### Relationship Building Statements

**PEARLS** offer alternative ways to demonstrate empathy, to communicate affirmation or positive regard for the other person, to express your commitment to the relationship, and to express your commitment to maintaining a good relationship. **PEARLS** also offer alternatives to the usual responses or patterns when differences are encountered.

### Partnership
*We’ll see this through together*
*I really want to work on this with you and Ranger*

### Empathy
*It sounds like that was frightening for you*
*I can sense your sadness*
*Great – I can see how happy that made you*

### Acknowledgment
*You put a lot of work into this filly*
*You did the right thing coming in now*

### Respect
*I so respect your commitment*
*I’ve always appreciated your ability to stay focused in a crisis*

### Legitimization
*This would be hard for anyone*
*Who wouldn’t be worried about something like this?*

### Support
*I’d like to help you with this*
*I want to see you succeed*

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