

Information for Participants and Auditors



**Hoof Trimming
Coaching Day**
a one-day clinic

Saturday October 1, 2011 9am-4pm
Happy Apple Stables New Hope, AL

Questions? Contact:

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What's this all about?

Join us for an informal trim coaching day geared towards horse owners who are trimming their horses' hoofs and have questions, or who would like hands-on guidance. Participants bring and trim their own horse or horses with one-on-one coaching when you need it, and auditors - well, audit.

We'll start the day off with a group question and answer session, so come right at 9:00am if you have a hoof care question that's been puzzling you. There were some wonderful questions last time - so don't miss this learning opportunity!

What to wear and bring:

Wear work pants or jeans and sturdy shoes. The hands-on hoof trimming session will involve sharp tools and dirty, smelly, stomping hoofs, so your clothes and shoes may get dirty or torn. No shorts or sandals, please - closed-toe shoes required for safety.

Bring a folding chair, notebook, pen, camera. Take all the photos and video you like!

For participation in the hands-on trimming session:

Close-fitting work gloves and a hoof rasp with handle are required. Bring a hoof stand if you have one. Work gloves, professional quality hoof rasps, and rasp handles will be available for purchase at the workshop. A list of recommended tools, gear, and suppliers is at the end of this document.

Lunch and Drinks:

Ice water and sweet tea will be provided throughout the day. Bring your lunch, or we may take up a collection and order in pizza. If you'd like to bring food to share, snacks that don't need refrigeration and that might double as dessert (fruit, muffins, cookies, brownies, bagels, granola bars, breakfast bars) are always appreciated!

If you plan to bring your horse (or mule or donkey):

Please let us know in advance that you are planning to bring your horse, so that we can reserve a spot for you as space is limited.

Current negative Coggins for each visiting horse must be submitted with registration forms or presented for inspection before unloading horse from trailer – no exceptions.

This and that:

No visiting dogs, please.

No smoking inside the barn area or covered round corral.

Workshop participants and auditors must observe posted barn rules of Happy Apple Stables.

The restroom is located off the main barn hall, on the far end from the front entrance, to your right.

Inclement weather:

All activities will be under cover inside the barn and covered round corral at Happy Apple Stables - the workshop will take place rain or shine.

How to get the most out of the workshop:

Take notes and ask questions! The more you put into the learning experience, the more you'll take away from it.

Be prepared to go home and practice on your own as soon as you can, while everything is fresh in your mind.

Study videos, articles, photos, and drawings about hoof trimming and hoof health, available for free on the following websites:

Recommended websites:

Marjorie Smith's articles on www.barefoothoof.com

Paige Poss' articles on www.ironfreehoof.com

Pete Ramey's articles on www.hoofrehab.com

Gene Ovnicek's articles on www.hopeforsoundness.com

Hoofjack videos on www.hoofjack.com

Recommended hoof trimming how-to videos:

Pete Ramey's 'Under the Horse' DVD set www.hoofrehab.com

Gene Ovnicek's 'Natural Balance Hoof Trimming' DVD www.hopeforsoundness.com

Phil Morarre's 'Abrasive Trim Clinic' DVD www.softtouchnaturalhorsecare.com

Many of these videos are available to rent at a reasonable cost through www.giddyupflix.com.

Recommended books on hoof care and hoof trimming:

[The Sound Hoof: Horse Health from the Ground Up](#) by Lisa Simons Lancaster

[Horse Owners Guide to Natural Hoof Care](#) by Jaime Jackson

[Making Natural Hoof Care Work for You](#) by Pete Ramey



HoofSmart Recommended Hoof Trimming Tools

Please note: the list below is for your convenience. The only tools required for participation in the workshop are a hoof rasp and rasp handle. You may bring those items with you, and they will also be available for purchase at the workshop.

Item	Manufacturer	Description	Price	Supplier
Hoof Stand	Equine Innovations	Standard Hoofjack hoof stand	\$185.00	www.nctoolco.com
Hoof Rasp	Heller	Legend 14"	\$22.50	www.nctoolco.com
Hoof Rasp	Wood-Miller	Super Sharp 14"	\$15.95	www.jeffersequine.com
Rasp Handle	Nordic Forge	Twist-on Rasp Handle	\$3.95	www.jeffersequine.com
Farriers Apron	C&M	Cordura Apron with suede patches and safety breakaway snaps	\$112.00	www.nctoolco.com
Hoof Knives	Friedr. Dick Company	Gripmaster style, left and right handed	\$31.95	www.star-ridge.com
Sharpening Steel	Istor	4" sharpening steel	\$14.95	www.star-ridge.com
Crook Sharpener	Friedr. Dick Company	Pocket crook sharpener	\$11.95	www.star-ridge.com
Hoof Nippers	GE	15" Hoof Nippers	\$201.00	www.nctoolco.com
Mini Half Round Nippers	Oriental Touch	Bonsai Knob Cutters (set of two)	\$29.99	www.amazon.com
Crease Nail Puller	Lopez	Crease Nail Puller	\$86.00	www.nctoolco.com
Magnet	--	3" round magnet (extra magnet for Hoofjack)	\$7.50	www.nctoolco.com
Nipper Spring	W-Brand	Nipper Spring	\$9.99	www.nctoolco.com
Rasp Grip	Thera-Flex	Hand Saver Rasp Covers	\$5.65	www.nctoolco.com