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What is the Camelidynamics Guild?



OUR MISSION

The Camelidynamics Guild contributes to the well being of camelids and to the continued success of the camelid industry by teaching owners and handlers how to manage, and train their animals using methods and techniques that are **FUN, KIND, RESPECTFUL and EFFICIENT.**

Llamas and alpacas have exploded in popularity around the world. There is a tremendous need for education regarding training and handling and management techniques that appreciate the nature of the camelid while getting the job done. The Camelidynamics Guild was formed to meet the growing need for education and resources for the camelid owner or handler who wants to learn and apply the concepts and techniques of Camelidynamics.

The Guild is for anyone interested in camelids and their welfare. There are six levels of membership from Associate member to Practitioner 2. As part of this professional organization, members receive on-going support in the form of continuing education, educational materials, discounts on gear, online forums, a comprehensive online library and the support of their peers. Levels of membership, annual dues, along with the associated benefits and requirements are outlined in this guide.

The Guild also functions as the organization that regulates and certifies Camelidynamics Handlers and Practitioners, those individuals that will use and teach the concepts and methods of Camelidynamics.

Camelidynamics is based on the methods first developed by Linda Tellington-Jones for horses (TTEAM and TTOUCH) which has been adapted and expanded for camelids by Camelidynamics founder, Marty McGee Bennett. The Camelidynamics Guild is organized in cooperation with the TTEAM and TTOUCH Practitioner Guild.

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Membership Levels

There are six levels of membership in the Guild. Individuals can advance their skills whether their intention is to teach the Camelidynamics approach or to learn how to more effectively handle and train their own animals. Each level builds on the previous level and the requirements are met cumulatively.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER (AM)

This person is interested in furthering their education but may or may not be interested in becoming a Practitioner. Associate Members have access to Guild resources and qualify for discounts and other member benefits.

CAMELIDYNAMICS HANDLER (CH)

This person has acquired a basic level of proficiency in handling and training using Camelidynamics methods. Camelidynamics Handlers can use the Camelidynamics Handler Seal to promote their ranch or services.

APPRENTICE PRACTITIONER (AP)

This person is studying to become a Practitioner. As part of their apprenticeship, AP's will teach free individual/small group lessons. These lessons are evaluated by the participants and the evaluations are sent to the Camelidynamics office

PRACTITIONER (P)

This person has met the qualifications to teach the concepts and techniques of Camelidynamics to individuals and small groups. A Practitioner is certified to conduct private and semi private lessons and charge competitive rates.

PRACTITIONER 1 (P1)

This person has met the qualifications to teach the concepts and techniques of Camelidynamics to individuals and groups. The P1 is certified to conduct 1-day Workshops and charge competitive rates.

PRACTITIONER 2 (P2)

This person has met the qualifications to teach the concepts and techniques of Camelidynamics to individuals and groups. The P2 is certified to conduct 1-day Workshops and 2-day Basics Clinics and charge competitive rates.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Associate Member (AM)	\$30
Camelidynamics Handler (CH).....	\$96
Apprentice Practitioner (AP)	\$120
Practitioner (P)	\$300
Practitioner 1 (P1)	\$600
Practitioner 2 (P2)	\$1,200

Members are sent a renewal notice annually on the individual's enrollment anniversary. If a member qualifies for a higher level of membership within the year, the unused portion will be pro-rated by month and credited toward the next level of membership.

The annual membership fees for Practitioners have been designed so that everyone involved has earning potential and gains value from their membership. Practitioners (AP not included) at all levels are certified to charge fair market value for instruction, either private lessons or workshops and clinics. Anyone enrolled in the Practitioner Program is automatically designated as a Camelidynamics Handler (no additional Handler membership fee required.) There are no other fees, such as franchise fees or a per-clinic-taught fees.

Education

Individuals learn at different rates, and begin a course of study with different levels of experience and natural talents. Below are the various Camelidynamics educational opportunities now available. Clinic tuition varies by location. Go to www.camelidynamics.com for specific schedule and pricing. Participants must also budget travel and lodging expenses.

Camelidynamics Education includes:

- Basic 2-DAY CLINIC
- Advanced 4-Day Clinic
- On-line Education
- TTEAM and TTOUCH Training
- No –Fee practice Lessons and Free Workshops

BASIC 2-DAY CLINIC

Participants learn the basic concepts and techniques of Camelidynamics including herding, haltering, halter fitting, leading, body position, barn arrangement, husbandry and herd management. Taught by: Marty McGee Bennett or qualified Camelidynamics Practitioner. No pre-requisite.

