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## H&C Masterclass With Claudio Oliveria

### Developing Piaffe and Passage

Check out H&C's Masterclass episode with Brazilian trainer Claudio Oliveria. Oliveria, known for his ability to start young horses and continue their development with precise timing and positive encouragement, demonstrates how to bring a horse along to introduce the piaffe and passage movements. He breaks down his process with three horses from in-hand work, to long lining, to training with a rider, explaining how he handles both challenges and successes.

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### In-Hand Training

Before any exercises, Oliveria warms up the horse at the walk, trot, and canter for about 15 minutes. He likes to start the in-hand training with a turn on the forehand in each direction to work on the flexibility of the joints. For a less experienced horse, he moves into work on a straight line, aiming for control of the whole body. Then he trains the half-steps, using a whip as an extension of his arm to touch the horse on the legs. He uses voice and other vocal sound cues to help the horse understand what he is asking. Oliveria stresses the importance of not getting frustrated when the horse does not respond exactly as you hope. He puts equal emphasis on rewarding good behavior, so the horse can understand they've done the movement correctly.



### Long Lining

Long lining is the next step before adding a rider. For this, Oliveria typically uses side reins to help maintain the shape of the horse so they develop the correct back muscles. He practices a lot of transitions to get the horse to be forward-thinking. When he collects and asks for the half-steps, he uses the same vocal cues to help the horse understand what he is asking.



### Training With a Rider

Initially when Oliveria adds a rider into the equation, the rider is passive, simply focusing on the steering and shape of the horse while the ground person asks for the piaffe. They start at the walk, going from a forward walk, to a collected walk, and then to the piaffe. Once the horse understands the walk, Oliveria moves on to the trot, repeating the gradual collection into the passage. He stresses the importance of being kind to the horse in this challenging work.

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Take what you've learned in Claudio Oliveria's Masterclass, and watch the pros put it to action in the best dressage shows around the world. As always, H&C+ subscribers have access to all the excitement, so tune in to the Live Events page to see what is coming up!

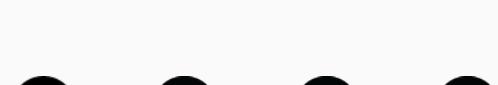
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### Dressage at Devon

Devon, Pennsylvania – September 27-October 2

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