

- Hey guys, I wanna introduce you to Robyn's new reining horse, Rey. And so a little about Rey here, we've had him for about a month now, and I've done some things with him in that month. And probably, I'll explain all about what we've done, because you're probably gonna see a lot of videos of little Rey here. So, when we first got... Rey is a young stallion, very quiet first day, Hey Mr? So, when we first got him, like he does the reining really, really good. Hasn't won a great deal, but does the stuff to where he's gonna be a very, very fun horse for Robyn. We've had him for about a month. And in that month, I bet a week after we got him, we went to a reining show in Idaho, for about a week or 10 days. Then we were home for about a week, and we went to another show in Southern California. And when we first got him, he's just like a sweetheart, just stands there. In his stall you walk up and catch him. You could walk up and kind of go, hey darling, how you doing, and he would just kind of close his eyes, and just kind of hang here like this. But there was a little level of shut down with him, and so, you know, the first thing I started doing when we got him was, in his stall if I approached him, I was very aware of his eyes. I watched his eyes and if his eyes turned away from me, which they did a lot, I would stop and step back and... He's having a big old lick and chew here. I'd stop and step back and wait for him to acknowledge me. There wasn't a lot of licking and chewing went on. Something else we've done with him is I have fed him quite a few cookies, just walked in there and feed him cookies, just to get him kind of interacting with us. I'm not saying we're gonna keep feeding him cookies forever, and I'm not saying that if you've got a stallion you should feed him cookies, but that's one way to get those horses a little bit shut down. When you walk up to them, they just think you're gonna catch them, hey sweetness, you're gonna catch him and do something with him. Just walk up to him and give him something nice, and walk off again. What else we've done? We've done a fair bit of like letting him graze on the lawn here. And when we went to that show in Idaho, we did quite a bit of taking him out, letting him walk around here and graze him. You can see these big yawns he's having right here. I've basically just been standing here, engaging with him for a minute, and this horse is really starting to come out of his shell a little bit, which we'll talk about here a bit more in a minute, Something else I've just done recently is turning him loose in the arena with a big ball to play with, and it seems like that's something I might do a lot, have him go out in the arena with that ball and play with it, because it certainly seems to bring him out of his shell and he has a good time. I've done the cookie thing. Sometimes at the show when we're giving him his grain, I'd actually sit on a bucket in his stall, let him eat the grain out of the bucket that's in my hands. And like I said, not saying everybody should do that with a stallion, but that's what we're doing with him. What we are finding with him is that the more we get him out of his shell, the more he's actually spooky and does some goofy things. Leading him around, when you lead him, come on mister. When you lead him, he just kinda of walks back there, and when you go, he goes and when you stop, he stops, pretty old blazy sorta thing. And when you're riding him he's pretty lazy, like you've gotta kind of make him go. But the thing is, if you turn him loose here in the arena, he runs around like a wild man. And you can ride him and you've gotta kick him to make him go while you're riding him, but when you get off, if you get off and turn him loose in here, he he'll run around like a wild man. So, I think he's actually kind of been taught to be very obedient. He's a little bit on the shutdown side. I think as we go on with him, he's actually going to be possibly a bit of a handful. He's probably gonna be a lot more spooky, a lot more energetic, there'll be some different things he does, but I will deal with them as they pop up. I think he's gonna be way more horse than the horse we

bought, just because he's kind of withdrawn about stuff. That show in Idaho, every evening we'd take him and Oscar for a walk, him and the dogs and lead him around the place. The more out of his shell he came, the more like, he'd see something out from the distance, and he kind of run around me. And the last day we're at that show up there, Robyn was about to show him. I'd warmed him up, he was really good, Robyn was on him at the back gate, so, it was a covered arena, but the getting ready area was right outside, so it was outside, it wasn't inside. And he spotted a kid over here on a mound of dirt waving a blanket or something rather, and lost his mind a little bit, started running around and Robyn put a bend in his body, but he just kind of ran. He shot out and ran sideways, it was kind of dangerous. And Robyn is like, what do I do? What do I do? I said, well just stay safe until you can get off, and he kind of slowed down a bit so I had her jump off. And I held on, I said just hand him here, and I held onto him, and he was just frantic running around me, and I just held, I had the rein here, I just kind of held that up a bit, and he kind of ran around me like a crab walk sort of thing, and all I was trying to do was not get run over. Hey Mr. And then after that he started learning. Robyn actually got on him and went in and showed him and he was good. The thing is when you're working on a horse that's shut down, when they start to come out of that shutdown, you will find that it will seem to get worse before it gets better. Okay. And I think this one's definitely gonna be that, he's gonna have some really weird things going on. I'm going to show you all the stuff we're gonna do with him as we go along, including the reining stuff, 'cause you know, I don't have much reining stuff on here, and this is a really nice reining horse, and we're gonna be doing quite a bit of reining stuff at initially. So, there's things I wanna change about how he carries himself. A lot of reining horses, they carry themselves and drag themselves long by their front end of it, so I wanna do a lot of like classical dressage stuff, and kind of change the way he carries himself, which will change the way he does everything. And that's about it for an introduction. I'll be making some videos as we go along, of different things we're doing with him, to help him come out of his shell. And then I'll be showing you what we are doing with him, when the problems arise, when he does come out of his shell.