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To Whom It May Concern:

I first met Susan Arndt in the Spring of 1994. I purchased a 9 year old grey Arabian gelding through her. She was rehabilitating the horse from a run-away experience with a 16 year old boy. The first time my husband and I saw "Suazee" be turned loose in a large arena and strut his stuff with his white tail pluming and his neck arched tall, we fell in love. We did not care about his running away with his previous owner nor did we consider the challenges that lay ahead. We bought the horse and went down the road. My oldest son had a terminal illness and this was to be my therapy project. My son lived 3 more months, but 6 years and many tears and frustrations later, Suazee is still with me.

September of 1999 Susan and I met again. Suazee and I had taken Dressage lessons for a few years and had recently switched to Western style because of my arthritic knees. Unfortunately Suazee and I made the usual tour of stable boarding in our area and the last move proved to be costly but prophetic. Suazee suffered a cut on his face while at the hands of an old cowboy friend trying to teach Suazee trailering. I called Susan for help.

Suazee is now boarded at a small privately owned barn which adjoins Susan's property. During the past 6 months of training under Susan Suazee has overcome his trailering fears and I have regained the confidence in handling a horse that I had as a youngster.

Susan is very professional in her demeanor as a trainer/teacher but more importantly, she is sensitive and kind to her students of all ages and species. I say this as a 56 year old grandmother who has the opportunity to observe Susan on a daily and impromptu basis as she interacts with children, adults, and horses of all temperaments and abilities. When I first began my experience under Susan last fall Suazee had just begun to exhibit pinning his ears and bucking at the lope. Susan quickly and correctly evaluated the problem. After getting rid of an ill fitting saddle, 2 chiropractic adjustments to his spine and poll areas, Suazee is now loping freely. During the process I questioned the saddle fitting and Susan respectfully allowed me to work through the lesson while I learned she was right.

Suazee and I are currently learning reining techniques in preparation for reining class competition. It took me 5 years to succumb to heavy hands on a Pelham bit, however, with direction from Susan Suazee and I are successfully "giving to the bit" with a snaffle and a light hand. As soon as the new saddle arrives Suazee will be going to the shows. Susan has taught me more in 6 months than all of the other instructors I have had the past 6 years combined--this includes an internationally known Dressage clinician. The proof is a happy horse who is performing as asked under saddle with a rider who feels safe.

With appreciation and respect for Susan Arndt's career as
trainer/instructor/clinician.....

Submitted by,


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