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LETTER FROM CRAIG

Lighter, Quieter, and Softer

As the new year is starting off, let's all resolve to make an effort to improve our horsemanship and hone our skills to be lighter, quieter and softer. For the new year, we will make a conscientious attempt to pick up the reins, apply our legs, use our seat, engage our spurs slower, lighter, and softer every time. If you use your cues quieter, notice if the horse responds even better. If we are lighter, quieter and softer, I think our horses will be the same. This style of horsemanship offers the horse the best deal. If he doesn't respond when you're light and soft, then it's ok to use a little more firmness, but use the firmness where it has a learning and a positive effect; use firmness in a way that allows you to get back to softness.

In our attempt to improve, this renewed resolve should include every part of our daily routine that we should not take for granted, such as catching our horses, handling our horses, haltering, bridling, cinching, mounting, trailer loading, picking up their feet... In other words, let's do all things in a respectful way, creating a willing and want-to attitude, ending in a positive result.

Remember, the horse truly seeks the level of the rider, so be the change you want your horse to be.

Keep riding like a champion!

Your friend,

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Q&A

QUESTION: Do you ever mount from the offside?

ANSWER: I think mounting from the offside - which means the right side, or some people call it the "Indian Side" - keeps your horse more balanced. When you mount on the right side, you're asking the horse to accept something new, to use his right eye, to use the other side of his brain.

This is what makes him better and keeps him balanced. And, besides, you never know when you might be forced to mount or dismount on the right.

The will to succeed is no good without the will to prepare. So working both sides of your horse, on the ground, on his back, mounting &

dismounting, catching, saddling, haltering, makes you a better hand and makes your horse more well rounded and better balanced.

I recommend practicing on a gentle horse when you're first starting to develop your own feel and coordination.

-Craig

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Sincerely,

Craig Cameron & the Ride Smart Team

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