

James was started just before he turned 3. He has always been a pushy, dominant type of horse, with biting and the odd rear in hand his favourite way of showing that he knows his size and strength. He did have times where he would work beautifully, but this was also coupled with a constant niggling dislike for having his feet handled, pulling in hand, and constantly wanting something in his mouth.

His history since being started was very up and down, as he seems to be an injury-prone horse that manages to render himself unable to work quite often. His most recent injury was a torn ligament that saw him ordered to have at least 5 months out of work, and now at age 5 and 17hh he had no idea how to concentrate and learn.

So it was at this point that I decided to take him on a holiday with me to bring him back into work and treat him as a total re-start. I knew myself to be too inexperienced with young/difficult horses to tackle this alone, so I emailed around trying to find the right person to help me and James. I'd had a fair bit of negative feedback about the horse, but was determined not to give up on him. I knew that I just had to find the right person. When I first emailed Kate, I could not have imagined what a wonderful gift discovering her would be.

In the 3 weeks that Kate worked with my horse, she accomplished more with him than had been done in the 3 previous years. But more importantly, Kate was calm, firm, kind and positive, and James was finally learning how to learn and concentrate for more than 5 seconds. Kate made it fun and rewarding enough that my nutty, bitey, immature horse finally found a motivator to want to work and listen, whilst never being hurt or frightened - 2 motivators that sadly are still far too widely used by many others in the horse industry.

I cannot recommend Kate highly enough. She taught me a great deal through her successful dealings with my horse, and gave me clear goals and lessons/exercises to help me progress with him in small blocks that he could deal with. Kate has given me a new confidence and positive outlook to deal with a horse that others told me was too difficult and "nasty".

Thank you so very much, Kate. I will certainly be back to Kandoo Equine for clinics to help me and James continue to progress together.

Warmest regards,
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