

Patty LeBlanc is the Director and Head Instructor at the Cappaleigh Riding Academy. She has been teaching riding for the last 14 years, and has made it her goal to offer a program for children and adults that focuses on strong fundamentals, safety, knowledge and horsemanship.

Raised in Santa Barbara, California, Patty was very involved with horses since the age of 9. From early on in her riding career, she was active in the United States Pony Club. With her experience in Pony Club, as well as exposure to some extremely talented riders and instructors in California, her passion for riding and equine education began to take shape.

In 1996, Patty started teaching at the Oak Creek Equestrian Center in Santa Barbara, home of the Santa Barbara Therapeutic Riding Academy. While working there she was certified by the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association. Patty worked at the Oak Creek Equestrian Center for 3 ½ years as their Program Director and Head Instructor.

Patty continued teaching at many different barns after leaving the Oak Creek Equestrian Center, while concurrently working part time as a working student at Monty Roberts' "Flag is Up Farm" in Buellton, California.

In 2001, Patty moved to Colorado to pursue her Bachelors of Science degree in Equine Science from Colorado State University. While at CSU, she taught classes in the riding program and received her riding instructor certifications for beginner through advanced riders.

Patty graduated from CSU in 2004 and accepted a job teaching at Whistlepig Farm in Broomfield. After working as the Head Instructor at Whistlepig Farm for 2 years, she turned her focus exclusively to teaching at her family's facility at Cappaleigh Farm in Longmont.

Patty is a certified equine sports massage therapist (ESMT II), a certified human massage therapist, a certified coach through the Positive Coaching Alliance, a certified Ride Right Coach for equestrian cross training, and a member of the American Riding Instructors Association.