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If you truly want help and to succeed, you have to listen to the advice of both Penny and Desiree - whether you're at a clinic, or riding at their place.

My last visit with Penny and Desiree came in the summer of 2009. I had had it with my Open horse, "Wylie" and his "take charge" attitude. He would always perform, but I never knew exactly who was in charge. So off to the big pen of Lazy E we went! Wylie (loves to RUN) set out to run off with me his first run. I packed up my "tinker toys" and headed back to Penny and Desiree's "sand box" and set out to "fix" Wylie, or me.

Following their directions isn't always fun, or easy (for both the horse and rider – remember you're a team) if you truly want to succeed – you better give it a try!

Needless to say (fast forward) after 8 miles of riding the next morning before heading back to Lazy E, among a couple other adjustments, I strapped in to try it again! Although that day didn't end with a spectacular win of first place, but what followed was!

When going to the Barrel Bash at Topeka (a pen we have struggled with lots) we won our largest check, winning the 2D running against NFR qualifiers. Wylie went on to his next big pen outdoor jackpot to be the only one in the 1D and a couple weeks following that. He also qualified to win two saddles. He finished out the summer winning in the pens I (previously) could barely get a 3D pattern.

So – don't go asking for help and advice then not follow through. As one friend of mine said (Veanna Rousseau) "I wonder what you actually make per mile on that horse!"

The key to this particular horse is to ride him for miles before a race, so his mind is more "accepting" to my wishes! While this might not work on all horses, Penny and Desiree have ridden/run enough different type horses so help figure out just what each horse (and rider) needs to succeed.

Thank You! Brenda Coffman!