ADVANCED 4-DAY CLINIC

Participants learn the advanced concepts and techniques of Camelidynamics including those listed above. Advanced Clinics are available to those pursuing certification or continuing education AND **anyone** seeking a higher level of skill in handling management and training.

Students receive one-on-one feedback on videotaped work with animals and intensive hands-on work with individual feedback. As the Practitioner advances in experience, they will also fine-tune their teaching skills and techniques and receive coaching on these skills by working with less experienced students attending the Advanced Clinic and by making presentations during the clinic.

Following each Advanced Clinic, participants are evaluated in writing and advised of their progress. Participants will be counseled about their strengths and areas that need improvement. It may be appropriate for some individuals to get additional experience with llamas and alpacas in a hands-on setting before continuing with additional Advanced Clinics. Taught by: Marty McGee Bennett Pre-requisite: One 2-day Basics Clinic

ON-LINE EDUCATION

The Camelidynamics website is a key resource for all Guild members. There are three on-line forums: the general Guild Forum, the Camelidynamics Handler Forum and the Practitioner Forum. These forums are moderated by Marty McGee Bennett and sorted by topic for easy reference. Members also have access the Guild Library, a comprehensive collection of resources, articles and instructions written by Marty and other contributing authors.

SELF-DIRECTED EDUCATION

The time between formal trainings is in many ways as important as the trainings themselves. Individuals interested in becoming practitioners should keep a log of their formal Camelidynamics trainings as well as their training sessions at home. Creating a log of case histories (both written and in video) of their work with interesting animals and daily sessions will help guide the student and provide a written record of experience that will be a useful guide to gauge progress. (Case Study forms are available on the Guild Forum.)

Videotape of work with animals is an integral part of the learning process. Practitioners at all levels should video their work and evaluate it on their own as a way of improving performance. Submitting videos to the Camelidynamics office is an excellent way of getting feedback on progress. Practitioners attending Advanced Clinics may be asked to present a written or video case history to the group.

TTEAM AND TTOUCH TRAINING

Camelidynamics is an outgrowth of Marty's work with Linda Tellington-Jones and TTEAM. To fully understand the work and to pass it along to others requires an understanding of the origins of the work. Experience with TTEAM or the TTOUCH will enhance your understanding of Camelidynamics and your proficiency with the methods. Members at all levels are encouraged to attend TTEAM and TTouch workshops, demonstrations and clinics for both companion animals and horses. TTEAM-TTOUCH education is a requirement for all Camelidynamics Practitioners. (Visit www.tteam-ttouch.com for more information.)

NO-FEE PRACTICE LESSONS & FREE WORKSHOPS

During training, future Practitioners gain proficiency with the methods of Camelidynamics and refine their teaching skills. You can't practice teaching without someone to teach. By eliminating the monetary pressure inherent in a fee-based instruction, we can set up a win-win-win situation. Students in free private and semi private lessons get an introduction to the work and a limited amount of instruction at no charge, while Apprentice Practitioners benefit by practicing their teaching skills in a safe learning environment.

As the Practitioner (P) progressed to the P1 level, from private lessons to workshops, the Practitioner is required to conduct free workshops. Workshop hosts benefit by attracting potential clients to their farms, Practitioners benefit by honing their skills, and participants benefit by receiving free training. Hosts may not charge attendees for the workshop and must follow the guidelines for hosting a Free Workshop. Practitioners may also host their own Free Workshops in order to satisfy the workshop requirements. More specific information about hosting workshops is available by contacting the Camelidynamics office.

Apprentice Practitioners will be evaluated on their teaching and handling skills by their students. Practitioners will be evaluated by the host and workshop attendees on organizational, teaching and handling skills. All evaluations are sent directly to the Camelidynamics office. Apprentice Practitioners and Practitioners will receive written feedback based on these evaluations.

Apprentice Practitioners and Practitioners are also encouraged to work with 4-H where available and other youth programs at no cost as a way of gaining experience and supporting their local camelid community.

