

## Cheryl Beaudry

Cheryl Beaudry was born with horses in her blood receiving her inspiration for her riding and training techniques from her family. It started with her grandfather, Chuck Tripp, who was a student of the horse, dressage/vaquero concepts and practiced natural horsemanship/cowboy dressage before there was a name for it. As a farrier, he understood the importance of good ground manners and how it carried over to riding. He helped his horses and clients' to be calm, confident partners from stock horse competitions, youth and 4-H riders, to recreational trail riding through his horse handling school. He was fascinated with horse behavior and different training techniques, always searching for a better way to communicate with the horses. A very modest man, his actions always spoke louder than his words. He could often be seen performing advanced dressage maneuvers from tempo changes to piaffe in his western saddle and spade bit with slack in the reins.



Chuck and his wife Virginia were also heavily involved in the Draft Horse Association with their Oxen, Equi-Friends Therapeutic Riding Center, Snohomish County 4-H, they helped start the Farrier's Association of Washington, and was the first farrier for the Mounted Police of Seattle. The whole family also was heavily involved with these organizations over the years. Chuck started his last 3yr old at age 80 with Cheryl putting the first rides on her. He rode up in the hills and around his place until he was 89. A jack of all trades, he was an example of how to age and still be active and involved in the horse community-his mind and will never slowing.

Cheryl's mom, Carol Elves, and aunt, Linda Cook, were also very involved, competitive riders/mentors following in the tradition of horsemanship and involvement from 4-H to Breed Shows. Her grandmother, Virginia Tripp, and father, Ross Elves, also rode and were huge supporters of all the horse endeavors from office help to show cook and anything inbetween. There was never a shortage of horses to ride and learn from or adults to offer expert advice to Cheryl and her sister, Teri. "I am a result of all their years of combined experiences and of what my own experiences have added to it," Cheryl says.

Cheryl learned from an early age about patience, feel/timing, compassion, and hard work. Carol was instrumental in teaching Cheryl all the stages of horsemanship as she grew up and has been an invaluable mentor as she branched out to training outside horses and instruction at age 15. Cheryl was an accomplished 4-H Performance rider earning countless medals in English and Western Equitation and was also a very active member in Horse Council. In addition, her whole family did a lot of camping with the horses allowing them to be all around safe mounts. After high school, she delved deeper into jumping with the help of Carol, Rae Early, and Jean (Von



Certified IMTCA Judge she has judged many Shows and Regional Championships at all levels. She also has youth and adult students whom have also gone on to win buckles at these events as well.

“I’ve been doing natural horsemanship and cowboy dressage my whole life. Balance, timing, feel-it doesn’t matter what discipline you are working with, you need these three things to be successful in them all. These concepts pertain to more than just horses; it’s a way of life and how we navigate that life. I enjoy helping people do more and have a better connection with their horses for whatever discipline(s) they are interested in. It’s all about the partnership. I love being a part of that growth and seeing people smile and laugh in their lessons/ride because they are having incredible, resistance -free rides now that they comprehend how to be an effective leader with their horses and in their own lives. As an instructor I wear many hats and I’m always here for my students. I show people how to connect an idea or concept to what is happening, understand why it’s happening, and learn how to handle it, so that they stay in charge of their ride. My students, young and old, are wonderful people who are committed to improving their relationship with their horses and are highly supportive of each other. We are a big family called Team Beaudry.”

Cheryl lives in Moxee, WA with her supportive husband Tim and son Jake.