

Sammi's Testimonial

"I bought Sammi in March, 2003 from a family who had gotten into horses because "it would be fun" and then discovered it is not only fun but more work than they wanted to do. Sammi was 18, a former roping horse who had been used hard and had the physical problems to prove it. This family was just another stop on a downward spiral to a sad end. Sammi's sweet nature didn't deserve that kind of life. I was hooked.

*When I brought Sammi home, she could barely walk. She had severely **founded** at some point in the past, and conventional methods of dealing with poor hooves had been used, very much to her detriment. That sort of treatment just masks the problem, and the people who bought her didn't know any better and probably felt they had been scammed. When they bought her she had special shoes and was probably on drugs. Once the drugs wore off, the problems started. Now she couldn't move.*

*The soles of her hooves were convex, indicating that the **laminae had separated from the hoof wall, allowing the coffin bone to rotate downward**. That was equivalent to walking with a pointy nail sticking into the bottom of your foot.*

We worked on Sammi's feet for over a year. We started her on natural hoof trims and she was allowed to go barefoot, to let the hoof heal itself. We made sure she moved around, to encourage blood flow to the hoof. We carefully watched her diet. There were setbacks; we were all learning together. Thank goodness for Sammi's patient nature! Gradually, she became more comfortable walking on the grass, and was able to move around pretty well in our arena. However, the bottom of her hoof was still flat, and she had trouble walking up our driveway on the small stones. For her, it was like hot coals, and she would avoid it.

In mid-December 2004, I started Sammi on a new regimen. I became more diligent about keeping her feet trimmed, and started her on a hoof growth product. I saw a little progress. Then I was introduced to BioPreparation. In early February, I started including two capsules of BioPreparation into her daily "elixir". The first photo shows her left front hoof in late January. In front of the point of the frog (the triangle in the center of her hoof), it is quite flat. This is the best her hooves had been to this point.

Once started on the BioPreparation, Sammi made rapid progress. Growth increased. I had to trim her weekly. As she had new growth, the sole of her hoof started to become more concave in front of the frog. On February 15, for the first time in over 18 months, Sammi GALLOPED up the driveway, on the stones, on her own! It brought tears to my eyes to see this lovely mare finally able to kick up her heels and run with the herd.

The second photo shows her left front hoof in early March. The area in front of her hoof has a definite concavity to it and it has only gotten better with time. It is so wonderful to see her walking with confidence, and I know BioPreparation was the lynchpin in her program that accelerated her healing" Ashara .M.



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