

Dr Mary Deborah Marsden - CV Summary

- **SEBC (Society of Equine Behaviour Consultants) Registered Senior Consultant, a SEBC Chief Examiner** and am currently **Chair of this Professional Body**.
- **Director MDM Equestrian Consultancy Company** 1999 – currently.
- **Fellow of University of Edinburgh** attached to Department of Veterinary Clinical Studies, Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies 1994 – 2002, lecturing and consulting in Equine Behaviour and Management.
- **Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship** 1990 – 1994 (Effects of Housing and Management on Behaviour Problems in Horses) Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies.
- **PhD Degree** 1989 (Effects of Husbandry, Housing and Management on Animal Behaviour and Welfare – Practical Solutions) University of Edinburgh.
- **BSc Degree** 1984 (Agricultural Science, with Honours in Physiology and Genetics, specialising in Animal Behaviour) University of Edinburgh.

Plus a lifetime's practical experience with horses (see Section g), with additional professional qualifications including **British Horse Society qualified Riding Instructor (BHSPTC)**, **BHS Accredited Professional Coach**, **'Ride Safe' (Riding and Road Safety)** and **Challenge Award Trainer** for recreational riders, and **Riding for the Disabled Association Group Instructor (RDAGI)**, with over 20 years professional experience teaching riding regularly along with equine behaviour consulting work in a huge variety of stables, so fully up to date with a broad range of industry standards and common practices.

Professional experience includes;

a) **Providing Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) required training for Veterinary Inspectors of Riding Establishments** and other CPD courses for qualified veterinarians wishing to further specialise in horses, such as the *Diagnosis and Treatment of Equine Behaviour Problems* and *Practical Behaviour and Safe handling of Horses*. This RCVS required course for Inspectors of Riding Establishments includes training on adequacy of facilities and assessment of the competence of the proprietors and staff to meet the needs of the horses in their care, the selection, training, management and allocation of suitable horses appropriate for their clients' riding abilities and to provide for their own safety, that of their clients and the general public.

b) **University lecturing** in the UK and overseas on horse behaviour, **providing and supervising practical thesis projects** at all levels (HND-MSc-DVM&S), specialising in management, training, and safety around horses, including effects of housing, husbandry and management on equine behaviour, **External Examiner** for *MSc Equine Science* course at Writtle College and **Validation Panel** (2015) for new Equine Science Degrees.

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c) **Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons sub-committee for the Veterinary Inspection of Riding Establishments**, serving 6 years.

d) **SEBC accredited Professional Training** for Equine Behaviour Consultants and **Equine CPD** for AHVLA ('Ministry') Vets and Equine Behaviour Consultants.

e) **Research and consultancy work** for a number of organisations including the RSPCA, the BHS (*British Horse Society*), MOD (Household Cavalry, Defence Animal Centre), BBC Watchdog, other TV and film companies and major insurance companies, advising on horse behaviour, stable management, safety, training and welfare. Feasibility studies and finding practical solutions to problems in commercial establishments.

f) **Writing scientific articles and books** on the topic of horse behaviour, management and training, including the 'Behavior Problem' section in the major veterinary textbook '*Equine Medicine and Surgery*', 5th Ed. Colahan, Mayhew, Merritt and Moore, Mosby (1999), '*How Horses Learn*' a book for horse owners published by Allens (2005) and the chapter on 'Stereotypic and other Behavior Problems' in the specialist veterinary textbook '*Equine Neurology*', edited by Furr and Reed, Blackwell (2008), **referee** for scientific publications and **assist equestrian journalists** with articles for popular equestrian magazines.

g) **Speaking at major UK and international scientific and veterinary conferences & equestrian industry meetings** including **BHS Proprietors of Riding Establishments & RDA Coaching Conferences**, and **talks to Riding Clubs and all sorts of horsey groups** on horse behaviour, management, safety and training.

h) **A lifetime's practical experience** of horses and stable management, riding (since age 4) from Pony Club teams to National level competition for various owners, eventing, show-jumping and dressage to music, starting ie 'breaking' and bringing on young horses, training and re-schooling 'difficult' horses, working in all sorts of stables (including for dealers, a racing yard, several riding schools and a trekking centre) in my youth and student days, still riding for fun and judge (dressage and show classes) at local level.

'MDM Equestrian' is an Equestrian Consultancy Practice, giving **practical advice** to horse owners on horse behaviour, housing, care, stable management, safety and training, including a referral clinic for vets requiring **specialist second opinion and treatment of behaviour problems in clients' horses**. **Ride and train** horses and **coach handlers and riders** as required, with over 20 years experience of **Equestrian Expert Witness** work, currently listed in the 'vetted' and checked UK register of Expert Witnesses.