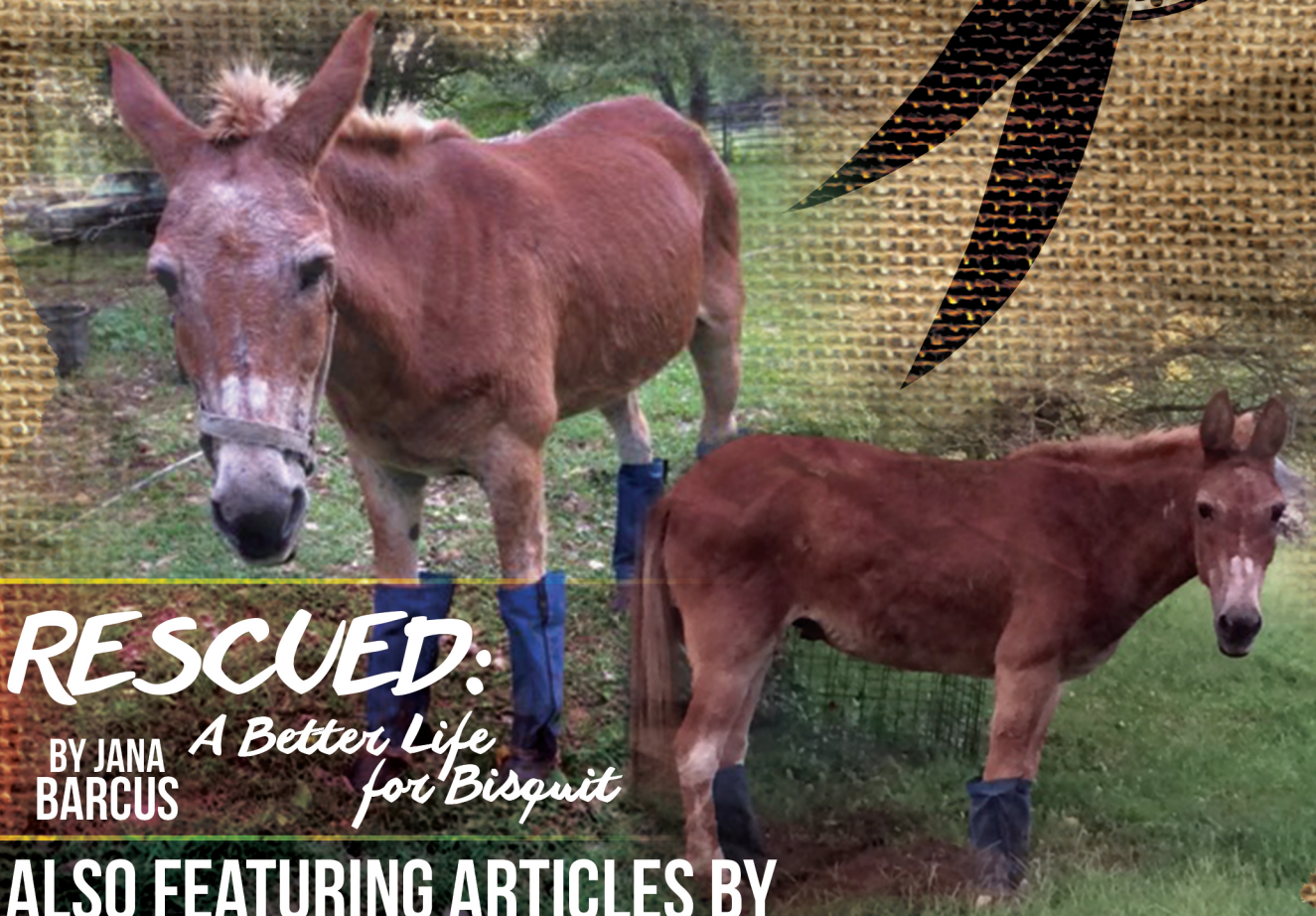


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writing some small books on living off the land in our area and caring for animals.

Out of high school, I gave riding lessons, trained horses, boarded, produced a variety of events and sold items from my own retail business, while also working for others.

I wrote articles on proper feeding and horse management for magazines, websites and newsletters. It was very enjoyable to listen to my father edit them for me.

He said, "It's good to write how you feel, what you believe, just get rid of the extra words!" My father and I never got around to writing our booklets before he passed away November 1, 2009. I have many fond memories of my father and our time together.

He worked at the same publishing company for 62 years.

My passion is proper care and feeding of all animals and helping others enjoy their ride. Our family loves to hunt, ride and team rope.

Flip through our pages. Enjoy articles, photographs, cartoons, word search, & fun news!

This magazine is dedicated to my dad, mom, sisters, husband, son, family, friends, and everyone out there enjoying the ride!

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RESCUED: A Better Life for Bisquit

It's awesome to know there are great people in all facets of the animal world. The ones that are in my mind today, are those that go out of their way to help the animals in need. There are many "groups" and "individuals" that are helping animals right in our own "neck of the woods".

Bisquit is one result of these caring individuals. Her owner said she had been a good Hunting Mule. He noticed she was lame, drastically lost weight and ask a friend to come access her condition. Upon Bisquits assessment, he realized the seriousness



of her condition and injuries. There was no way she would be making his next hunting trip to New Mexico nor ever again. He would need to buy a replacement for this 20+ year old Mule.

He could not properly care for her and asked if they would be willing take her. Biscuits current owner graciously loaded her in the trailer to take on the "Rescue Bisquit Project"

If you take on a "rescue" project, be aware it takes money and time. What better way to lend a helping hand? Some animals need to be taken straight to the veterinarian, while others can start on their "clean up" program right away. It depends on your experience and the animals condition.

Put your hands on these animals and note body condition and temperature. It's a good practice to have a thermometer on hand to use. Check their temperature, teeth, pinch their skin up to check hydration, feel their body to note any injuries, sore or hot spots. It's a great idea to get a fresh stool sample to the vet before administering dewormer. Accessing the animal's overall health is important. Everyone has an opinion because they want to help. Find those individuals that are experienced to help you.

Bisquit fell into the perfect hands and has really progressed from her chronic situation. She loaded into the trailer that day completely lame on her left hind quarters, severely under weight, in high pain, and dehydrated from not being able to make it to the pond. Her body was accessed at close to shutting down. Getting feed and hydrated quickly was her saving grace. She benefited from daily massage and re-alignment that worked on getting her pain down.

She now can stand for the farrier as her leg and hip injury has done major healing. As you see in her picture below, she is now a very happy mule.



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with Dr. Harry Anderson



STARTING THE RESCUE HORSE ON FEED

Since most rescue horses are severely under-weight, I am going to focus my article on that aspect of this process. The first thing that must be done is the vet check, including worm fecal counts and inspection and correction of the teeth if needed.



They are most likely the horses that have not had these management practices kept up to date. Once the horse has been wormed if needed and the teeth are in good condition, it is important to get nutrients into their system as quickly as possible. Many of the rescue horses I get calls on can barely stand up.

After the health check, the most critical thing for a starving horse is to get as much energy, protein, minerals and vitamins in them as quickly as possi-

ble. This means high levels of a well-balanced feed with all of the critical nutrients. Many articles that I have read on this process delay high energy feeds for many days and suggest starting with even small intakes of hay.

In my opinion this is the opposite of what the horse needs the most. I suggest the following program that many rescue operations nation-wide are using now and have used for many years. This program has never injured a horse by causing colic or founder. It is very simple and safe.

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For more information and references feel free to contact me.

