

## *MATT RUSTEMEIER ~ Biography*

Matt Rustemeier grew up on a small cattle Ranch in Northern Alberta. From an early age Matt started developing interest and skill with both cattle and horses. Matt worked for horse trainers Brian Griffith and Pernell Fleck shortly after high school, as well as learning back country packing and horsemanship skills while working for an outfitting company in Banff.

He has spent the last five years training horses as well as riding pens in large feedlots in southern Alberta. Matt's focus with horsemanship is to develop a strong relationship through feel with the horse. Matt is strongly influenced by traditional Vaquero and Charro Horsemen, as he feels that these styles share the closest similarities with classical dressage. Matt has recently started showing working cow horse at the Alberta Reined Cow Horse Association (ARCHA) events and also looks forward to ranch roping competitions. He enjoys sharing his lifelong pursuit of horsemanship with others.

He and his wife Betty-Jo now live near Claresholm, where he is currently training horses.

