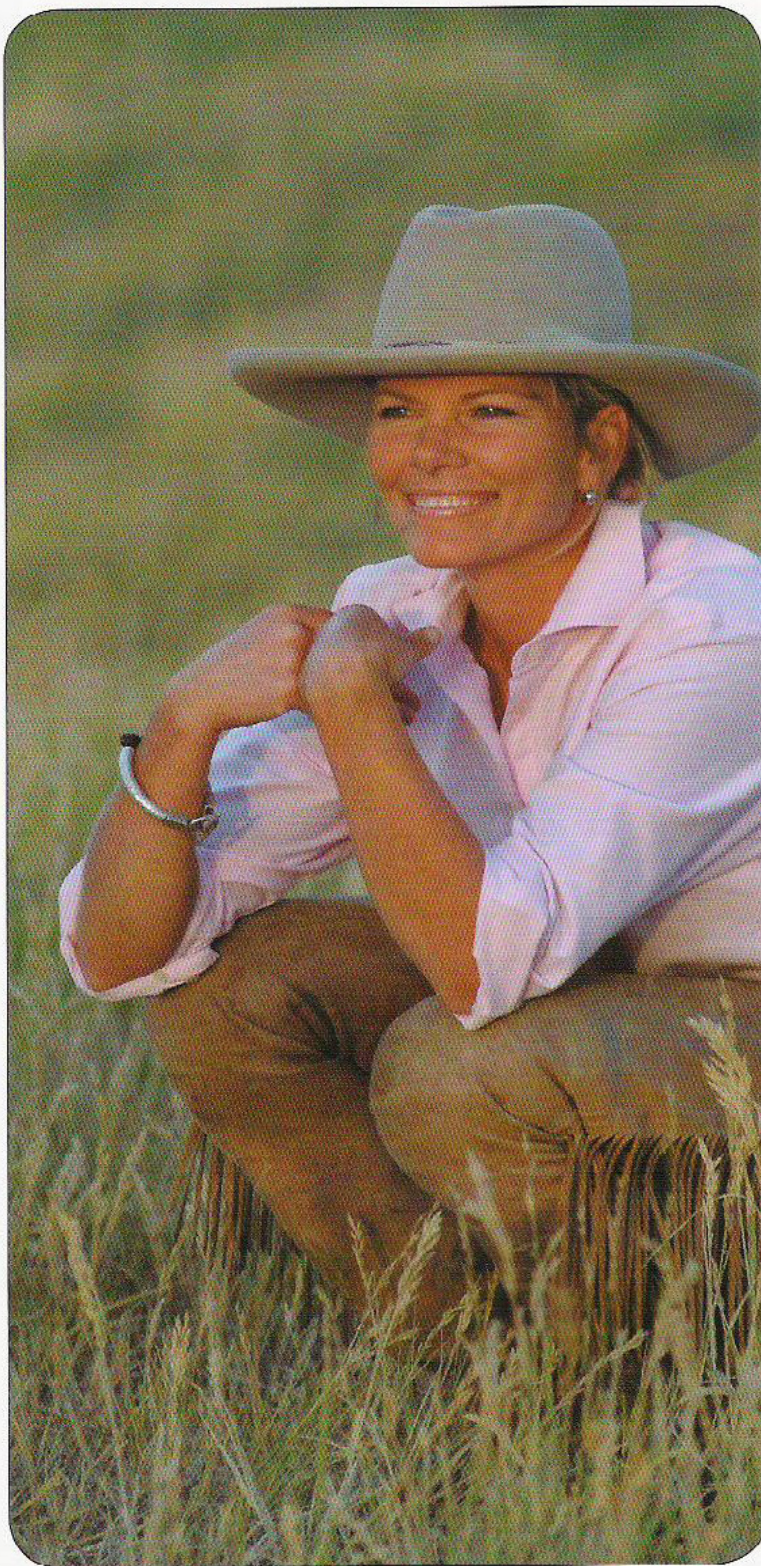


Here, at last, is the story of the woman who 'ran away with a cowboy'! Linda Parelli's story is a global journey into the hearts and minds of people who love horses . . .

By Sophie Love



Linda takes up the story: 'Most people want to know how a dressage rider ended up studying with Pat Parelli.

Had I not owned a horse who brought me to the 'end of the road', I would never have gone to a cowboy for advice, English riders just don't do that! But, there I was struggling for two years with a Thoroughbred that I was advised to "sell to a man" or "put a bullet in his head."

I tried all kinds of devices to control him: chambons, martingales, draw reins, nosebands, different bits. But this horse would still go crazy - bolting, rearing, and hard to control. You get the picture. It was pretty miserable or dangerous everytime I rode.

When I saw a video in my local tack shop of Pat riding bridleless, I figured this cowboy was my last chance.

So I went to a Parelli clinic with a list of problems in my hand. I never got to show Pat the list because within five minutes I learned that horses were prey animals, that they lived by their instincts and when feeling threatened, trapped or unsafe, they would do whatever it took to escape.

My horse was not being bad - he was following his instincts. That clinic changed everything between me and my horse.

To this day I can ride him without a saddle or bridle (remember, this was a horse who couldn't be stopped even with \$300 worth of gadgets on his head!).

I was so impressed with Pat and his ideas, energy and enthusiasm, that I started importing his equipment into Australia and organising clinics and courses for him there and we became friends and then more, until one snowy night in Europe he called me and said 'come to America, I can't live without you.' And so we became a two man roadshow and things just grew and developed from there.

I'm often asked why I don't compete anymore. It's just not important to me right now. I want my horse to be my judge and to maintain a pure focus

on developing my savvy through the important principles of horsemanship.

I also dedicate most of my time to writing down what Pat teaches so that as many people as possible have access to this life-changing information. I'm having more fun with horses and accomplishing more than I ever thought possible, and I want to share that.

I also want people to know that it doesn't take talent, it doesn't take bravery and it doesn't take years to get there.

It takes heart, desire and access to a phenomenal teacher who's willing to share everything he knows in a way that is simple to understand because it builds, step-by-step, to as high a level as you want to take it.

Here's to happy horses and happy riders!

Not only has Linda dedicated her married life to recording Pat's principles, but to exposing his revolutionary methods and communication to horse lovers all over the world. After all, she knows from experience, that his Love, Language and Leadership can change your relationship with even the most difficult horse! Linda is putting all her passions and experience to the best possible purpose at Parelli Natural Horse-Man-Ship: The new Level 1 and Level 2 Home Study packs see her as teacher in the comprehensive DVD Savvy system, using her unique sense of humour and very real and recent understanding of what it is to be a student, to make it simple and easy for you to be a better horseman or woman in your own field, with your own horse. And as you will see in August 2007 at the NEL, together Linda and Pat are the perfect team . . .

Read more of Linda's story online on page 52. Find out where her love of horses came from, the experiences she draws upon in her teaching, and what brought her to the stage of contacting Pat.

For more information about Parelli Natural Horse-Man-Ship and your FREE 'What is Parelli?' DVD, call 0800 029 4813, go to www.parelli.com or email uk@parelli.com

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