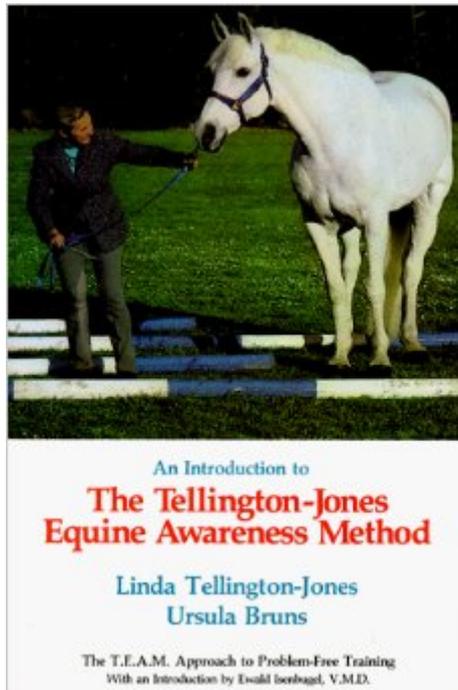


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# An Introduction To The Tellington-Jones Equine Awareness Method: The T.E.A.M. Approach To Problem-Free Training



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## Customer Reviews

Linda T-jones is one of the finest horsewomen anywhere. This book shows why. Learn how to start a new horse, or retrain a problem horse from the ground up: with massage and simple ground work techniques.

This is a terrific book filled with wonderful techniques. Having studied with Linda Tellington-Jones since 1990, and having read her books and seen her videos, I must take issue with the negative review. Linda does NOT advocate using a chain on every horse as this reviewer claims. The lead of choice is a Zephyr lead which is a flat lead with a soft cotton rope attached to the one end. Yes, she also uses chain leads, but not in ALL cases and I'd say over the years I've seen the chain lead used much less frequently than the zephyr.

DON'T buy this book! A little background on myself. I have been riding and training for over 30 years and have spent a lifetime around horses. I am also an avid student of natural horsemanship and the great trainers of our time. I became aware of Linda Tellington Jones in the early 1990's as a pre-veterinary student and became tremendously interested in the T-Touch approach to handling animals as a method of therapy. Because of my approval of her work, methodology and general

philosophy using the T-Touch method, I bought this book as an addition to my prodigious collection of horse books. Though I was and still on many levels respect the work of Linda and her T-Touch methods, this book on horse training, though generally sound in some "ideas" is not a book for the novice trainer to emulate or the advanced horseman to get any practical advice from. Starting with her list of "stereotypes" which according to her, define the very nature and personality of the horse (i.e. Roman noses and small eyes indicate a stubborn, intractable personality and low intelligence), she is remarkably off target for someone who claims to know a great deal about horses! In addition, her advocacy of nose chains for ALL horses in training goes against every principle of good horsemanship. "You can't train through gentleness alone. . . you will need to use tools that will enable you to communicate in a clear, brief and specific way. . . a rope halter won't work," are some of the "sage" claims she makes. The natural horsemanship trainer in me cringes with every picture I see of a horse with a chain across its nose and descriptions of horses being disciplined with the butt end of riding crops. The one redeeming quality of this book is her inclusion of some T-Touch methods. But while there is only one chapter devoted to this in her book, there are many more books out there on T-Touch that are far more comprehensive.

I am a big fan of the Tellington-Jones methods and have attended a course in NZ. How wonderful to treat our horse friends with kindness and respect and achieve such amazing results. If you own a horse - you need to own this book.

I bought this book for my granddaughter. It is a good book on horse behavior and how to use that information in training and working with horses. Lots of basic information that is good to know.

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