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**Ranch
Talk**



Training Erskine For The Trail

Being a guest horse at Dunrovin is a high standard to reach. He must be sure-footed, as we often embark on long rides on uneven trails. He must be level-headed, too; our horses must compensate for well-meaning, but novice riders, and he must be able to tolerate confusing signals from our guests.

Handsome Erskine has been with Dunrovin for two years. He has been ridden in lessons and in our Pony Clubs, but he has yet to be a full-fledged guest horse. That is about to change when Erskine meets horse trainer Montana Jane Getz.



Erskine is a big blue roan who arrived with both Dugan and Flynn in 2017. Since they came via a horse trader, very little is known about them. We suspect that Erskine was not treated well at his former home, but he has settled in nicely. He is as sweet as they come, although he has taken to some behaviors which need to be addressed to make him ready for taking guests out on the rails.

When the South Los Angeles Cowboys came to the ranch for a visit in February, Ranch Manager Kelli took the them for an incredible ride through the deep snow and across the cold Bitterroot River. One of the cowboys was a bull rider, and he chose Erskine for his mount. Erskine performed beautifully with the young inner-city cowboy who had become an expert rider. Now we want him to do the same with our novice guest riders.



Meet Erskine's New Friend Tana

Montana Jane Getz, AKA Tana, grew up riding her horses in the wild spaces of Montana's Bitterroot Valley. She followed her passion to college and earned her Bachelor's Degree in Equine Science from MSU-Bozeman in 2012. She scored High Selling Horse of the MSU Colt Start to Finish Program and competed for MSU's Varsity Polo Team and Rodeo Team during her time there. After graduation, Tana continued to train horses professionally and privately.



Tana's dedication to equine communication and horsemanship led her to spend two years living side-by-side with her Quarter Horse, Loki, including eight months camping through the Northwest and California. This experience inspired the principles behind her Balanced Horsemanship approach. Tana founded her own program in 2017 at the Historic Double Lazy A Ranch, where she now breeds Alkal-teke Performance Horses and trains professionally in Hamilton, MT.

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