

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENGLISH SADDLE FLOCKING CLASS

Students are required to bring a minimum of 3, but no more than 4, wool flocked english style saddles to class. (Dressage, Hunter, Jumper).

You are encouraged to bring different brands of saddles in order to give you exposure to the various styles of panels. Here are a few brand names of saddles that have wool flocking: County, Albion, "Custom" Saddlery, Passier, Stubben, Niedersus, Smith Worthington.

These saddles will be your flocking practice saddles. You will be working under the direct supervision of an experienced instructor, ***so rest assured that the saddles will leave the classroom in better shape than when they came in.***

- All saddles will be completely re-flocked with 100% virgin white wool. We will not just be adding new flocking on top of the old "dead" flock (although this is a common practice in the industry).
- The average cost to re-flock a saddle is \$225-\$250. This is a good incentive to friends and other riders to allow you to bring their saddle to class. Wool flocked saddles should be reflocked every 1-3 years, depending upon how frequently they are used. If someone's saddle had not been reflocked in the past 3 years, then it is time.
- Properly re-flocked saddles can make an immense positive difference in how the horse moves and the rider's position.

In order to make sure that you, as a student, get the best experience out of the class, please take the time to make sure that the saddles you select are "**FLOCK-WORTHY**".

FLOCK-WORTHY CRITERIA

- The saddles must be in good repair
- The leather must be supple
- The panels must be flocked with wool

CRITERIA FOR WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Saddles with FOAM or AIR Panels. **If you are not sure, give us a call for help.**
- Saddles that have dry, rotted, cracked or worn out leather. (Uncle Joe's 30 year old dust covered saddled on the top saddle rack needs to stay there...)
- \$50 saddles from E-Bay.
- Saddles with twisted or broken trees (**again, call for help if you are unsure**)

Please do not waste your time or ours on "**JUNK**" saddles. The better the quality of the saddles that you bring to class, the better your learning experience will be. **If you are unsure about the saddles you have selected for practice, call us before you ship the saddles.**

For your convenience you may ship the saddles to us in advance. Likewise, we will assist you in the return shipment of the re-flocked saddles.

Please ship insured UPS or Fedex to:

Animal Dynamics
9791 NW 160th Street, Reddick, FL 32686
(352) 591-6025

Please advise us by phone call or email admin@animaldynamics.com when you have shipped your saddles so that we will be watching for their arrival.

PLEASE SHIP THE SADDLES AT LEAST 10 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE CLASS START DATE. IT IS REQUIRED THAT AT LEAST ONE SADDLE BE HERE ON THE MORNING OF THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Students will be supplied with flocking tools to use during the program. Students may purchase these tools at the end of class. Wool for flocking the practice saddles is provided. Students may purchase additional wool at the end of class.