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In April of 2008, I purchased a 3 year old mare from a respectable trainer in Ohio. I was very excited to own a mare of this caliber. Two months after I purchased her everything started to fall apart. The mare became aggressive toward people that would go in her stall and at the horse shows she would bolt, run off or rear if people or horses would come toward her. I was desperate for some help; I brought her to another respectable trainer in Pennsylvania, who did the best he could with her. However, I received a phone call from him and he told me flat out to sell her because she was going to end up hurting me or someone else. He told me that her work ethic was not any good and she just did not want to do the western pleasure thing. So I took her home for the winter and did not know what to do with her. I could not sell her with a good conscience and could not ride her because I was afraid of her and she knew it. As fall progressed into winter, I had a feeling that there was something good in her and she deserved another chance.

I decided to call Kevin Crane who I had met years ago. I explained my situation to Kevin and he told me he would be happy to work with me and my horse. So off we went, a seven hour trip to Maine. She was in training with him for three months. He worked very hard at changing her mind and encouraged her to trust and to have confidence that she is not going to be hurt by people. After three months and many trips to Maine, Kevin has given me back my confidence and my horse. He was always so patient and understanding as I worked through my fears and he was with me with every moment of my first horse show with her. One of my trips to Maine, we even went on a trail ride on a horse that I never thought I would ride again. I was able to show and place in every class that I went in this summer.

After the three months I brought her home and rode her daily by sticking to the "program." Kevin has always been just a phone call away whenever I had questions or needed help. This was the happiest I had been since I purchased my horse in April of 2008. She is not the same horse I purchased, she is better.

Kevin Crane is a godsend to anyone who has a horse they love but are at a loss on how to deal with them. He is so willing to work with you and your horse so that you can have a lifelong companion. Kevin has the extraordinary ability to not only see what the horse needs physically but what they need mentally as well. This is a trait that is very rare to find in a trainer.

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