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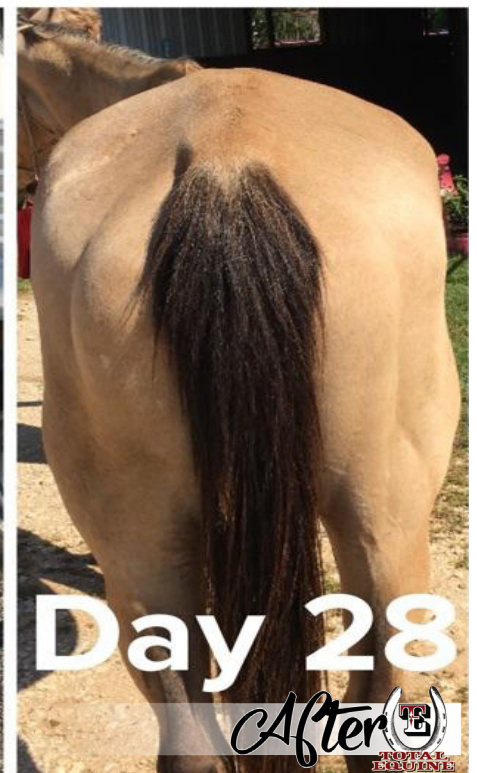
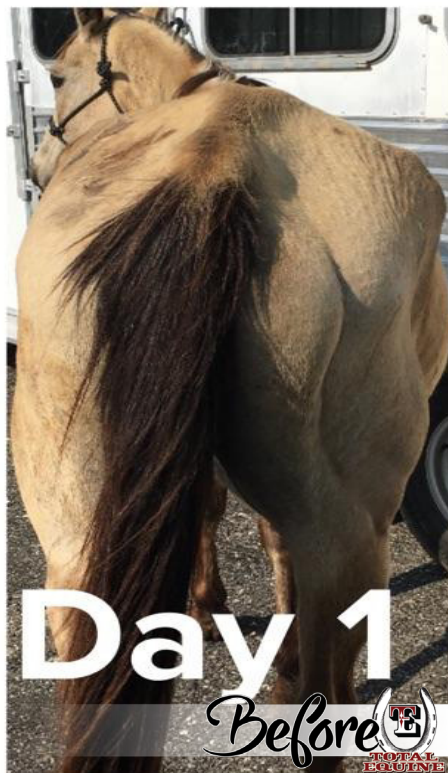
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Our Featured Writer, Brandy Von Holten

The Importance of Ribbons

Ribbons can motivate people and become a joyous reminder of achieving a sought after goal. Ribbons do not get enough credit for what they do for a person's sense of pride. Through owning a trail riding facility that hosts numerous events, the way to a person's heart is sometimes through something as simple as a



ribbon. Throughout the year, Von Holten Ranch produces everything ranging from horse shows, speed events, dressage, cooking competitions, and obstacles competitions. Join me as we discuss the unsung hero, the ribbon!

Participation Ribbons

Participation ribbons have to be strategically used in some situations. If your event is geared towards young children, it is important for everyone to obtain a ribbon. However, once that child is around the age of seven, you do not need to spend your money on a participation ribbon. Now, do not get me wrong, people still have great pride in having something such as

a keychain, coffee cup, water bottle, bumper sticker, etc. to show they qualified/attended an event, but the participation ribbons need to stay in the younger children divisions.

Rosettes

The rosette of a ribbon is typically pleated or folded fabric around the button of a ribbon. If you have the



funds available, I would highly recommend having a rosette on your ribbons. If you are struggling to make the event have a profit, see if you can at least make first place have a rosette. This will help your event appear more prestigious and will make competitors want to return.

Places and Colors

My husband and I own Von Holten Ranch which is an Equine Competition Center and trail riding facility, it is important not to put the event name on the ribbon. This helps keep the ribbons universal and useable for a variety of events. If this is an option for you, I would recommend not putting a specific year on the ribbon, either. You might end up with 30 extra 6th place ribbons that you will be able to use next year and cut down the cost of a future event. Make sure you use traditional colors for the main middle streamer and have the place on the ribbon.

Write on the Back

If you are awarding ribbons you should write information about the event on the back of the ribbon. This is often overlooked or purposely skipped, but when

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“Bits and Pieces”

By Janice A. Pack

Some funny and interesting incidents have happened to me since the beginning of 2017. These experiences still bring a smile to my face as I remember them. They remind me that positive events should take precedence in our lives and we should share them.

Equifest of Kansas now in its 20th year of serving area horsemen remains an event for folks to observe, learn, shop and perhaps find a little humor. Horseman and trainer Cal Middleton and I watched a noted trainer put on a demonstration in one of the arenas. As we walked out a woman looked at Cal and

said something to this effect: “I once had a horse with the same issues and was impressed to see how YOU handled the situation”. Then she just faded into the crowd. Cal had an incredulous expression on his face and I laughed. She had mistaken him for the clinician!

Mistaken identity does not necessarily evoke a humorous response. The fact that a height discrepancy of nearly a foot existed, plus age and build differences shed some light here. Cal also sported his “winter beard” and a beautiful new vest which the clinician did not. Eventually Cal grinned and we both wondered what the woman may have had in her Diet coke! Still Cal had to be a little flattered.

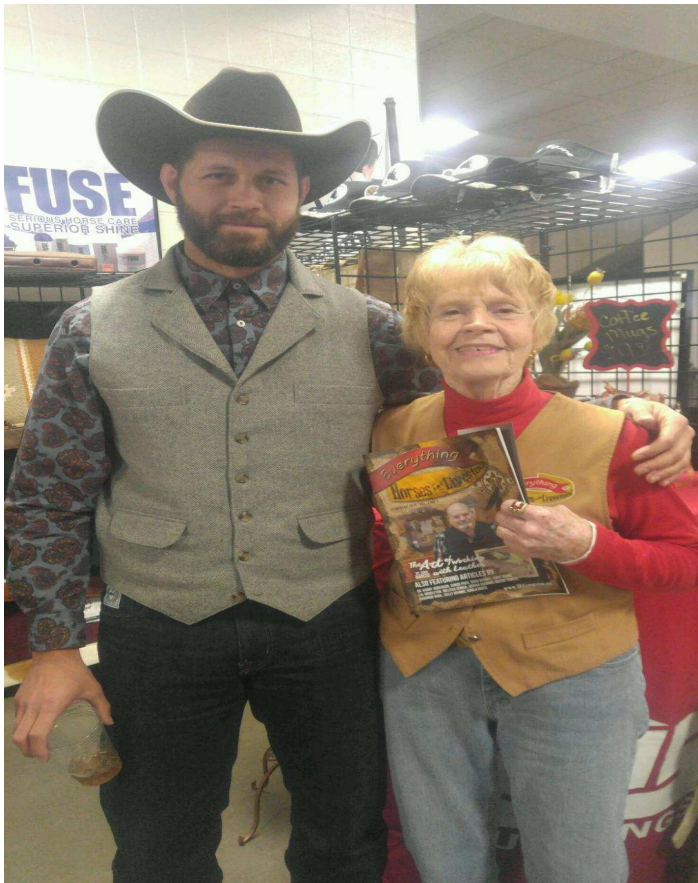
Earlier, in the Better Equine Booth, my editor, Jana Barcus took a picture of Cal and me as part of her Equifest coverage. I immediately grinned. It’s a great picture that should be labeled—“Only one thing better than one pair of bowlegs is two pair!” Guess what cowboys and cowgirls? They are your horse riding legacy and they never go away!

Jimmy Goenouer, Fontana, KS, attended the same Easter dinner I did. He brought along a beautiful wall hanging made with horseshoes and horse-shoe nails. His friend’s father, Gary Harvey, crafted this piece of art. Mr. Harvey, a retired professor from Ft. Scott (KS)Community College, lives northwest of Ft.Scott. I only hope he continues to revel in his retirement and makes more lovely western art.



I should have named this article “Bits and Pieces Starring Cal Middleton.” Cal sent me a picture from Elko, NV. Capriola’s Western Store has a display of Tom Dorrance “Wade Tree Saddles.” These saddles have been popular with working cowboys out west for a long time.

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A BIT of Knowledge - Part 2 of 2

After a horse is working efficiently in a snaffle, you can progress to a more traditional hackamore, or to a bridle, with a bit that has shanks. Even after I progress from a snaffle, I will go back to a snaffle now and then to transition back and forth. When the horse is ready, I may progress to a larger port or longer shank, for even more control with less effort on my part. It is a huge mistake for a rider to think that, by simply selecting a more aggressive bit, they can control a horse who doesn't feel safe. A more aggressive bit might work for a little while, but it won't work for long. Both the horse and the rider will pay for that mistake.

Each time the rider transitions to a new bit, the horse may not like it at first. As long as the basic riding skills of both the horse and rider are sound, the horse will learn to respond differently, but positively, to each type of bit used. Consistency in the use of the hands is key. If a horse ever gets scared of your hands, it's a difficult chore to get him back mentally.

Bits that are "bendy" and flexible that apply little or no pressure to the horse's mouth, actually hamper communication between the rider's hands and the horse's brain. Try to avoid these bits. They sometimes are marketed as being more "humane" and "giving" to the horse by offering more "relief". They are, in reality, the opposite. They do not allow the horse to feel pressure from the reins, the horse cannot continue to learn how to accept and comprehend what is going on. When there is no felt pressure (feel), there can be no learning on the part of the horse, or the rider. This leads to the horse being confused and becoming mentally unsound, which in itself is highly inhumane.

There are many other pieces of equipment, mechanical hackamores for example, that are mislabeled as being "nicer" to a horse than a bit. In actuality they can be much worse.

The end game with reins, connected to a bit, is to be able to transmit directional information to the horse. They help get the hindquarters, shoulders and body going in the direction the rider specifies with his hands. Always ask your horse to move to the bridle and to your hands.

Don't believe everything you hear about bits, especially from someone who is trying to sell you one. A bit is only as good as the person holding the reins, and the horse responding to pressure. Even a "mild" bit like a snaffle, if improperly used, can cause physical damage to the horse's mouth. An "advanced" bit, like a spade, used correctly can be a great tool and not harmful at all.

Good horsemen do not need gimmicks and new special bits regularly. They know how to use their arms and hands through their reins to supply direction to the horse, and their legs and feet to supply energy for self-carriage. They know how to use their brains to offer superior intelligence to the horse. A rider's brain, well used, is better than switching to a new bit any day.

For more information on using bits, come see me or come to a clinic. Or call me and have me come do a clinic in your area.

~ Cal Middleton

This article has been an adaption of a chapter from **Cal Middleton On Horse's and Life** published by Whirlybird Press in 2016.

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Equine Raindrop Therapy on June Bug

In our last issue, we introduced you to a barrel horse named June Bug. June Bug is a 5 year old mare that is experiencing physical and emotional issues. As we continue with our healing journey, we begin with Raindrop Therapy.

The Equine Raindrop Therapy session is designed to bring balance to the whole body. The body has many different systems and functions. Our goal with this session is to continue moving toward total body and mind balance.

We start by balancing the energy flow of the entire body. To do this, we first apply a blend of oils that supports the electrical and energy alignment. There are a couple of blends that we like to use to



accomplish this. We applied 6 drops of our oil to the dock of the tail and the poll of the horse. The owner and I placed our hands on these areas until we felt the frequency.

Feeling the frequency is similar to the feel of your pulse. You will actually feel the movement of the energy.

Our second step is the application of Essential Oils.

The Oil is dispensed like drops of rain from a height of 6" and massaged alongside the vertebra using the vita-flex therapy technique. Make sure not to work directly on the spine. I like to use pure, medicinal grade Essential Oils for this.

As you massage the oil in, it creates an energetic charge. This charge follows the nerve paths to any disturbances in the electrical circuit. These disturbances may have been caused by toxins, damaged tissue, or loss of oxygen.

Our third and final step is to apply moist heat. I use bath towels soaked in hot water. Make sure you wring out the excess water then layer them on the



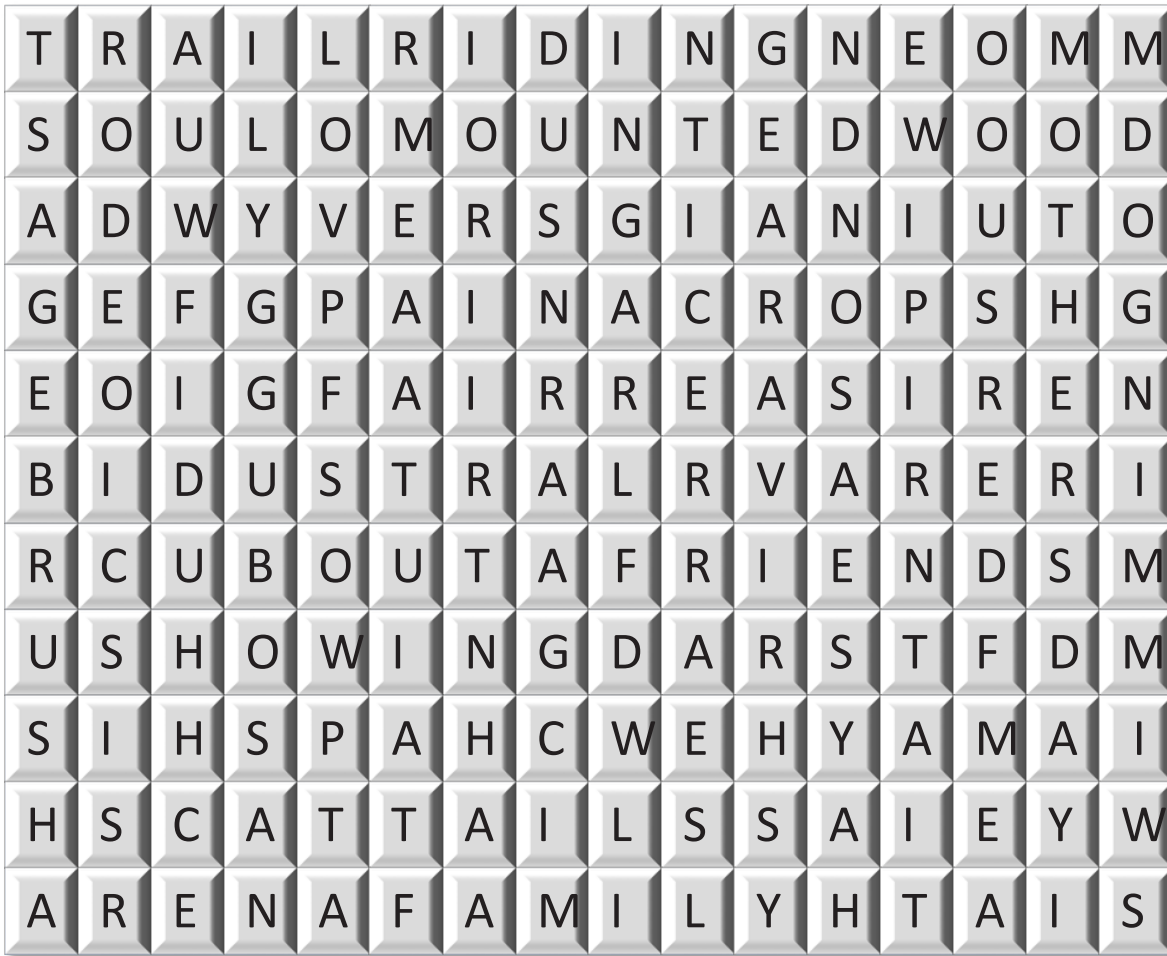
back. Cover the warm towels with a blanket or dry towel until cool. Repeat this process 2 more times.

The Raindrop Therapy is a simple yet powerful treatment. It enhances immunity, alleviates pain along the spine and generally invigorates the systems of the horse.

I love taking pictures of the horses that we work on because it shows all the physical changes that occur.

As June Bug has progressed in her whole health journey, I would like to share some photos of her body transformation. These changes have occurred over a period of 6 weeks.

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What is Your Game Plan?

Spring is finally upon us! It's time to knock the rust off and get those horses legged up. In this article I would like to focus on horse care and maintenance. Without a good horse, winning consistently is nearly impossible. Most people only have one good horse that they trust to do the job. I want to go through a few things that I use in my program to keep my horses working and feeling at the top of their game.

First let's talk about feed. Just like everything else in the roping world, everyone has an opinion. I'm no vet, but I can tell you what works for me and what doesn't. All horses are different and have a different metabolic rate, just like us. As an example, I'm going to use two different types of horses that I have now. One is my #1 horse and the other is an outside horse I'm riding for a friend. We feed both horses Total Equine, so that is consistent. Deuce (#1) gets 5 lbs a day and the other horse gets 4 lbs a day. Deuce is a high energy horse. He burns a lot more energy when I use him than the other horse. So he gets a little more Total Equine. It takes time and experimentation to tell how much or how little to feed one. I'm sure if Deuce wasn't under heavy use, I could back him off. But that extra pound of feed helps keep a better top line on him. The other horse is a little on the lazy side and gets along great with 4 pounds. When I go on the road, I'm never afraid to give one a little extra Total Equine.

As far as forage goes, I have tried it all. Deuce gets by best on a high quality grass hay. I have repetitively tried to put him on alfalfa because it's eas-

ier to feed on the road. But he just has too much energy out of the gate. It takes more warm up time and that's bad for some of the winter indoor rodeos. A lot of places we go barely have enough room to trot a horse around. Having a horse that you need to wear down is not a good thing. I can feed him a good quality grass hay and get along a lot better. The other horse can eat as much alfalfa as he wants and you can't tell the difference. What I'm trying to say is, there is no right answer, just whatever fits your program. Don't be afraid to try something different if your program isn't working.

The next thing that I think is a must if you use your horses a lot is a joint supplement. All roping horses get sore. Let me say it again, ALL roping horses get sore. You may not have known it, but your horse was or is sore at some point in time. A joint supplement can help ease some of that discomfort. We use Maxum HA made by Prime Performance Nutrition. It's a daily supplement that comes in a tub with a scoop or in disposable packs. In older horses you can see a huge difference in just a few weeks. Maintenance is key, especially if you want one to last.

Traveling is probably harder on the horse than the actual competition. The constant banging of the trailer hitting the pavement can be murder on a horse's joints. I personally use the Soft Ride boots on mine. I think they help when those horses are in the trailer for hours. I also use a mixture of rubber mats, bedding pellets, and fine pine shavings. The softer you can make it the better. But make sure it's not so soft that it's unstable.

I try to not go more than 8 hrs without letting them out to move around. Sometimes you have to go a little over if things don't go your way, but I try to stick with that game plan. My horses also have hay in front of them non stop in the trailer. Not only does this keep their bellies full, but it keeps them occupied. Also I offer water whenever I can. There are a lot of great products out there to help your horse travel. Check them out.

How much do I use my horse? This of course depends on the horse. Sometimes we use them so much during the week preparing, they are sore before the competition. I personally like to ride my good horse harder at the start of the week and then back off a couple days before the competition. Some weeks, if he works well, I give him two days off before I leave. It's important that the #1 feels it's best when I put the money down. Once again, your program needs to fit your schedule, and all horses are different. I don't rope a ton of steers in the practice pen on my good one. He absolutely knows the play. Working on keeping him in check is the most important thing. On a normal week, I rope the Hot Heels Supreme four days a week and steers one day a week. This keeps him tuned down and ready to work. I try to be pretty low impact on the machine, starting at a trot up to full speed, then finishing at a short lope.

I don't dally a lot on my good horse unless the money is up, maybe one run a day, usually the last one. Popping my coils one by one out of my left hand is more important to me than the actual dally. This saves my horse those hits. They only have so many runs in them. I also like to let my horse roll after he cools off, kind of a natural chiropractor.

The last thing I will discuss is good tack that fits

your horse. Too many times I see \$10,000 horses with \$200 saddles on them. These same people can't figure out why their horses won't work consistently. You try working an 8 hr day with a rock on your shoe and you will be sore too. Get a saddle that fits. Also, clean your horse's feet out every chance you get. We want to keep unwanted debris out and let the frog flex. I clean mine out before and after I ride them and always before I trailer them. Stone bruises are the fastest way to ruin a weekend trip.

There are many more things I'm sure that people do to keep their horses working and feeling good. These are a few things that have worked for us for years. If it isn't broke, don't fix it.

Hope all of you have good luck at your events this year. I have taken the last three years off to build my clinic business. I have recently repurchased my pro card and will rodeo in the Great Lakes Circuit. I have missed going and I am looking forward to getting back out there again! I hope to see some of you at one of my clinics this year.

Thank you for taking the time out of your day to read this article, I really appreciate it. Keep working, don't get frustrated at the little things, and always PRACTICE HARDER!!!

God bless,
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Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. Psalm 20:

“Don’t pray to escape trouble. Don’t pray to be comfortable in your emotions. Pray to do the will of God in every situation. Nothing else is worth prayer for.” - Reverend Sam Shoemaker.

I had a rough day as I recieved some unexpected news. It wasn't earth shattering, but it was very disappointing. One of those moments you just don't know what to do. Your plan just had a huge change.

The following morning I had the above Bible verse and Quote in my mailbox. I don't believe the timing was an accident at all. God is working all the time. We must trust he holds the trough to everything in our lives. In order to live our lives to the fullest, we must hold on to this truth. When I pray, God reaches out to me. I feel peace knowing He is there. I march on trying to follow His directives to the best of my ability. He sees in front of us, all the things coming that we cannot, so I trust Him and walk on.

Our focus has been trying to get our place in order. We have the round pen set up with sand to help us work in a safe environment. When the weather allows, we are back in the saddle again. Otherwise, we spend a lot of time brushing mud off of some very dirty horses.

I thought our gray Quarter horse mares were the worst about mud, but it appears we have a couple of black Rockies that enjoy it just as much.

We had a very exciting training session with Cal and Kim Noyons. We took the Rocky Mountain horses over to their place and spent the weekend



Cal Noyons working with Jasper

training three of the Rockies. Rio missed with a sore foot. The rest of gang had a workout. I love horsemanship training sessions. I always learn something new and like meeting new people. I have attended several of Cal's clinics and enjoy learning from him. This was a new experience since it was "Colt Starting".



Brian with Derby



Rob and Bella waiting their Turn

Brian Anderson and Rob Regan were kind enough to offer to help us this weekend. Brian worked with Derby and Rob took on Bella.



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Building a Strong Relationship with Christ – The Review – Revelation 2-3

Our last Bible study concluded our study of the letters to the seven churches of Asia Minor found in Revelation chapters 2-3. Before jumping into another study I thought that a quick review might be in order.

These letters were written to the literal first century churches found scattered throughout Asia Minor as a means of encouragement, challenge, and (sometimes) rebuke from Christ. Each church was in a different community and had different strengths and weaknesses and as such the Lord gave each specific rebukes and challenges.

While most of the towns, let alone the churches, are long since gone in the two thousand years since Revelation was written there is still a lot that we can apply to our lives. Depending on where you are in your relationship with Christ and your growing faith you'll probably see yourself in at least one of these letters. As we grow we may overcome the struggle that related us to one of these specific letters. Likewise as tragedy or laziness strike us we may find ourselves relating to a struggle found in another letter.

As such it would be wise to make the review of Revelation 2-3 an integral part of our regular study of the Scriptures. To help get you started here's a short summary of each letter:

1. The Church in Ephesus – Revelation 2:1-7
 - What they did right: hard work, perseverance and morality, enduring hardships.
 - What they did wrong: forgot their first love.

- Challenge: remember, do what you did at the first.

2. The Church in Smyrna – Revelation 2:8-11
 - What they did right: enduring persecution and poverty.
 - Challenge: no fear and remain faithful even to death.
3. The Church in Pergamum – Revelation 2:12-17
 - What they did right: remaining true to Christ.
 - What they did wrong: holding to the teachings of Balaam and the Nicolaitans.
 - Challenge: repent.
4. The Church in Thyatira – Revelation 2:18-29
 - What they did right: deeds, love, faith, service, perseverance, doing more than at the start.
 - What they did wrong: tolerating immorality and idol worship
 - Challenge: repent and hold on to what you have.
5. The Church in Sardis – Revelation 3:1-6
 - What they did right: deeds, reputation of being alive.
 - What they did wrong: spiritually dead.
 - Challenge: wake up, strengthen what remains, and remember-obey-repent.
6. The Church in Philadelphia – Revelation 3:7-13
 - What they did right: deeds and enduring patience.
 - Challenge: hold on to what you have.
7. The Church in Laodicea – Revelation 3:14-22
 - What they did wrong: lukewarm, wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked.
 - Challenge: be earnest and repent.

My prayer is that we take an honest evaluation of our lives as we take some time this month to review these seven letters using both this short list and by rereading Revelation 2-3.

Be Blessed!

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someone takes the time to write on the back of a ribbon it is appreciated more than you'll ever know. I would highly recommend writing the date and the division. If you have time, write the person's name. Please be extra cautious that you spell their name correctly. If you are trying to solidify relationships and loyalty to your facility and/or event, go the extra mile!

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kets. Some people take all the rosettes off and place them in shadow boxes or glue them to vases. Some people place them in trophy rooms. In my office I have two ribbons hanging, a green 6th place ribbon and a yellow 3rd place ribbon. I have so much pride associated with those two ribbons. It does not matter that the ribbons are not blue!

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By all accounts these saddles fit low to the horse, have wider bars than other working saddles, are comfortable and keep the rider in the correct position. In the 1930's Dorrance admired the saddle of fellow cowboy, Clifford Wade. He took the saddle to Hamley and Company Saddle Shop to copy the tree and build a new saddle. Together they made some modifications. Tom Dorrance rode saddles with this tree for the remainder of his horse-training career.

About 25 years later, Dale Harwood, a saddle maker, built a Wade Tree Saddle for legendary horseman, Ray Hunt. He also used these saddles when putting on his clinics. Cal says, "I have ridden other folks' Wade Tree Saddles and I'm working on getting one for myself." Does this mean we have another legendary horseman in the making?

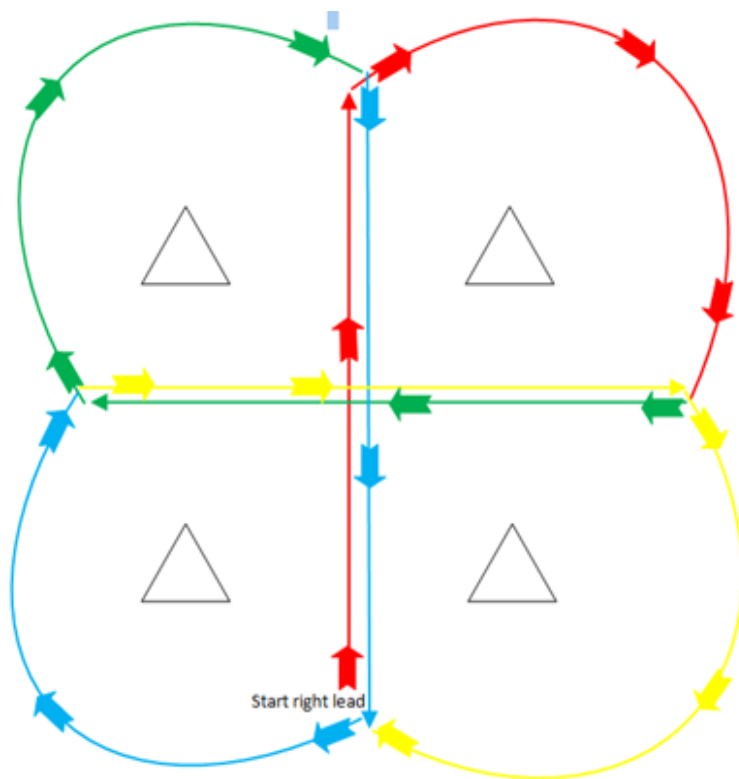
Janice Pack



Mounted Shooting Drills

Many times I am asked, “What drills can I be doing with my horse?” This question ALWAYS makes me smile!! It tells me you WANT to learn, you WANT to build new skills, and you WANT to be great!

By definition, pattern-drill means a technique for practicing a linguistic structure in which students repeat the pattern, each time adding a new element, such as engaging targets in a determined order or increasing the speed of the horse.



This drill is great for helping your horse to learn how to balance himself while going straight and in a turn. This drill teaches you to use subtle cues to prepare

your horse for the next transition whether it is going in a straight line or bending his body for a turn.

This diagram shows the drill being done in the right lead. Start with the RED guides, going straight through the cones and as you pass the second set of cones, prepare your horse to start a balanced, even turn around the cone to your right. As you are making the RED half circle around the cone, look for your next entry point between the two cones – you want to come into them evenly in the middle of those two cones.

You now are following the GREEN guides. Relax your hands and keep your legs evenly on both sides of your horse, helping him go again in a straight line. As you pass the second set of cones, prepare your horse to start a balanced, even turn around the cone to your right. As you are making the GREEN half circle around the cone, look for your next entry point between the two cones – you’ll now be following the BLUE guides.

Relax your hands and keep your legs evenly on both sides of your horse, helping him go again in a straight line. As you pass the second set of cones, prepare your horse to start a balanced, even turn around the cone to your right. As you are making the BLUE half circle around the cone, look for your next entry point between the two cones – you’ll now be following the YELLOW guides.

Relax your hands and keep your legs evenly on both sides of your horse, helping him go again in a straight line. As you pass the second set of cones, prepare your horse to start a balanced, even turn around the cone to your right. As you are making the YELLOW half circle around the cone, look for your next entry point between the two cones – you’ll now be following the RED guides.

