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PROFESSIONAL ENDORSEMENTS

"I've had the pleasure of watching Craig Johnson ride horses for over 20 years, inside the show arena as a champion competitor and outside as a top-notch clinician. I've always been impressed with how kind, quiet, and willing his horses are as they perform the highly sophisticated and demanding maneuvers required of top reining horses. Craig has always been a leader and trend-setter in the sport of reining, and he remains so today, as one of the National Reining Horse Association's highest money-earning riders.

"His communication skills with people are as good as they are with horses. I've attended his clinics designed for reining horse enthusiasts as well as those geared for a more general audience. He has a unique ability to relate to and connect with whatever group of riders he talks to. Reining is the epitome of good horsemanship, and Craig delivers both with style and expertise."

—Kathy Swan, NRHA Reiner Executive Editor

"All horses and riders would benefit from Craig Johnson's teachings, regardless of whether they're in the Olympic arena on a top reining horse or out for a trail ride. Craig is a good teacher and excellent horseman. That's quite a combination."

—Pat Parelli

"As a dedicated endurance rider, including nine Tevis buckles, I'm in constant search for how I can better my horsemanship skills so I can better my horse's performance and the communication between us, since we work hard as a team over many hours and many miles.

"At Craig Johnson's clinic, I was able to really learn how to properly and smoothly get my horse to change diagonals at any speed. Not only did that help my horse with his muscling and balance, but the really big surprise to me was how it helped my own back. My body was responding to my horse's change in diagonals, and I finished the next 100 mile ride with no sore back! I can only imagine how this new riding skill helped my horse's body.

"In addition to lead changes, Craig taught me and my horse balance, collection, how to increase speed within a gait—all those refined techniques that I had never thought about. The differences in my own skills and my horse's performance were astounding.

"Craig's ability to teach horsemen goes beyond reining. He's incredible, and my horse and I thank him!"

—Traci Falcone, Endurance Rider