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What, me ride?

One could conclude from the fact that I feed 3 horses and one pony that I ride, but shoot no, I don't ride. I just feed, muck stalls and fix fences. Oh, I have lots of excuses, like I do not have time, my mare is pregnant, my horses are lame, and who is going to call 911 when I fall off, my 3 year old? Of course looking at this photograph of my 5 year old daughter riding for the first time sans leadline at the Seminole Wind Horse Show, you might guess why I do not ride. I do not need to. I am having just as much fun living vicariously through my kids. My kids have the most fun at the show. Whether it is performance or the speed events, they think they are BIG STUFF. I second that notion. They are big stuff at the show (even if Elizabeth's equitation pattern looked like it was drawn by Dr. Seuss). She was on top of the world at that show and I was on top of it with her.

Melody

Pictured at the right is Elizabeth showing by herself for the first time on her pony, Smokey.

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We watch them running.... tails held high....gentle manes floating weightlessly on air. We marvel at the sight of freedom bringing us closer to their whispers. I can hear them now.....

Please take a journey with us, and walk through the beginning of the end for 60,000 horses and mules every year. There is no dignity, only a slow torturous death - and the bottom line - greed and money.

The slaughterhouse, the brutal end for thousands of horses every year. It is not for the sick and lame either. They are racehorses; show horses, playful yearlings and wide-eyed foals, protected wild horses, Premarin mares and their innocent foals. And for what you ask? It is solely to export their meat to France, Belgium, Canada, Japan and Mexico. Oh, did I mention that the THREE SLAUGHTERHOUSES IN THE United States are foreign owned? Two slaughterhouses are owned by French Companies and one by a Belgium Company.

Many people are still not aware horses are slaughtered in the US and have no idea of the cruelty involved..

Horses are sensitive, intelligent and compassionate creatures willing to run or work their hearts out to please us. They should not be crammed into trailers and denied food and water for long periods of time. They should not be unloaded at slaughterhouses with whips and electric prods into kill chutes. The captive bolt gun shot repeatedly into their flailing heads bring "screams" from their bodies never heard before by humane animal caregivers. I have not mentioned to you the ones that are NOT rendered unconscious and are awake as their throat is being slit, the vivisection beginning while they still breathe and their hides skinned from their body while they hang shackled from their hind legs. The mother and foal who once grazed in the grass side by side loving each other and happy to just be together wonder what cruel twist of fate cause them to be hanging side by side enduring this excruciating pain as the life bleeds out of their body. The real story of the slaughterhouse is rarely told since the mask of secrecy is hardly ever revealed.

"The fact that man knows right from wrong proves his intellectual superiority to other creatures. The fact that he does wrong to these creatures proves his moral inferiority".

.....Mark Twain

Horse slaughter is inhumane. In the book "Slaughterhouse" by Gail A. Eisnitz, 1997 a worker quoted, "*You move so fast, you don't have time to wait till a horse bleeds out. You skin him as he bleeds. Sometimes a horse's nose is down in the blood, blowing bubbles and he suffocates.*" "One woman expressed her encounter as she was driving past Cavel "*Then the screams of terror coming from the horses; I have been a professional horse woman for 30 years, and never have I heard such horrific sounds come from a horses body in all my life as I had, just passing by Cavel one day last week while the rear unloading door to the plant happened to be open,*" sadly explained Gail Vacca, American Horse Protection Coalition and a resident of DeKalp, Illinois.

So what can you do? What can anyone do? With thousands of horses being slaughtered every year you may be saying, it is hopeless. There are too many. I can't do anything. But you are doing something. You are here today. You are reading this story and that brings hope!

Make a donation, get the word out or volunteer. Animal rescue is an enormous undertaking. It takes days, years and countless hours, there are never enough funds to save them all but with the help of many that can change. There are hard times and there are good times. Some horses have been lost because funds were not available to purchase horses in danger of the slaughterhouse. It is heart wrenching when there are 10 and you only have the funds for 5, those eyes looking at you begging for their life, the mothers and foals wondering why they are being ripped apart when their life together has just begun. As the mares are hauled away, their hearts broken, their bodies flailing in despair at the loss of their baby and there they are in the back of a truck without food or water on their way to the slaughterhouse unaware that as horrible as their life seems right now....it is about to get worse. The foals stay behind, crying for their mothers, wondering who will take care of them, who will love them, how will they live....they won't, their fate is soon to comeTheir death at the hands of a human who will skin them for their hide or fatten them of for a tortuous death to come....and one day they will be Cheval Tartar served as a delicacy in a foreign country.

The most painful part is going to the auction and seeing the dozens of horses tagged for slaughter. We look in their eyes and it breaks our hearts. We save who we can and as many as possible, but it boils down to supply and demand and as long as there are slaughterhouses in this country there is a demand for our horses and a price for them dead. It is sad when every auction we go to we are bidding against "meat" prices. The end of the slaughterhouses will bring the end of the demand for these precious animals dead. The "killbuyers" will have no longer have the red blood of the American Horse on their hands or the green currency lining their pocket because of it.

You ask how can we do it? What keeps us going? We look around us and see all the horses happily grazing and munching and realize NONE of them would be alive if we had not rescued them, taken them in. There you have it. One by one

we are bringing them home. Someone gave you this package so there is another person that cares. You are taking the time to read it....you care. There will be more because you will tell others. You are reading this because you want to save these wonderful creatures that have been a part of our heritage from the beginning and have paved the way for our today. You care and so do others.....that's what is needed.

They can't speak but look deeply into their eyes.....they thank you for caring and they thank you for sparing their lives and for helping the others that will soon face the same doom that they so narrowly missed.

A National committee has been formed consisting of Equine rescues and individuals that dedicate their time, love and energy to raising the awareness in our country today. Donna Skinner, one the committee members commented about her involvement, "Once I realized this was happening how could I not become involved. Thinking I was one individual I questioned how much I personally could do, before I knew it I was in it head first and cannot stop. I am adopting the foals and my spare time is dedicated to raising awareness, funds, finding homes and aiding in finding forever homes for the beautiful horses, yearlings and foals." Never did I imagine that equines of such quality were going to slaughter. The slaughterhouse is no way for any equine, young or old, sick or healthy to end their life. They have given their lives to us I feel we should, when the time come, end theirs as humanely as possible."

Let them be born without fear, Let them live a life of peace and please God, when it is time.

Let them die as they have lived fearless, painless and peaceful.

The Foal Rescue Foundation has locations nationwide, whether you are near or far...you can make a difference

Shhhhhhh; you can hear them whispering and we are answering their pleas!!!!

For information how you can help, please contact Jennifer Swanson, Pure Thoughts, Inc. a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization at 561-753-6555 or jennifer@floridafoalrescue.com or visit the website and look at the National Committee www.saveafoal.com

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Always be kind to me. Your voice often means as much to me as the reins. Pet me sometimes, that I may serve you the more gladly and learn to love you.

Do not jerk the reins, and do not whip me when going uphill. Never strike, beat, or kick me when I do not understand you. Watch me, and if I fail to do your bidding, see if something is not wrong with my harness or feet.

Do not check me so that I cannot have free use of my head. If you insist that I wear blinkers, so that I can not see behind me as it was intended I should, I pray you be careful that the blinders stand well out of my eyes. Do not overload me, or hitch me where water will drip on me. Keep me well shod. Examine my teeth when I do not eat, I may have an ulcerated tooth, and that, you know, is very painful. Do not tie my head in an unnatural position, or take away my best defense against flies and mosquitoes by cutting off my tail.

I cannot tell you when I am thirsty, so give me clean, cool water often. Save me, by all means in your power from that fatal disease - the glanders. I cannot tell you in words when I am sick, so watch me, that by signs you may know my condition. Give me all possible shelter from the hot sun, and put a blanket on me, not when I am working, but when I am standing in the cold. Never put a frosty bit in my mouth, first warm it by holding it a moment in your hands.

I try to carry you and your burden without a murmur, and wait patiently for you long hours of the day or night. Without the power to choose my shoes or path, I sometimes fall on hard pavement which I have often prayed might not be of wood but of such a nature as to give me safe and sure footing. Remember that I must be ready at any moment to lose my life in your service.

And finally, OH MY MASTER, when my useful strength is gone, do not turn me out to starve or freeze, or sell me to some cruel owner, to be slowly tortured and starved to death, but do thou, My Master, take my life in the kindest way, and your God will reward you here and hereafter. You will not consider me irreverent if I ask this in the name of Him who was born in a stable. AMEN

Picayune Strand State Forest

Picayune Strand State Forest is in the heart of an ecosystem called the Big Cypress Basin. The majority of this forest is under water during periods of considerable rainfall. The forest is comprised of cypress strands, wet prairie, and pine flatwoods in the lowlands and subtropical hardwood hammocks in the uplands. The northern section of the Belle Meade Tract contains many second growth South Florida slash pine, with some remnant trees being over 100 years old. The forest provides habitat for many species of wildlife making wildlife viewing a popular activity. The following species have been sighted in the forest: black bear, bald eagle, wood stork, Big Cypress fox squirrel and swallow-tailed kites. Although Florida panthers are rarely visible, they do leave tracks for the observant visitor. Female panthers have borne cubs in the state forest in recent years.



