



NARHA Instructor Workshop and/or On-Site Registered Certification

Personal Reference

(This reference cannot be the same as the Professional Reference)

Instructor Certification Candidate's Name: Dan Mitchell

Name of Reference: Robert Becker

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In what capacity does the reference know the candidate?

Personally, for the past three years, I have sponsored a young girl in a riding program conducted by Dan Mitchell, and assisted him in whatever capacity he would permit with other students. I also work as a 4H Advisor in a Club created by Dan.

Evaluate the candidate's knowledge of horses and horsemanship?

Dan Mitchell has a superior knowledge of horses which is well recognized by many different interests in the Brown County equine society, including the Brown County Horseman's Association, the Brown County Extension Office of OSU and numerous horse facilities. His earned and natural abilities have been proven through his lifetime experience of working, training, and riding horses. He has the skill to recognize the different capabilities of various breeds, and to capitalize on those strengths to bring out the best in a horse. His use of natural horsemanship demonstrates his understanding and depth of training.

Evaluate the candidate's understanding of individuals with disabilities and riding?

(Please attach extra sheets if necessary) In the time that I have worked with, and watched Dan with various students and children, with and without disabilities, physical as well as mental, it has become quite evident that he has a natural insight, over and above his years of training, that demonstrate the awareness into the individual needs of each person he encounters. He has shown the sensitivity needed with each individual to gain their confidence and to overcome fears while understanding their limits. Having the opportunity to watch how he encourages and instructs, and to see the change in self assurance and the development of self-esteem has been a learning experience for me as well. The smiles tell it all.

Signature of Reference: