

In over 20 years of riding I've been fortunate enough to have taken lessons and attend dressage clinics with many different instructors, including some well known names in the UK and America. For over 10 years I lived in Nashville, Tennessee where I had my own horses - and it was for here, in the back lanes of Kentucky, just 30 minutes from my home, that I discovered the amazing Ed Rothcraz, a much respected clinician and trainer who I started taking regular lessons with (and wish I'd found him years earlier!).

Having returned to England, and now returning to riding after a break of 10 years, I've been so pleased to discover -- in the back lanes of Mattishall -- Hazel, who amazingly teaches and trains horses based on the same principles as Ed. She has a wonderful way with her students, and is very caring about the horses. At the end of a lesson with Hazel both horse and rider come away relaxed and happy with their achievements.

Hazel has an excellent eye and easily identifies how the slightest change in a riders position can make a considerable difference to the movement of the horse. And, just like Ed she concentrates on the horses feet and not the head. As Ed would sayYou should not worry about your horse's head, you should worry about their feet! The feet are where you control your horse from, not their head." And, where many trainers would tell you to pull, Ed would be saying "give". And again, Hazel's approach reflects this. In my experience, this results in a much better relationship between horse and rider, and much better long term results.

I apologise for the length of this "brief" testimonial But I felt it important to not only say what a pleasure it is when riding with Hazel, but also how her approach

reflects that of one of the great horse masters who I have been privileged take lessons with.

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Note about Ed: Ed Rothkranz, a German native, was best known as a beloved Dressage clinician and trainer. Ed was not only the teacher of the Canadian Mounted Police during their hey day in the 1980s and 90s, but he made it to the Canadian Olympic Dressage Team in 1980 where he competed in Goodwood England (due to the USSR boycott) on his mount, My King. He then moved to Adolphus, KY where he founded Rhineland Stud Farm. He continued to breed, train and teach until his death in September 2011. He was a consummate advocate of the horse and he dedicated his life to teaching people to train happy, healthy and confident athletes.