Picayune Strand State Forest offers many recreational opportunities. A 22 mile horse trail winds across the Belle Meade Tract from Miller Boulevard to Benfield Rd. All horses in the forest must have current negative Coggins Test results, proof of which is to be carried by each rider. Horses may be rented at M and H stables which is located 2 miles south of Exit 15 off Interstate 75 at 2750 Newman Drive. Also on Newman Drive is Everglades Ranch, a boarding facility. They offer daily or overnight boarding if you wish to vacation at the Picayune Strand State Forest with your own horse. An oak shaded primitive camping area can be found near the middle of the trail.

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1) Freeze branding- Visual deterrent and cannot be altered. Horse cannot be sold or slaughtered without proper paperwork. CANNOT ALTER. 2) Tattoos- Kits can be sold by anyone - catalog to feed stores to ebay. Anyone can do tattoos and THEY CAN BE ALTERED. 3) Microchips- Not a visual deterrent and slaughter houses do not scan horses. Many micro chip companies out there and there is NOT a universal scanner so micro chips CAN be missed.

A Collier County horsewoman has decided to Freeze Brand her horses and was wondering if anyone else would like to do the same. The cost is \$120 and there is a 20 horse minimum. If you would like to be on that list, please contact Jackie at medicloy@aol.com. For more information on the Freeze Branding itself, visit www.horseweb.com/kka.

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March 2005

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6	7 	8 	9	10	11	12 Labell Family Livestock Club 863-675-3352 Lee County Horseman- Speed 239-283-9122 <div>77th Annual Arcadia Rodeo, www.arcadiarodeo.com</div>
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13 <div>77th annual Arcadia Rodeo, www.arcadiarodeo.com</div> <div>Country Jam Carnival</div>	14	15 	16 	17  Wear GREEN!	18 7:30 PM, LaBelle Family Livestock Club, LFLC3@ aol.com	19 Seminole Wind Horse Club Performance 8am& Speed 3pm - Posse Arena 239-353-5167 Dressage Show Lee County Civic Center
20  Spring Equinox (1st day of Spring)	21	22	23 	24 	25 Good Friday	26 Arcadia Rodeo Arena, NBHA co-show with FL10, FL05, FL04, added money jmac@desoto.net
27  Easter Sunday	28	29	30	31 		April 1st - April Fools Day April 3rd - Daylight Savings begins

Why do I *really* need to shoe my horse?

Ralph Casey, President

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A few common remarks I often hear from horse owners are; "The country I ride my horse in is not rough or rocky" "I saw on the internet that we should keep our horses natural and without shoes" and "I only ride in the summer, so why shoe year round?" or the best one in the far south is, "We only ride in the sand."

The trouble with these comments and articles being written about not shoeing the horse is simple; they truly don't understand why a horse needs to be shod for the activities that horses go through on a daily basis. So, why do horses need to be shod? My answer is **"The main reason for shoeing a horse is to keep the bony column in alignment, so when the foot strikes the ground, the entire bony column including the spine, equally absorbs the concussion."** If this plan of action were taken every time a horse is shod or trimmed, then every horse would stay natural from birth. Keeping your horse trimmed and shod properly **will keep** your horse natural like he was when he was born. By the end of 5-6 weeks he becomes unnatural due to excessive wear and stress on the hoof due to his conformation.

In **Photo 1**, It is obvious to see that one heel is lower than the other and the angles are completely different.

In **photo 2**, if you draw a straight line across each foot at the hairline or coronary band, we see that one toe is longer than the other.

What causes all of this you might ask? Let's take a look at ourselves. Our conformation dictates how our feet land on the ground. If we are toed out, we will break over on the inside toe, wear the inside toe down more and land on our outside heel, wearing it down more as well. Stand up and try this yourself to get a better understanding. This would be considered a natural walk for a toed out person and there is no way to change it.

