

CURRICULUM VITAE

PAUL BENNETT

CARRIAGE DRIVING

THERAPEUTIC HORSEMANSHIP

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Paul Bennett comes from county Durham in Northern England. Horses have always been a part of Paul's life and he knew he wanted to make a career out of them. After graduation from Durham College of Agriculture, Paul began as Head Horseman for Newcastle Breweries. He was responsible for showing and promotion of Carriage Teams, as well as their care and operations. He then went on to Supervise the Stable for the Living History Museum of Beamish, which included the heritage breeds of the late Victorian and early Edwardian time in history.

In 2002, Paul became a First Coachman for Andreas Nemitz Coaching exclusive road coach journey through Bavaria, Tuscany and other European destinations with antique carriages. He also taught driving clinics during this time. In 2006, Paul joined the Halloughton Hackney Stud, an endangered breed of horses. He oversaw their breeding, showing, and international shipping of their prized horses. He also managed the acquisition and restoration of antique carriages and coaches for their operation.

In 2010, Paul Bennett moved to Wharton, Texas to manage the Ranch and Corporate Retreat for Stewart Morris of Stewart Title Co., and The Morris Family. Paul curated the carriage house boasting 30 rare antique and reproduction carriages, managed the all livestock and property operations. In 2014, Paul moved to Eden Valley Farm in Pennsylvania where he trained a variety of breeds to drive, taught the Achenbach method of driving to amateur whips, and prepared horses for national and international competition. In the Spring of 2015, he returned to Halloughton Hackney Stud to manage their breeding program and was also named to serve as Judge at National Rare Breeds of the Year show in Nottinghamshire, sponsored by the Rare Breeds Survival Trust.

He returned to the States in late 2015 to be name Director of the Coach and Livestock Department for Colonial Williamsburg. There he oversaw 150 animals, 22 employees and in excess of 25 volunteers for their national premier living history museum. He was responsible for the carriages, animals, government compliance, education, safety guidelines, operational guidelines and procedures, and overall management.

In 2019, Paul became Executive Director of Swiftsure Therapeutic Equestrian Center in Idaho. The Center sits on 191 acres and uses equine therapy to encourage the physical, mental and emotional well-being of children and adults with a variety of physical and emotional challenges. The goal of therapeutic riding is to promote independence through horsemanship while learning in a positive, safe, environment. Swiftsure Ranch is a PATH International member center and all instructors are certified at the Registered or Advanced levels. In 2022, Swiftsure was awarded the Platinum Seal of Transparency by GuideStar, only 1% of registered non-profits are awarded this status.

LICENSES AND EDUCATION:

- King Ranch Institute for Ranch Management, Texas A&M University: Texas AgFinance Certificate in Advanced Ranch Management.
- Durham College of Agriculture: National Certificate in the Management of Horses. Course Student of the Year and College Student of the Year Awards.
- Certified Horsemanship Association level 4 Equine Facilities Management and Assistant Course Instructor
- Certified Horsemanship Association level 3 English Level 2 Western Riding Instructor
- Carriage Association of America carriage driving evaluator
- British Driving Society Level 3
- British Horse Society level 3
- German National Driving Federation Level 3
- Path Certified Therapeutic Carriage Driving Instructor
- ERC Stallion Handling Certification

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- Road Club of Great Britain
- American Four – in -Hand Club
- The Tandem Club
- Professional Association Therapeutic Horseman
- Certified Horsemanship Association

EQUINE EXPERIENCE:

- Executive Director, Swiftsure Ranch Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Bellevue, Idaho 2019 – Present
- Director of Coach & Livestock Department, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg, Virginia 2015 –2019
- Breeding Manager and Professional Coachman, Halloughton Hackney Stud, Brewood, Staffordshire, England 2015 - 2015
- Farm Manager and Professional Coachman, Eden Valley Farm, Spring City, Pennsylvania 2014 – 2015
- Farm/Ranch Manager and Professional Coachman, Wharton, Texas, Morris Ranch and Carriage House 2010 – 2014
- Breeding Manager and Professional Coachman, Halloughton Hackney Stud, Brewood, Staffordshire, England 2006 – 2009
- First Coachman, Andreas Nemitz’ Coaching in Bavaria, Kerschlach, Germany 2002 – 2006
- Stable Supervisor, Beamish Museum, County Durham, England 1995 - 2002
- Head Horseman, Newcastle Breweries, Newcastle, England 1992 - 1995

AREA OF EXPERTISE:

Carriage Driving
Livery and Management
Breeding Carriage Livestock

Carriage Operations
Therapeutic Riding
Therapeutic Program Management