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Greetings Ladies,

I am grateful for your support and wanted to share some of the knowledge that I gained from the clinic that I recently participated in at Rancho Santa Fe with Marie Millman. During my specific lesson I learned the 1, 2, 3 strategy to help my transitions. This strategy involves giving a small kick on 1, then on 2 you give a small kick and a small bump with a crop, and on 3 you just keep doing bumps with the crop. I demonstrated my bending skills and asked for feedback, but Marie thought my bending was fine. Marie worked with my horse and me on legheals and helped my horse know the motions she should do when I ask.

I also observed many other riders' lessons throughout the day and learned skills such as a halting technique similar to the 1, 2, 3 strategy that I learned for transitions. In this technique 1 is a firm hold, 2 is to tighten the reins and have a firm hold, and 3 is to circle and halt. Another lesson included ways to tell if your horse is actually spooking or just trying to misbehave and what to do in each situation. Marie said that if your horse is spooking it should be happening in the same place and misbehavior could happen anywhere.

I really enjoyed my time with Marie and the opportunity to see other riders and hear different things that they were working on. I feel confident that the information I learned will help me be a better rider. Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,
Maci Remington