Associate Level Benefits & Requirements



ASSOCIATE MEMBER (AM)

For those individuals interested in keeping their finger on the pulse of Camelidynamics, an Associate Membership provides education, resources and on-line feedback. Associate Members will have access to the general Guild on-line forum. They may post questions which will be answered directly by Marty McGee Bennett or Guild members. Marty will moderate the forum and provide insight and feedback on training and handling issues.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER BENEFITS

- Access to the Guild Library, the comprehensive collection of resources, articles and instructions written by Marty McGee Bennett and other contributing authors.
- Quarterly Guild E-Newsletter
- Advance notice of educational events, workshops and clinics
- Participation in the online Guild Forum moderated by Marty McGee Bennett and qualified Practitioners
- Eligible for periodic special offers and discounts announced in newsletter and on the Guild page of the website
- Access to private Guild webstore page and select product discounts
- May post events on the Camelidynamics Calendar

ASSOCIATE MEMBER REQUIREMENTS

- Remain current with annual Guild membership dues

CAMELIDYNAMICS HANDLER BENEFITS

- Use of the Camelidynamics Handler Seal on your website, business card and advertising
- Significant Discounts on *The Camelid Companion* and halters and can resell these items to customers/clients
- 40% Discount on two-day basics clinics
- Use of the professionally produced artwork and other marketing materials
- Use of the link to the Camelidynamics Handler Seal webpage. This page features, photos of handlers in action and outlines the advantages of using breeders, veterinarians, transporters and other service providers that qualify for the handler seal
- Participation in the private Camelidynamics Handler Forum moderated by Marty

CAMELIDYNAMICS HANDLER REQUIREMENTS

To become certified at this level, the following prerequisites must be met first:

- Attend a one 2-day Basics Clinic and one 4-day Advanced Clinic and successfully complete the Camelidynamics Handler application process
- Remain current by attending either a 2-day Basics clinic or a 4-day Advanced Clinic every two years
- Remain current with annual Guild membership dues

Practitioner Program

Certification as a Camelidynamics Practitioner takes considerable commitment. The philosophy is easy to learn and the techniques look easy, but extensive training and practice are required to become proficient. Many people attend one clinic and feel they could teach the method. After attending two or three more trainings, most begin to realize how much there is to learn. It is at this time—when students realize what they do not know—that they begin to have an understanding of the work.

During the period of apprenticeship, individuals are encouraged to work with clients for greatly reduced fees, perhaps for expenses only. This is the period of time when you are learning your craft, both working with animals and teaching people. After you become a Practitioner you will be charging a premium fee for your time and enhanced expertise.

The requirements for teaching Camelidynamics are deliberately rigorous and comprehensive as qualified instructors benefit the students as well as the reputation of the program and the work.

Standards are high for Camelidynamics Practitioners yet the benefits are wide-ranging. The camelid business is growing and the demand for training is increasing. The income earning potential for Practitioners is great yet will require as much (or more) skill in business and marketing as in animal handling and Camelidynamics.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PRACTITIONERS

The requirements outlined in this program are *minimum* requirements. Individuals are awarded certification as they successfully attain the education, practical ability, knowledge and expertise required for each level and after they pass the certification process by meeting all educational requirements and skill standards.

Practitioners must submit a completed application to the Camelidynamics office for each level. All Camelidynamics Practitioners must maintain an ongoing, hands-on involvement with the camelid industry.

BENEFITS FOR ALL PRACTITIONERS

All members at the Practitioner Level receive the following benefits with unique benefits associated with each level (details on following pages).

- Signified as a Camelidynamics Handler with no additional CH dues
- Can use the certification and the Guild logo along with the Practitioner icon from their level to promote their ranch and/or services
- Eligible to assist with 2-day basics Clinics. Assisting with a clinic in your area provides a very valuable opportunity to network with potential clients and to receive continuing education. Practitioners are introduced to the clinic participants and can distribute their Practitioner promotional materials at the clinic
- Annual videotape assessment at no charge (10-15 minutes). Practitioners at all levels can submit videotapes to Marty of animal work or teaching for feedback
- Unlimited phone and email consultations with Marty.
- Participation in the private Practitioner Forum
- Participation in the online Guild Forum moderated by Marty McGee Bennett and qualified Practitioners
- Access to the Guild Library, the comprehensive collection of resources, articles and instructions written by Marty McGee Bennett and other contributing authors
- Quarterly Guild E-Newsletter
- Advance notice of events and clinics
- Eligible for periodic special offers and discounts announced in newsletter and on the Guild Forum
- Access to private Guild webstore page and select product discounts



Apprentice Practitioner (AP)

At this level, future Practitioners begin to gain proficiency with the methods of Camelidynamics and refine their teaching skills. The AP begins the process by teaching free semi-private and private lessons. A lesson consists of 2-4 hours instruction on the basic concepts of Camelidynamics (lesson plans available on Practitioner Forum). A key element of the Apprentice's education is providing a limited amount of instruction at no charge to participants.

