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CATTLE CAMP 2026

Working Equitation has four phases - Dressage, Obstacles, Speed and Team Cattle Penning - and while we often only see the first three phases, the cattle phase really brings together everything that makes a versatile, adjustable and confident horse.

This camp is designed to give horses and riders a friendly introduction to cattle, or a chance to continue building skills in a supportive environment. In previous years, the camp has been a mix of riders who have never seen cattle before, those who are curious about Working Equitation, and some who want to put competition skills into practice. Everyone learns something and everyone finishes the weekend feeling more confident (and usually with a lot of laughs!)

No western tack required — most riders use dressage saddles and standard tack. Open to any ridden horse and any experience level.

UPCOMING DATES

Friday 29th - Sunday 31st May 2026

Friday 7th - Sunday 9th August 2026

Sudbrooke Park Cattle Company, Hallbrooke,
Sudbrooke Park, LN3 5BB

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3 DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 - UNDERSTANDING CATTLE & BUILDING CONFIDENCE

Morning: Horse placement, cattle behaviour & bringing the cattle in
We start the camp by bringing the cattle in from the fields and getting the horses used to working quietly around them. The focus is on understanding how cows think, how they respond to pressure and movement, and how to place your horse in the best spot to influence the cow. This session is slow, calm and confidence-building for both horse and rider, with simple cutting concepts introduced without speed or pressure.

Afternoon: Riding lines, splitting the herd & becoming more efficient
In the afternoon, we look at how to ride the correct lines and how to split a cow cleanly from the herd in a controlled and relaxed way. Horses work together to build confidence and learn positioning before having short individual moments to refine timing and accuracy. The goal is efficiency and clarity without rushing.

DAY 2 - OBSTACLES + TEAMWORK FOUNDATIONS

Morning: Obstacles for improving control & communication
We switch into Working Equitation obstacles to improve bend, transitions, adjustability and lightness. These manoeuvres make cattle work easier and more functional. For those aiming for competition, we'll offer friendly advice on how to score higher marks and present obstacles correctly.

Afternoon: Teamwork + adding confidence & (optional) speed
We begin working as pairs or small teams to learn how to cut from the line, when to block, when to allow a cow to pass and how to support a teammate. Once horses feel settled, small amounts of speed may be added to improve timing — but only where horse and rider are comfortable.

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DAY 3 — BECOMING A CATTLE TEAM

Morning: Working all team positions + splitting on the line
This is where things start to look more like real Working Equitation cattle penning. Riders learn how to be effective from every position in the team, how to make decisions on the fly and how to read the whole herd rather than just one cow. It's a brilliant chance to put all the learning together.

Afternoon: Friendly Team Cattle Penning Competition
We finish the camp with a relaxed team cattle penning competition. Teams get multiple runs and there's always huge improvement (and plenty of cheering!). It's a fun and supportive way to wrap up the three days and reward the horses for their efforts.

BOOKING & PRICE

£445 PER PERSON

50% deposit at time of booking. Remaining balance due 8 weeks before.

This includes:
✓ Stabling Thursday, Friday & Saturday night
✓ Hay & straw
✓ Hook up

This camp is self catered.

To secure your place at either camp, please contact:
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Places are limited and this camp fills quickly each year!