



days at
Dunrovin

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**Ranch
Talk**



Horse Training



Meet Brandon Carpenter

The sign on the side of Brandon's truck says it all: "Training Through Bonding and Trust." For Brandon, the "bonding and trust" part pertains to his entire life — to his family, his friends, his ranch, his dogs, and his cattle. He treats every animal and every person with kindness and respect and commitment, and it shows in all he does. Dunrovin Ranch has benefited immensely over the years from its long association with Brandon. It all started when Dunrovin Ranch owner, SuzAnne Miller, sought some free advice from Brandon during a horsemanship clinic. He responded with total attention and engagement, working with SuzAnne and her horse until they both "got it" and reached a new understanding. SuzAnne was hooked. She began inviting him to come to Dunrovin to teach clinics, and when it came time to start working with her Lovely Lady Lonza as a two-year-old filly, she naturally turned to Brandon for help.

Brandon comes to the world of horses and cattle through generations of Montana ranchers on both his mother's and father's sides of the family. His family was way "ahead of their times" in using gentle training methods that focused on clear, predictable, and assertive, but never aggressive, communication that ensures the animal's sense of safety and engenders trust. It takes patience and deliberation, and time; and always produces horses with spirit, trust, and a genuine willingness to partner with humans.

"Tele-Training" with Brandon

Brandon lives in Shepherd, MT, which is 375 miles east of Dunrovin, so he is rarely physically available. However, he can train from afar by using our webcams to coach an apprentice, thus training both the horse and the apprentice. He works with both Ranch Manager Kelli and Ranch Hand Taryn to train Mystery and Oggy. You can join in to watch, learn, and ask questions!

Training Mystery

Mystery was born and raised on Brandon's Ranch and was brought to Dunrovin in the October of 2015. Taryn Bushey and Brandon worked together via "tele-raining": during the next year. Taryn was the first person to ride Mystery.



When Taryn went back to collage, she discontinued training Mystery, so Kelli took over. We also sent Mystery back to Brandon's ranch to finish the process. Now all Mystery needs a spring tun up and to get out on the trails for some more experiences.

Beautiful Mystery - as a Living Canvas for Art!

Twice Mystery has been painted as part of the Equine Art Extravaganza.



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