Apprentice Practitioners will be evaluated by the individuals receiving instruction on both teaching and handling skills. These evaluations are sent directly to the Camelidynamics office. Apprentice Practitioners will receive written feedback based on these evaluations.

AP-SPECIFIC BENEFITS

(See page 7 for all Practitioner Level benefits.)

- Camelidynamics website listing to include name, location, email, website, phone
- 10% discount on Camelidynamics books, learning tools and gear regardless of quantity
- Access to the private Practitioner Forum
- Use of training aids to include lesson plans and handouts

AP PREREQUISITES

To be completed prior to granting of Apprentice (AP) status:

- Completed one (1) 2-day Basics Clinics
- Completed two (2) 4-day Advanced Clinics
*Individuals who have completed 8 or more total days of training as a participant prior to January 1, 2005 may present a list of Clinics attended and may receive credit for one Advanced Clinic toward the AP requirements
- Apprentices are expected to progress toward Practitioner status within a reasonable period of time ordinarily within a year, however to remain an Apprentice, an individual must attend a Basics or Advanced Clinic each year
- Submit application & get approval for Apprentice Practitioner (AP) status
- Pay the annual AP Guild Membership dues of \$120



Practitioner (P)

A Practitioner has fulfilled all the requirements for Apprentice and Practitioner status and has been evaluated and determined to be proficient in their handling, training and teaching skills. They will have taught a minimum of three evaluated private or semi-private lessons (up to 5 people) as an Apprentice Practitioner at no charge to the participants.

THE PRACTITIONER IS QUALIFIED TO:

- Teach private lessons or small group lessons (up to 5 people) at competitive rates
- Consult privately on barn design and challenge animals at competitive rates

P-SPECIFIC BENEFITS

(See page 7 for all Practitioner Level benefits.)

- Camelidynamics website listing to include name, location, email, website, phone & photo
- Qualified to teach private/semi-private lessons at competitive fees
- 15% discount on Camelidynamics books, learning tools and gear regardless of quantity.
- 5% discount on Advanced Clinics
- Use of teaching aids to including the 1-day Free Workshop Guide and Syllabus (available on the private Practitioner Forum)
- Attendees of an Apprentice Practitioner Free Workshop, who go on to attend a Basics Clinic with Marty, earn the Apprentice Practitioner a credit of \$25 towards an Advanced Clinic. (Limited to 10 per year)

P PREREQUISITES

To be completed prior to granting of Practitioner (P) status:

- Maintain Apprentice Practitioner (AP) status
- Complete one additional Advanced Clinic (cumulative total: three (3) Advanced Clinics)
- Assist with instruction of less experienced students at Advanced Clinic
- Assist Marty McGee Bennett with one (1) 2-day Basic Clinic
- Complete one (1) 1-day TTEAM or TTOUCH workshop or demonstration (horses, companion animals or humans) taught by a certified TTEAM or TTOUCH Practitioner
- Have taught a minimum of three private/semi private lessons as an Apprentice Practitioner with completed evaluations submitted to Camelidynamics office
- Complete and submit 10 case histories (Forms and guidelines available on the private Practitioner Forum) that demonstrate knowledge of how and when to use the various tools and techniques as well as an understanding of the philosophy of Camelidynamics.
- Have a satisfactory background in managing and handling camelids. (2 years minimum)
- Have a minimum 2-year involvement with Camelidynamics
- Demonstrate proficiency with the techniques of, and an understanding of the principles and philosophy of Camelidynamics by instructing less experienced students at Advanced Clinics
- Demonstrate general knowledge of livestock handling including safety principles of working with large animals
- Remain current by attending an Advanced Clinic every year
- Submit application & get approval for Practitioner (P) status
- Pay the annual P Guild Membership dues of \$300



Practitioner 1 (P1)

A Practitioner 1 has fulfilled all the requirements for Apprentice, Practitioner and Practitioner 1 status and has been evaluated and determined to be proficient in their handling, training, teaching and organizational skills. They will have taught a minimum of three (3) free private lessons as an AP and two (2) 1-day Free Workshops as an Practitioner.

