

The Western World in Maryland, continued...

levels will be implemented in 2013.

The leveling program will continue to be tested at various shows in 2012 with the goal of getting more new people involved in showing American Quarter Horses.

Cross-Training Through Working Cattle

Working cattle may have begun as the actual job of being able to physically move cattle from one location to another.

But today, the concept of working cattle has developed into its own sport and is a great way to cross-train horses and riders. "Cutting" can be found at most rodeos around the country and other Western competition venues. However, how does one learn how to work cattle or teach the horse how to cut?

Corey Jackson of Corey Jackson Horsemanship in Upper Marlboro has been conducting horsemanship-based clinics for the past 11 years. Branching out beyond basic horsemanship, Corey offers clinics in working cattle. "There aren't a lot of places to go and opportunities to learn cattle working in the area, so I think people just want to work cattle but learn



Corey Jackson teaches members of the Old People's Riding Club how to work cattle.

how to do it properly. It's extremely fun!" Corey said.

Recently, the Old People's Riding Club (an adult pony club organization), attended one of these clinics and learned about the importance of clear, concise communication between the rider and the horse. Corey added that working cattle can show "endless possibilities of what a horse and human can accomplish together." As for the horse, Corey says that cattle work teaches them how to be patient as well as independent. "It's a good way to further a horse's edu-

cation and make a good well-trained, versatile horse," he added.

Maryland's Quarter Horse Queen

Caitlin Ginn was crowned as the 2011 Maryland State Quarter Horse Association queen. In her new role, she will be attending various shows and functions throughout the year, including the All-American Quarter Horse Congress. At the Congress, held from

October 7-30 at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus, Ohio, Caitlin competes for the title of All-American Quarter Horse Congress Queen. To find out how she did, as well as other Maryland competitors at the Congress, check The Equiery's Western Blog on equiery.com.



Caitlin Ginn represents Maryland at the 2011 All-American Quarter Horse Congress.

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