

Treating Chronic Founder and Deformed Hoof Syndrome

Lack of knowledge often results in a severely deformed hoof. This horse was described as a chronic founder and was being treated by a "Natural Trimmer." Hoof capsule migration was easily seen and confirmed by radiograph. Rotation of P3, in relationship to the coffin joint was negligible. This is described as DHS (Deformed Hoof Syndrome) within the science of Applied Equine Podiatry.

Balancing to the internal arch apparatus was prescribed, along with the application of the Perfect Hoof Wear™ System (PHWS). The horse has been sound for nearly six months now and is now doing well under saddle.

At the second level course held by the Institute of Applied Equine Podiatry in Ocala, Florida, on January 5-9, 2008, we were presented with a horse with Chronic Founder. X-rays were available, aiding KC La Pierre in trimming the foot to the proper form in one trim. In the photographs below we see the left foot has been trimmed, while the right foot shows how a lack of knowledge can lead to a deformed hoof.



While trimming, hoof testers were used to ensure that adequate sole thickness was present.



Above right: Foot with completed trim. If you look closely, you can see the golden line in the toe area.



Once the feet were trimmed, Perfect Hoof Wear was applied to the foot.
Above: KC La Pierre uses his right hand to unwrap while the left hand ensures a smooth application.
As the Perfect Hoof Wear starts to set it is molded into the collateral grooves.



Above: The Perfect Hoof Wear is place on impression pad to cure.