Repeat.

You can use this drill to also strengthen your own form while shooting targets and your gun holstering. As you start, for a right handed shooter, engage the strong shot (the balloon on your right), then engage

the cross shot (the balloon on your left). Keep your horse going in the straight line as indicated in the diagram above and holster your gun. Once you pass the second set of cones, prepare your horse for the turn to the right, pull your second gun and lock onto the strong shot. Follow it until you are in range, engage, follow through, and then engage the cross shot. Follow through on that shot. Keep repeating the pattern as you move through the colored guides shown in the diagram.

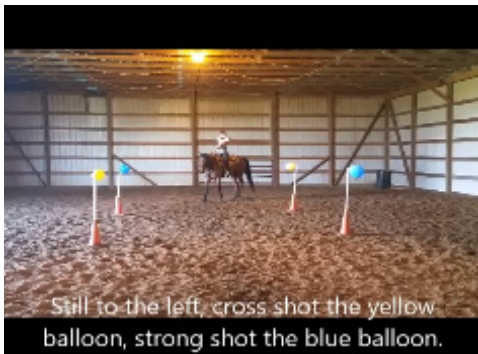
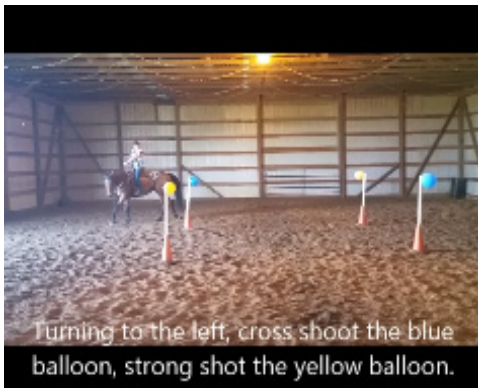
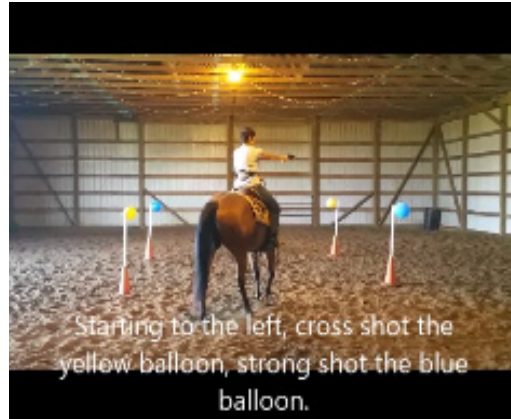
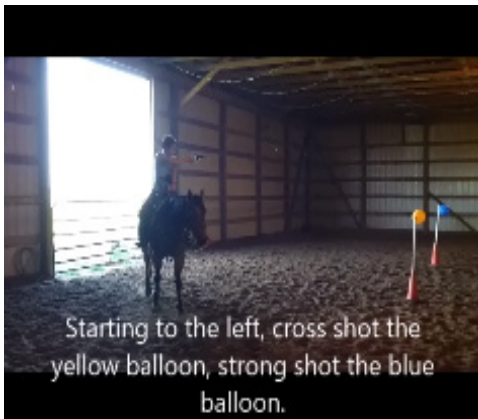
You can use this form to learn to holster by feel only – no looking down! It doesn't matter if it takes you all the way to the other side of the drill to holster your gun, don't look down, and find the holster by feel. This is a muscle memory that you must exercise.

Be sure to do this drill to the left also, your horse needs to build skills on each side of his body and you have to practice riding both directions. There you go! A simple drill that when done correctly, with passion and purpose, will help you and your horse on your journey to be GREAT!

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Til We Meet Again! ~ Shannon Rowl





“Askew Saddlery”

By Janice A. Pack

When I first aspired to write about old saddles, I never thought about all the places this would lead me. Many individuals proudly submitted pictures and histories of their family saddles. Many, not all, of these saddles came from Kansas City, MO saddle makers. These companies piqued my interest as I knew no saddleries remain in the Kansas City area today.

These saddle companies sprang up following the Civil War. The “Wild West” still referred to lands west of the Mississippi River. Businessmen with an eye to the future saw opportunities for growth and development along the Missouri River.

Kansas City became the hub for the cattle industry. The stockyards received great herds of cattle driven in by cowboys. Cowboys needed saddles, other horse and cowboy gear on a regular basis.



Many people know about the Shipley Saddle Co. located in the stockyard district. Fewer people know of the Askew Saddlery Co. located close to the Missouri River in what is now the River Market area. The Askew Saddlery started in 1866 and soon

established itself as a premier company 20 years prior to Charles Shipley coming to Kansas City. Working cowboys admired and sought out the Askew saddle for its excellent materials, workmanship and saddle designs.

The Askew family hailed from St Clairsville, Ohio. William and his brother Isaac (father of Frank Askew) both had minimal education. They both served an apprenticeship in saddle and harness making at an early age.

The founders of Askew Saddlery, William (uncle) and Frank (nephew) have a prestigious history from the War with Mexico to the Civil War to the growth of Kansas City. William served as an officer in both wars, developed the saddle business and became involved in the Kansas City real estate business.

Frank Askew received formal education and a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from the University of Michigan. He also studied law which he relinquished when the Civil War broke out. Frank and William served in different regiments throughout the Civil War. Frank has been described as a fearless soldier and leader. At the close of the War in 1865 he received the Brevet of Brigadier General from the President of the United States.

In 1866 William and Frank (along with another uncle, Wilson) came to Kansas City. Together they co-founded the first Askew business dealing in hides and harness hardware. The company had several name changes as different partners and family members came and went. Finally when incorporated in 1874 it became the Askew Saddle Company.

Businessmen William and Frank amassed wealth in both the Saddle Company and in real estate. Frank’s accomplishments include developing the education system in Kansas City. He served on the Board of Education and built the Askew Public School. This school remained open until 2015.

From 1866-1900 the company employees grew from 6 to 135. The day of saddle building began to

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decline with William's death in 1900. The Company further declined with the invention of the automobile and the expansion of railroads. Harpham Brothers Saddlery bought the Askew business in 1928. They



moved it to Nebraska just before the Great Depression of 1929. The building still stands and has been repurposed into apartments.

I feared I might not find any existing Askew saddles or pictures of them. I did find some, one quite by accident. The saddle pictured here has a 14.5 inch seat,



high back and remains in excellent condition. The owner estimates it dates to the early 1900's. It has few modifications or repairs. The saddle still has original lace up stirrup leathers and iron stirrups. It also

has the large and colorful metal makers mark plate on the back of the seat. Rope burns on the pommel and the missing horn leather attest to its working cowboy use. The horn remains tight and the tree remains solid. The back of the seat has the initials FGMC carved into it. These likely belong to the cowboy who rode it.

The second saddle pictured has a 17" seat (if measured correctly) and came with what appears to be



an original horse hair cinch. The horn cap has been redone and the cantle seems loose. This saddle shows some hard wear. Like the other Askew saddles this saddle has few decorations only a small border stamping around the stirrup leathers and seat. Working cowboys did not require fancy saddles.

The third saddle belongs to a dear friend who spent her working life in Kansas City. I casually asked her



if she knew anything about Askew saddles. To my surprise she said, "I have one". This owner's father bought it used in the late 1940's. He had it dyed black and dyed the strings white to resemble a pa-

rade saddle. He wanted to (and did with this saddle) ride in the prestigious Apple Blossom Parade in St. Joseph. MO.