If we leave ourselves natural, or barefoot, we would only wear it down more. A horse is similar with the exception, that when the farrier places a new pair of shoes on, he has the knowledge to shape the hoof back like it was when the horse was born. The horse was not born with one low heel, one high heel, one toe longer than the other and the foot not symmetrical, and one leg longer and so on. A toed out horse is not much different in that there is no way to change the way it normally walks, but the farrier can help with corrective shoeing on a routine basis, IF the horse owner will allow the farrier to take the extra time in doing so, which will normally cost a little more.

So as you look at **photo 3** from the front, you can see how we corrected and re-balanced both feet and re-shod the horse wherein his bones will now be in alignment, therefore equally absorbing the concussion when his foot strikes the ground. There is only so much corrective work and hoof removal we can do at one shoeing, and it will take the whole summer and into the fall to get him back to what is normal for him. In this case, the foundered foot grows more rapidly so there is plenty of hoof growth but not in the correct direction. Alas, this is where the farrier, who is the caretaker of the lower limb and hoof, comes in!!

It behooves me why people cannot understand why their horse can't win, why he gets sore in the spine, and overall why he cannot perform at his best. When all we have to do is look at ourselves. If we were running a track meet, we sure could not expect to win if our heels and toes were uneven. So now when I do my clinics, I help people not only understand the horse, but themselves as well.

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Photo 2



Photo 3

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- 1 Lead Line Barrels
- 2 Pee Wee Barrels
- 3 Lead Line Texas Barrels
- 4 Pee Wee Texas Barrels
- 5 Lead Line Hairpin
- 6 Pee Wee Hairpin
- 7 Lead Line Flags
- 8 Pee Wee Flags
- 9 Lead Line Keyhole
- 10 Pee Wee Keyhole
- 11 Jr. Keyhole
- 12 Sr. Keyhole
- 13 Adult Keyhole
- 14 Jack Benny Keyhole
- 15 Pee Wee Poles
- 16 Jr. Poles
- 17 Sr. Poles
- 18 Adult Poles
- 19 Jack Benny Poles
- 20 Jr. Barrels
- 21 Sr. Barrels
- 22 Adult Barrels
- 23 Jack Benny Barrels
- 24 Jr. Texas Barrels
- 25 Sr. Texas Barrels
- 26 Adult Texas Barrels
- 27 Jack Benny Texas Barrels
- 28 Jr. Hairpin
- 29 Sr. Hairpin
- 30 Adult Hairpin
- 31 Jack Benny Hairpin
- 32 Jr. Flags
- 33 Sr. Flags
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- 9 *Schooling Class**
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- 12 Sr. Walk Trot Pleasure
- 13 Adult Walk Trot Pleasure
- 14 Open Walk Trot Pleasure
- 15 Pee Wee Walk Trot Equitation
- 16 Jr. Walk Trot Equitation
- 17 Sr. Walk Trot Equitation
- 18 Adult Walk Trot Equitation
- 19 Open Walk Trot Equitation

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- HH *Hunter Hack**
- TR *Trail**
- 20 *Schooling Class**
- 21 Pee Wee Pleasure
- 22 Jr. Pleasure
- 23 Sr. Pleasure
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On the Lite Side

CAMPING- FLASHLIGHTS LEND LITTLE LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT

Half Vast Connie

Many of us enjoy the recreation of camping. The answer eludes me as to WHY I subject my entire being to this merciless form of recreation. (I guess to escape the stress of my "half vast" life!) Some of you try to escape from desks and computers but there's no way of beating the nine to five routine for I witnessed this same time element once while watching a grown man attempt to assemble a three man tent. Note: It isn't called a three man tent because that's how many people can live in it, but because that's how many people it takes to PUT IT UP!

Camping is the worst possible choice if one is attempting to elude STRESS. Camping "reeks" of stress. We could avoid some of it but we insist on bringing with us an item guaranteed, beyond a doubt, to cause more tension, anxiety, + and agitation in humans than any other single thing in the world. More people have become suicidal at camping trips because of this device. Most of you will be doubtful when I tell you that this culprit is the simple FLASHLIGHT! To prove this, I ask you this question, "Has any person ever 'sighted' a flashlight at night?" You have the same chance of seeing a flashlight in the dark of night as you do of seeing the Loch Ness Monster! The worst thing about a flashlight is that we need "light" to be able to locate this evasive little tool. But, if we had a light, we wouldn't even need a flashlight in the first place.

In science, we've been taught that flashlights are nocturnal, which Webster describes as that belonging to the night. Not true! They love sunshine and the light of day for it's the only time we're granted w/ the honor of their presence – WHEN WE DON'T NEED THEM!

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