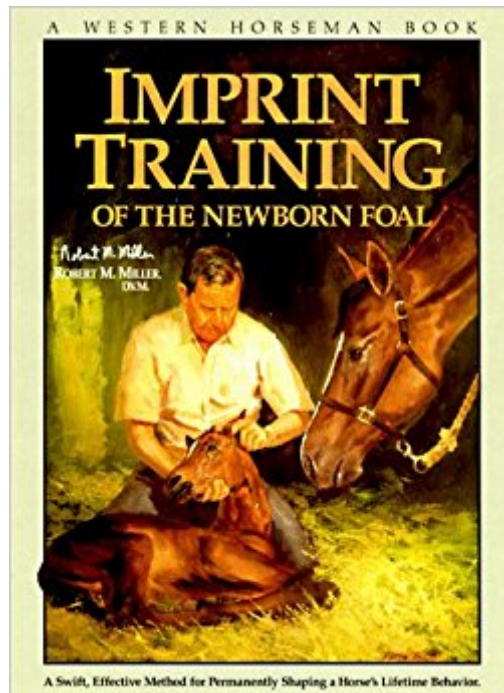




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America's best known equine veterinarian explains, step-by-step, how to handle a newborn foal in a way that lays the foundation for an ideal lifelong relationship with humans. Some of the topics covered in this book include bonding, habituation, sensitization, dominance, immediate postpartum procedure, teaching the foal to tie and much more. (8 x 11, 152 pages, b&w photos)

If you have heard of imprint training and want to imprint your foal, you have to read this book. There is a lot of misinformation about imprinting foaling around out there, and this book lays it out logically and in an organized fashion. If you are simply interested in imprint training or want to learn more, then read this as well. Dr. Miller is the fellow who has popularized this method in the past 15 years, although it has existed to some degree in remote pockets of training. Essentially, imprinting training is neither of those two words. It is two different times in the foal's life. One, the first hour after birth, during which the foal is accepting of its surroundings. This time can be used to get the foal used to just about anything. Touched everywhere (except the sides of the barrel, which you sensitize when they are standing), restrained, used to clippers, plastic, etcetera. The second period is during the first week of the foal's life during which you can follow up on the desensitization and starting leading and tying. What I like the most about it, is that the foal will not be afraid of humans. He or she had you there at birth and therefore accept you into his or her definition of a herd. My second favorite aspect of this training method, is that you will end up with a halter broke foal that can be taken

almost anywhere needed.

I took classes, out at Pat Parelli's Stockton ranch years ago.....and one of them was with Dr. Miller.....it has helped me with the CHILDREN and single parents I work with as well.....I always laugh and say I brought my sons and nephews and nieces up just like horses, and the dogs we use in our therapy programs.....but when a veterinarian comes to treat a high powered race horse, and says, WOW, I love treating your horses because they are so well behaved.....or when a different veterinarian comes to treat a young colt, and says WOW, what an amazing difference from most young horses.....or your three dogs, also imprinted from three weeks old go to their veterinarian filled with curiosity and good behavior.....even AFTER being spayed and neutered.....I thank Dr. Miller.....I learned a lot of it in foal imprinting classes.....if you get a chance to see Dr. Miller, or Pat doing foal imprinting, it is awesome.....my younger son and I have trained out baby horses at the track and for show barns for over 30 years now, and whether 2 year old babies, or ten year old babies, we start them over and give them a base that pays off.....one trainer told me when we discovered we had trained an abused track rescue she had gotten was one we had trained some years before.....that the moment she used Natural Horsemanship techniques with what she had been told was a vicious and violent horse.....he reverted immediately and she had said to herself, someone truly loved this horse once.....and we did. and we thank Dr. Miller's techniques and training for starting that colt, so years later, after abuse and who knows what, he returned to it immediately when he found it again in his life. I love to report, this horse lived out his entire life with the young girl he was sold to, she used to send pictures of him to my son, as he had truly loved that little colt when he came in, a syndicate owned Kentucky Derby bound horse that was sold down after his back was injured by the owners insisting he be raced too young.....that girl promised that she would keep him for life, or sell him to my son. Once in awhile a happy ending does happen and we thank Dr. Miller for training us to help horses start and remember good care and good habits.

Great book for those who want to try imprinting. I used it together with the VHS version for two of my foals and am going to use it again in May for another two. Easy to follow, pretty structured, so that after the 1st foal, the knowledge stays with you. Just one word of caution don't over-tire the baby, less is always better in this case

Most everything you need to know about imprinting, oldie but goodie!

Great information, I will use the method on my foal that is due in May. Looking forward to the event and training.

We bought this book for the 2000 foal season and were amazed at the difference it has made in our babies this year! I have been breeding Tennessee Walkers for 7 years and had heard that imprinting made a significant impact with new foals - so I decided to try a little experiment. Our first foal, came unexpectedly in the night - three weeks early - we didn't find her until the next morning. The next mare, we watched every minute until the foal finally came. We used the methods in the book and have a truly happy and socialized stud colt. I had a customer come to view the two babies, and he commented on the difference in behavior of the two foals. The non-imprinted filly, acted scary and distrusting - the imprinted foal walked right up to him. It is like day and night. The bonding that occurs with the foal is unbelievable. Anyone who breeds should buy this book and used the well explained method that I know have changed our babies for the better!

This book took me step-by-step through the imprinting process. Very well written.

I used Dr. Miller's techniques from this book to imprint my first foal. He is a 4 year old stallion now and is docile as they come. He still thinks he's my baby. The second foal I had, by a different sire & dam, I didn't really imprint. Although he was born with a good temperament, he was so much behind and harder to train than the first had been. He's also a stud.

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