

Straight from the horse's mouth: They love bitless bridles!

Yep! That's right.... They were talking with the animals!

On Wednesday January 24th, Zoe Brooks of Nurtural Horse in Northern Ontario joined renowned animal communicator Joy Turner on her Seattle Washington radio talk show, "Talk With Your Animals." Joy has hosted the television show Talk With Your Animals, writes columns for IG Times and Modern Dog Magazines, wrote the column, "The Communicator," for allpets.com magazine, and is the author of the book series, "The Spiritual Principles of Consciousness and Manifestation."

Nope, we did not make this up. Here's what the horses had to say ...

Joy's 4 horses had, not surprisingly, never had a bit in their mouths. They said they found the Nurtural Bitless Bridle™ easy to understand and they thought it gave Joy more control than she had in her rope halters.

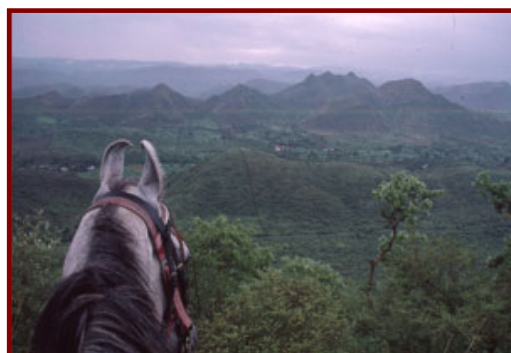


Then Joy connected with **Mina a 29 year old mare in the UK.** Her rider, Caitriona O'leary began riding Mina bitless to prepare for her upcoming (planned to be bitless) ride across India to raise awareness and funds for abused animals. Caitriona says "We think that Mina is an ex-racehorse. Mina actually came over from Ireland with no history but she bucked off anybody who put their leg on her while riding. Her owner said that Mina was obviously used to jumping and galloping when she got her and that along with her previous hatred of feeling the riders leg led us to conclude that she must have been a racehorse."

When Mina started riding in the Nurtural Bitless Bridle™ in October 2007, Caitriona wrote "I rode Mina bareback and bitless Yesterday and she went beautifully, "on the bit" the whole time. I find it's much easier to give subtle aids with this bridle and my downward transitions are much better as she isn't able to lock her jaw."

Mina told Joy that *"she had always just accepted that thing in her mouth as something she had to put up with. She LOVES the bitless bridle! She is so happy that her mouth is free to move and she is much more comfortable. She understands the pressure pints from the bridle. She wanted to thank her human for letting her be part of this, and was thrilled to meet the person who invented the bridle."*

In October 2008 Caitriona O'Leary and her Mewari stallion, Chandra, will be raising money for Tree of Life for Animals by riding the old nomadic trail from Udaipur to Pushkar ka Mela: the biggest camel fair in the world. The ride will see them cover some 400kms over desert roads and dusty tracks. The ride aims to raise enough money for the Tree of Life for animals to run education camps in villages which will have far reaching long term benefits. Read more at <http://www.givemeaning.com/project/pushkar2008>



Next Joy 'spoke' with Dell, "The Horse with Hope" in Hot Springs Arkansas.

Deborah Adams is a Grand Prix dressage rider who has competed, trained, and judged for over thirty-five years. One of her current horses is "Adaleah" nicknamed "Dell" who she rescued from a field last year. "Dell" is a nine year old Thoroughbred mare. After starting her basic dressage training it was apparent



that temperamentally there was something very wrong in that **the horse was explosive to the point of being dangerous.** With all of her experience Deb could not determine what the problem was until she discovered that Dell's tongue was scarred so deeply across it's surface that it must have almost been severed when the injury occurred. What abuse the horse suffered we do not know.

Not wanting to give up on Dell, Deborah researched bitless bridles and found The Nurtural Horse bridle website. She immediately ordered the bridle, restarted Dell's training with it, and reports that there has not been one incidence of violent behavior on the horse's part. She is calm, looks forward to working, and has achieved a high level of performance in the Nurtural Bridle.

Dell told Joy that *"her tongue had been hurt by that thing that they put in her mouth. It took her a little while to realize that the new bridle was actually not going to hurt her. Now she enjoys doing things together and can now trust her human."*

Zeus is an Off-the-Track Thoroughbred gelding near Toronto Ontario

In 2006, Stephanie Smith wrote:

"I am also riding a Thoroughbred gelding named Zeus who loves to jump. He had been off for a year when I started riding him and I didn't hesitate to ride him in the Nurtural bridle. Zeus too, responded positively and even though we have a lot of work to do until he is at his full potential, we both enjoy jumping fences over three feet.

Zeus rides very much on his forehead so it is important I really ride him onto his haunches when we approach the higher fences. When I rode in a regular bridle with a bit, I remember being asked to sit the horse back on their haunches when approaching a fence and finding only that my horse tossed his head and fussed. When I ask Zeus to collect I feel him responsively come back onto his haunches and he does not break stride."



When Joy contacted Zeus to ask his opinion of the Nurtural Bridle, there was quite a pause and Joy said "Zeus is a very contemplative sort of horse." *Then he shouted "I love it! I am so glad that my human understands how much better this is."* Zeus admitted that he used to grab the bit and run off sometimes. He says he doesn't do that any more.

You can see Zeus in videos and you will also be able to listen to this the full details of this fascinating interview 'soon' at www.nurturalhorse.com.