's chipping away at your enjoyment of horse owning. Michael's Think Equus Foundation Course is designed to re-establish a balanced relationship between horse and rider so you can enjoy your time together once again.

The two-day course for both you and your horse (your horse will stay at Michael's Oxfordshire-based yard) covers aspects of equine behaviour, horse psychology and, most importantly, the principles behind Michael's Think Equus philosophy.

Ideal for those of you who feel things could be better between you and your horse, by the end of the course you will know exactly how to maintain the relationship. You will be aware of the reasons behind your horse's behaviour and better able to prevent problems in the future.



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