



**HORSE SENSE**  
*of the Carolinas*

## **Equine Assisted Business Support**

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Parelli™ and Equine Assisted Practice Forum**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Parelli™ and Equine Assisted Practice Forum was held at the beautiful Horse Sense of the Carolinas facility (Marshall, North Carolina) on April 13-14, 2013. Attendees spent two days immersed in the rich crossover of Parelli™ Natural Horsemanship & Equine Assisted Practice.

We welcomed presenters who are experts in their field: Pia Jansen (Unbridled, LLC), Sarah Jenkins (Dragonfly International Therapy), Rebekah Meyer and Amy Gressler (CORRAL Riding Academy), Susi Platt, Shannon Knapp (Horse Sense of the Carolinas), and Richard Knapp (Horse Sense of the Carolinas). Sessions included discussions on the multiple personal and treatment challenges caused by trauma, experiential equine assisted coaching with Latino youth from a local school district in Colorado, and an in-depth discussion of how to determine whether a horse is suitable for Equine Assisted Psychotherapy/Equine Assisted Learning or Trauma Focused-Equine Assisted Psychotherapy. Attendees came from all over the country to integrate their perspectives into a comprehensive whole of their own.

The symposium was all about high-level presentations, in-depth discussions and how to put ideas into action. While evaluating Forum as a whole, we received many comments marked, "GREAT experience." An attendee observed that "this event was beneficial in so many ways, being with like-minded people collaborating, hearing new info & old info in new ways, gaining tools for my toolkit, getting more inspired."

From every standpoint, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Parelli™ and Equine Assisted Practice Forum was a success. One of the most rewarding parts of this event: \$400 was raised to benefit Parelli Education Institute!

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