

ARENA – STEP 5

Go Between, Under, and Over

Direct your horse in between obstacles, under obstacles and over obstacles. Every horse and human pair accomplishes this step differently and is a great opportunity to use all of the skills gathered in previous steps. Step number five can be YOUR presentation on what you have learned about handling horses. Always remember to be firm and have fun.

When taking your horse between, under and over obstacles in a natural and nice manner, remember that horses can sometimes become nervous when doing new tasks. If this is true of your horse remain calm, speak to in in a firm but friendly voice. Allow him to have a moment to think about the new task at hand and become comfortable in his surroundings. Then redirect your Focus and drive him with perfection as learned in step three.

Please note: the girls in our videos do not have their hands closed firmly on the line, rather they have a loose grip with the thumb only and have their fingers open so they can drop the lead if the horse wants to run away. When holding the line one third of the line belongs to the horse, one third to the human and one third drags on the ground. The part hanging on the ground is related to another horse's tail in the horses mind.