THE PRACTITIONER 1 IS QUALIFIED TO:

- Teach 1-day workshops with up to 15 people at competitive rate per person. Topics covered are limited to the syllabus provided.
- Teach private lessons or small group lessons at competitive rates.
- Consult privately on barn design and challenging animals at competitive rates.

P1-SPECIFIC BENEFITS

(See page 7 for all Practitioner Level benefits.)

- Website listing for P1 also includes photo and bio.
- Qualified to teach 1-day Workshops at competitive fees
- Receive calendar listings and clinic promotion on Camelidynamics website
- 20% discount on Camelidynamics books, learning tools and gear regardless of quantity.
- 10% discount on Advanced Clinics
- Use of teaching aids to including the 1-day Workshop Guide and Syllabus

P1 PREREQUISITES

To be completed prior to granting of Practitioner1 (P1) status:

- Maintain Practitioner (P) status
- Complete one additional Advanced Clinic (cumulative total: four (4) Advanced Clinics)
- Assist with instruction of less experienced students at Advanced Clinic
- Assist Marty McGee Bennett or Practitioner2 with one (1) 2-day Basic Clinic (cumulative total: 2 assists)
- Complete one (1) 2-day TTEAM Workshop for horses taught by a certified TTEAM Practitioner (cumulative total: one 1-day and one 2-day TTEAM-TTOUCH Workshops)
- Have taught a minimum of two 1-day Free Workshops (6-10 participants) as a Practitioner with completed evaluations submitted to Camelidynamics office
- Have a satisfactory background in managing and handling camelids. (2 years minimum)
- Have a 2-year minimum involvement with Camelidynamics
- Demonstrate proficiency with the techniques of, and an understanding of the principles and philosophy of Camelidynamics by teaching short blocks of instruction at Advanced Clinics
- Demonstrate general knowledge of livestock handling including safety principles of working with large animals.
- Demonstrate an ability to efficiently control and guide group work
- Remain current by attending an Advanced Clinic every year
- Submit application & be approved for Practitioner1 (P1) status
- Pay the annual P1 Guild Membership dues of \$600



Practitioner 2 (P2)

A Practitioner 2 has fulfilled all the requirements for Apprentice Practitioner, Practitioner 1 and Practitioner 2 status and has been evaluated and determined to be proficient in their handling, training and teaching skills. P2's have an additional level of experience with camelid husbandry and management. They will have taught a minimum of three (3) paid 1-day Workshops as a P1, two (2) 1-day Free Workshops as P and two (2) free 1-day Workshops as an AP.

THE PRACTITIONER 2 IS QUALIFIED TO:

- Teach 2-day Basics Clinics with up to 15 people. (Topics covered limited to the syllabus provided Practitioner Forum)
- Teach 1-day Intro Clinics with up to 15 people. (Topics covered limited to the syllabus provided on Practitioner Forum)
- Teach private lessons or workshops at competitive rates
- Consult privately on barn design and challenging animals at competitive rates

P2-SPECIFIC BENEFITS

(See page 7 for all Practitioner Level benefits.)

- Website listing for P2 also includes photo and bio and personal profile.
- Receive calendar listings and clinic promotion on Camelidynamics website
- 25% discount on Camelidynamics books, learning tools and gear regardless of quantity.
- 15% discount on Advanced Clinics
- 40% discount on Camelid Companion books regardless of quantity
- Use of training aids to include Clinic Guides and syllabus available on Practitioner Forum

P2 PREREQUISITES

To be completed prior to granting of Practitioner2 (P2) status

- Maintain Practitioner1 (P1) status
- Complete two additional Advanced Clinic (cumulative total: four (6) Advanced Clinics)
- Assist with instruction of less experienced students at Advanced Clinics
- Complete one (1) week-long TTEAM training horse workshop taught by certified TTEAM Practitioner (cumulative total: one 1-day, one 2-day, one week-long TTEAM-TTOUCH Workshops)
- Have taught a minimum of three (3) 1-day Intro Clinics as P1 charging competitive rates
- Assisted with a minimum of two (2) Basic Clinics as P1
- Have a satisfactory background in managing and handling camelids (2 years minimum)
- Have a 3-year minimum involvement with Camelidynamics
- Extensive experience with and knowledge of llamas and alpacas
- Excellent teaching skills and experience with handling groups
- A dynamic and empathetic personality
- [Remain current by attending an Advanced Clinic every year.](#)
- Submit application & be approved for Practitioner2 (P2) status
- Pay the annual P2 Guild Membership dues of \$1,200