

I am not the best at putting my thoughts to paper so I am hoping that this review will do justice to Erica Flak from Sky Haven Equestrian.

A little history... I purchased Jackson in 2014. I was told after considering purchasing Jackson that he was probably a bit too green for my riding abilities at the time but, there was just something that drew me to him. I purchased him and we began our journey. We have had our ups and downs but true to the feeling I had the first time we met, the choice to purchase Jackson was the right one. Jackson is my heart horse. Jackson and I have been quite successful showing in Western Dressage over the past few years. However, there was just something missing in our connection.

After taking a few lessons with Erica, watching her ride Jackson, and watching her work with another horse from our barn, I asked Erica to work with Jackson at Sky Haven Equestrian. A big step for me to have Jackson away from home! I soon found out I had absolutely nothing to worry about. Jackson would be quite comfortable and well taken care of by Erica. Not to mention that the facilities of Sky Haven Equestrian are in a beautiful location and are kept immaculate.

The next morning after delivering Jackson to Sky Haven Equestrian, I sent Erica a text asking how Jackson was settling in. I promptly received a response along with a picture letting me know that Jackson had eaten his dinner and breakfast, had had normal poops 😊 no calling out..."he's a happy guy".

Each ride I received a text from Erica giving me a very detailed explanation of how their ride went and what was worked on. Along with the texts, I received a full-length video of the ride. In each video Erica provides a narrative of the conversations she and Jackson are having, along with his responses. Erica provides an explanation as to what actions she is taking to explain to Jackson the correct response to her requests.

Erica and I had lengthy conversations about what difficulties Jackson and I were experiencing in our relationship. The discussions that Erica and I had were very eye opening and insightful. Erica's knowledge, incredible patience, and sensitive, honest approach to working with the horses and people is genuine. Erica's approach to both horse and rider promotes a sense of calm and serenity. This allows horse and rider to relax and learn. Explanations given during a riding lesson are given in such a way that doesn't produce anxiety. I love coming away from a lesson feeling like my understanding of how to ride Jackson in a mutually beneficial way is growing.

Jackson and I look forward to more!!!