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Thomas unveiled his unique research in **2006**. Since then his theories have been hailed by industry insiders and Kerry has been filmed with **hall of famer Bob Baffert** and **Kentucky Derby winning trainer John Shirreffs**. THT is seen by many as revolutionary and timely. Commenting on the project Caballo Press publisher and CEO Rudolph Valier Alvarado stated that, "Kerry Thomas' research is intriguing and of value for anyone who is searching for a new approach to understanding, training and communicating with the equine athlete. Caballo Press is committed to publishing books with a unique perspective, or subject; Thomas' book certainly meets the criteria."

Inspired by his love and admiration for wild horses, Thomas made his first trip to the wilds of Wyoming and Montana in the late 80's. A natural investigator, Thomas focuses on the natural behavioral dynamics of both the prey and the predator, knowing that any real hope of dissecting the social and individual equine behavioral patterns lay within the cause and effect of the environmental stimuli. Years of independent studies of America's Wild Mustang has slowly developed into a focus centered on the psychology of the equine as nature intended. This led to the cornerstone of THT's core belief, which, as Thomas explains, "is to advance the natural herd dynamic into the artificial world."

Working closely with Dr. Brett Dolente, THT's Chief Medical Advisor, Thomas has been able to blend equine behavioral research and psychology with the physical, clinical horse in order to develop concrete theories that include methods to implement them. One of those methods is a highly specialized emotional soundness grading system called EthoGrade. THT uses this system to assess herd hierarchy of wild horses and the emotional soundness and behaviorial and training potentials of domesticated horses in all stages of training and life. Not only is EthoGrade a unique behavioral insight tool it is also a pioneering effort into equine behavior.

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