When this owner graduated from the 8th grade, her father gave her half interest in an Ayrshire heifer. For



her high school graduation he traded back her half of the cow for this Askew saddle and a mare to put it on.

What a great graduation present! This led to her showing the mare with this saddle in the Pony Express Horse Show Circuit.

I know how fortunate I am to have learned this much about the Askew family and their saddlery business. The Askew Saddlery building still stands on 2nd and Delaware close to the Missouri River in Kansas City. It has been repurposed for apartments. The Askew Elementary School still waits patiently for a new owner and purpose.



Look for more old saddle stories in the summer issue of Everything Horses and Livestock.

~ Janice Pack

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REPRODUCTION EFFICIENCY

Reproductive efficiency is a critical part of any breeding program in any species. No matter how good the genetics, if animals or birds are not producing adequate fertilizable eggs and the male is not producing viable sperm, the whole program suffers. The main factors for reproduction are age, environment and nutrition.

Age plays an important role in reproduction, the ovulation rate, ability as well as the production of sperm and especially good quality sperm. Both decrease with age and we have for the most part assumed this is inevitable. Based on our experience, this may not be so.

A couple of examples of this are the following:

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Environment can play an important role in

reproductive efficiency. Weather changes can impose stress on females and normal ovulation can be interrupted or delayed. This is one of the factors that is difficult and many times not possible to control.

Nutrition is the third factor and this one can be controlled. It is an important factor that impacts reproduction in several ways. Reproduction is dependent on normal hormone balance and production of the hormones in adequate quantity. The nutritional program needs to increase blood flow to the hormone producing systems and provide the nutrients required for efficient hormone production.

Soon after introducing Total Feeds products to the market place, stories about improved reproduction began to come in from different species under varied conditions. Most of the stories were about the increased ovulation rate in donor cows and ewes, increased multiple births in sheep and goats, but mostly in general terms. Then as we introduced Total Bird to the Total Feeds line up it suddenly was easier to quantify what has been happening as people began reporting increases in egg production by their chickens of 50% or more and better egg shell quality. Not only that, we have reports of wild and pen quail laying eggs later in the season than normal, which indicated that the hormone production was enhanced with shorter day length when they normally quit laying.

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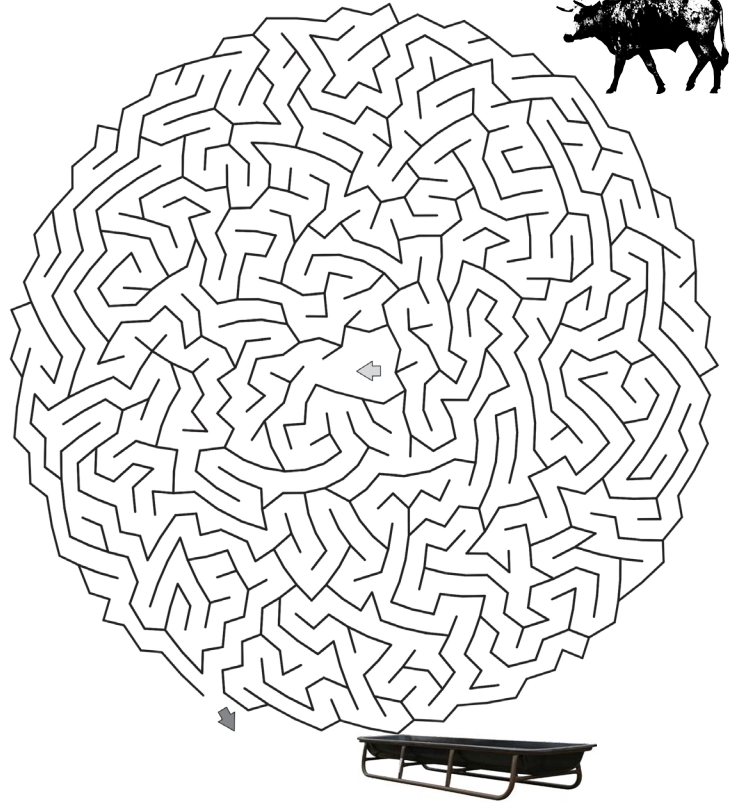
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Living Life Ranch team members Jayne Hamilton and Leigh Sites both worked with their favorite



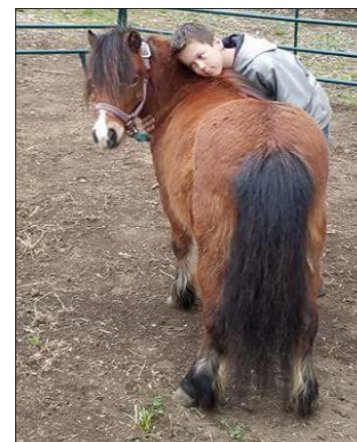
horses. Jayne worked with her buddy Jasper and Leigh worked alongside with Skip.

Leigh is going to be working with Skip this summer. We brought him along to give them the opportunity to have a little relationship-building time.

Thanks to Cal and Kim Noyons for taking the

weekend to spend time working with us and the horses.

Meet Trevor and his new special project, Charlie Brown the service pony! Trevor will be training Charlie Brown to work with kids at hospitals,



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“BALANCE AND SUPPORT” By Featured Writer Joshua Rushing

A couple terms that get used a lot in the horse-shoeing world is “balance and support”. Balance is usually the highlight of the subject but I want to talk specifically about support. In a previous article I wrote about the importance of keeping a horse done on a regular schedule to maintain proper balance. We know that allowing a horse to go too long between shoeing cycles is detrimental to not only the hoof, but also the horse’s, joints, tendons, ligaments, performance, etc.

Part of a farrier’s job is deciding what type and size of shoe best suits your horse’s needs. Performance expectations, terrain, and climate, among other things will help determine the type of shoe. The size, width, and thickness of a shoe is decided based on the size and conformation of the horse as well as the hoof itself. The goal is maximum support. Think of it like the foundation on your house. If your foundation is too thin it may crumble under the weight of a heavy house. If your foundation is too small your house would fall down around the foundation. Your house does not grow over time so determining the right size for the foundation should be relatively easy for a contractor.

A horse’s foot on the other hand, grows every direction over just a few weeks. Hooves grow longer but they also migrate forward and even spread as they grow. So a shoe that seems to fit perfectly on a freshly trimmed hoof will more than likely fail to provide adequate support later in the shoeing cycle. As the hoof expands it will fall off the edges of the shoe. This will often damage and distort the hoof wall. As part of the hoof wall expands past the shoe, the remaining wall usually can’t hold up to the

pressure. It is especially detrimental for horses with less than adequate hoof conformation already. This includes a horse with weak hoof walls or low heels. Anything that would’ve been gained from good healthy growth during the cycle is now lost once the hoof grows past the edge of the shoe.

Too big a shoe isn’t good either. Long-toed, low-heeled horses, seem to be an epidemic lately. Improper trimming or too much time between shoeing cycles will cause this. A larger shoe is sometimes used to compensate the extra hoof allowing the foot run forward and out of balance.

