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Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you very much for enquiring about the **Saddle Fitting Course**.

This course is presented by Deanne Archibald (SMS Saddle Fitter).

The *Saddle Fitting Course* is essentially done through correspondence with the compulsory attendance of a three-day seminar. Most of the students who enrol for this course work full-time and the course is therefore designed to be done on a part-time basis. Being a private company Ethology Academy is very flexible. As long as students communicate with us we are usually able to accommodate them in various ways should personal circumstances develop in the duration of the course, making it difficult for them to continue with their studies and complete the course successfully.

The content of the *Saddle Fitting Course* is as follows:

- The Structure of the Horse's back
- Conformation and Condition
- Movement of the Horse
- The Saddle
- Fitting the Saddle
- Problems Related to the Fit of the Saddle

How the course is presented

After enrolling, the student receives all the study material via registered mail. Included will be a "Student Letter" giving detailed information on every aspect of the course. Also included will be two assignments. Students will receive an electronic copy of the assignments that can be used if the student elects to submit the assignments via email. Alternatively assignments can be posted using the Post Office service. Study material will only be sent once payment has been received. Students may

register any time before the closing date for a particular seminar but will only receive study material 2 months prior to the seminar.

SEMINAR DATE	REGISTER BY	ASSIGNMENT 1 DUE	ASSIGNMENT 2 DUE
27-29 March 2017	29 January 2017	3 March 2017	17 March 2017
8-10 May 2017	1 March 2017	14 April 2017	28 April 2017
3-5 July 2017	1 May 2017	9 June 2017	23 June 2017
11-13 September 2017	1 July 2017	25 August 2017	1 September 2017
2-4 October 2017	1 August 2017	8 September 2017	22 September 2017
27-29 November 2017	25 September 2017	3 November 2017	17 November 2017

Evaluation

The student will be expected to submit 2 assignments during the two months period preceding the compulsory seminar. The assignments will be marked and returned to the students. The marks obtained for the 2 assignments will give the student entrance to write the final examination and practical on the third day of the seminar. The assignments are not difficult, because all the answers are in the notes. It should not take more than 2 – 3 hours to complete an assignment. A minimum mark of 75 % will be required to pass each assignment. Assignments may be resubmitted should the student not be successful in obtaining a minimum of 75%.

Seminars

A compulsory three-day seminar marks the end of this course. Students will need two months to read through the theory and complete the 2 assignments. The seminar is a practical application of the theory provided in the notes. The third day of the seminar is a written exam and practical evaluation. On successful completion of this course, the student will receive a certificate, and be equipped to correctly fit a saddle. There will need to be a minimum of three students per seminar and a maximum of ten. Should fewer than 3 students register for the seminar you have chosen, it will be postponed until the next seminar date.

Students will be required to obtain a minimum of 75% in the written exam and 75% in the practical exam in order to pass this course. Should the student not be successful in obtaining these marks, he or she will be able to rewrite the exam and/or redo the practical assessment at the next seminar. An additional fee will be charged for this.

These seminars will be held in Benoni. Other venues will be considered depending on number of students in various areas. The attendance fee for the seminars is included in the course fee, but students are responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenditures.

Final evaluation:

The final evaluation is on the third day of the seminar. A written exam will take place in the morning, followed by a practical assessment. Pass mark for each evaluation is 75%. Distinctions will be awarded to those students obtaining 90 % or more.

The course is presented from February to November each year, with seminars roughly every second month. Study material will be posted once proof of payment has been received. The **course fee** for the Saddle Fitting Course for 2017 is R 3 800. The fee includes the study material, assignments, attendance of the seminar and the evaluation fee. Travel to and accommodation at the seminar is not included in the course fee. Because this length of this course is only 2 months, there is no payment option and the full course fee must be paid with enrolment.

How to enrol for this course:

Go to the website www.ethology.co.za

- Click on 'Enrol'
- [Read 'Terms of Agreement'](#)
- Complete and submit the enrolment form and financial agreement form if only the registration fee is paid when enrolling.
- Pay the appropriate fee
- Provide Dr Frederique Hurly admin@ethology.co.za with confirmation of payment

If you have any further questions, please contact me by email on dee@k9soulmates.co.za, or on 0744060985.

Best regards,

Deanne Archibald
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