A good farrier will generally fit a horse pretty full. By full I mean you will see an adequate amount of shoe exposed around the edge of the hoof wall. Fitting one tight would be the opposite. By fitting one tight you minimize the risk of a losing a shoe, but as I mentioned earlier a tight shoe (or too small) will fail to provide support all the way through the shoeing cycle. Fitting a horse full will allow the hoof to grow and expand, while maintaining support and maximizing the opportunity for healthy growth throughout the shoeing cycle. Important to note: Your horses shouldn’t look like they need done at their due date. If they are unbalanced and falling off their shoes or their shoes are falling off them, it’s been too long. I’ve heard this before when I call to confirm appointments “well my horses don’t look like the need it yet” usually followed by “can we wait a couple weeks?” The answer is noooooo! If your horse’s feet don’t look like they need done at your due date it’s because your farrier is doing his job! He or she is providing your horse with balance and plenty of support to stay strong and healthy all the way

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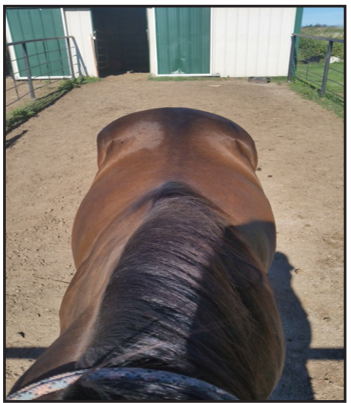
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July 13, 2016 Pic#1



August 3, 2016 Pic#2



August 23, 2016 Pic#3



April 21, 2017 Pic#4

Picture #1 Taken before we started. This horse is not resting a leg, she is standing straight and square. The right hip was dropped.

Picture #2 You can see progress made as the spine is straighter and her hip has moved back up and getting in alignment.

Picture #3 Shows even more improvement as both hips are much better in alignment and her top line is straighter and filling out.

Picture #4 Making great progress as her topline is strengthening and her spine is even straighter and staying in alignment. She continues to improve. She feels so much better overall.

Re-Evaluating;

I have been working with the owner on Junebug's physical and emotional issues for the last 8 months. We decided to re-evaluate her to possibly identify any other issues. She has always been very sen-

sative to any kind of bit in her mouth so we decided to make an appointment at the Veterinary clinic on August 22, 2016 and do a dental evaluation. Besides her being sensitive to any bit, we noticed her jaw shape was different.

They found her milk tooth caps were still in place on the bottom set. As the top set grew they pushed the bottom set down into her jaw. The dental was done to correct the cause; it will take time for the physical change in the body.



Pictures were taken of her jaw when she arrived in July 2016 (picture#1). Pictures were again taken recently March 2017 (picture#2) to show the progress that the teeth are moving back to normal.

As our re-evaluating continued, we identified some other issues. Her right hip and lumbar still has pain and mis-alignment issues. We scheduled an appointment with a veterinarian that does Chiropractic and Acupuncture. He came to the owner's barn and evaluated Junebug. He then did cold laser therapy on her right hip and lumbar area. This process took about 10 minutes. He did no chiropractic or acupuncture at this time.

For the next three days, the owner assessed Junebug and felt she didn't show any relief from this procedure. Our next step was Photonic Therapy on Acupoints and sensitive areas. We used Release the Potential techniques for alignment issues.

We will discuss these procedures and any progress in the next issue. ~ Jo Lene

through your cycle.

The pictures in this article are a progressive set of pictures of a horse I usually do on a regular basis. However, he was away from home with a trainer during his due date and ended up about 3-4 weeks overdue. I fit shoes pretty full so it took some time before the hoof wall expanded past the edge of the shoe. The same thing happens when too small of a shoe is used only sooner.

Pic #1 shows how the hoof wall has expanded past the edge of the shoe



Pic #2 shows the shoe removed and if you look you can see how the hoof wall that remained on the shoe is now crushed and distorted. Fortunately this horse has relatively good feet and won't be effected



long term. If this was a horse with low or under run heels the effects could've been much worse

Pic#3 shows the foot with the sole paired out and ready to trim. Notice how the white line (thin yellow line around the edge of hoof wall) is stretched and



black. Just 3-4 weeks overdue was enough to begin to tear and stretch the sensitive tissues of this hoof.

Pic #4 shows the hoof trimmed and ready for a shoe. It's been trimmed back to more healthy and solid foot. The white line is still slightly stretched. If done on time on the next cycle, it should tighten back up just fine.



Pic #5 shows the shoe fit full and ready to go for the next 6 weeks or 3,000 miles, whichever comes first.



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Joshua Rushing

Passing On

By Cal Middleton

In late March I got a phone call in the middle of the night to hear of my mentor and friend Peter Campbell passing on from this world to the next. I had a devastating feeling. I felt helpless. I felt a void. Say-



ing that there was a feeling of unfinished business would be an understatement. I remembered the last conversation we had on the phone the week before he passed. I was in Costa Rica working a horse. I remember the last time I saw Peter, just a couple weeks prior, when my friend and colleague, Levi and I left his ranch in Wyoming. We had spent the winter there with him and his wife, Trina.

His passing brought up a lot of thoughts and memories. I had feelings of sympathy, sadness, guilt, fear, remorse, and uncertainty, to name a few. It took a little while for me to reach down and find a few of the opposite feelings. I'm glad that I got to spend as much time with him as I did. I'm happy that I took the opportunities to learn as much from him in the time that I had with him. I feel fortunate that he took the time and had the patience to pass on whatever he could, to me and others who wanted to learn from one of the greatest horsemen this world has ever seen. It is easy to look back, wonder, and ask questions, but truly, the answers are only ahead of us.

As my journey through life and my journey through the business of horses has evolved, I feel more

passionate now about what I am doing than I ever have. I believe the diversity of what I've done and the places I have been is important for my horses as well as my students. I don't take for granted the information that I am able to pass on from others as well as my years of experience.

In Peter Campbell's book, "Willing Partners," he wrote about working with Ray Hunt. He also wrote about working with his mentor and friend, Tom Dorrance. "Tom passed away in 2003 and no one on his level is coming down the pike. I'm not Tom, and all I can offer is my interpretation of his work. I do know that, if we're not careful, if we're not as true as we can be to what he helped many of us understand, the wisdom he shared could fade from the landscape. And that would be an immeasurable loss for both riders and horses." In the past few weeks, these words have hit me like a rock. Not only do I enjoy passing on what little I have learned, but I also feel like it's something I'm called to do.

My challenge to you, my friends, is to keep real horsemanship alive. Keep Tom and Peter's message going because we need it. So do our horses. Keep working from where the horse is, see what you can do for your horse rather than what your



horse can do for you. Direct your horse rather than correct it. Have fun with your horse, but don't take him against his will. Get the job done, be kind, and consider how your horse thinks and feels. If you're not interested in any of that, then stay out of my way, cuz I've got work to do. I'll be passing on whatever I can, as I continue to learn more myself.

I have always enjoyed learning from others and I give credit where it is due. If you have had the opportunity to ride with me, you have probably heard me quote some of my mentors. If you have read my



book, you saw all the quotes from friends, horseman and other random people that made an impact on my career with horses and cattle. The world is saturated with trainers and clinicians, all talking about what they do. It is easy for them to go out and give speeches, memorize catch phrases and one liners in order to get people to buy into and believe what they're trying to say.

Today, my training tip to you is this: Do not believe anyone, just look for yourself. Look at the horse they are working. Do you think what they are doing makes sense to the horse. Don't believe what people say, just believe what they do. When dealing with a horse, remember that the horse will always tell the truth.

True Horsemanship is never for sale. It's never something that can be memorized. I cannot give it to you, just as no one gave it to me. I believe it is something worth working on. The best I can do is pass it on through as many ways as I can offer, one of them being a book where I explain what I have come to understand about horses. I also give credit to the people who helped me understand it. Don't believe me, just look for yourself, and then pass it on.

Hopefully I meet you somewhere down the trail.

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