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Members are encouraged to send notices of SHOBA related activities, upcoming trail rides, fundraisers, and pictures that they would like to be included in the Scoop. Let us know what you are doing! If you are interested in contributing a story, trail ride info, picture, poem, letter to the editor, or campfire recipe, send your information to 943 Skitts Mountain Road Cleveland, GA 30528, info@SHOBAonline.com or pm to the SHOBA Facebook page.

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Words from the Editors

Hello out there!

It's been an eventful year, has it not? Hurricanes, political divisiveness, high inflation at the grocery store and gas pump, soaring crime rates due to some illegal aliens, and dry weather. We have survived, though, thanks to God Almighty. We hope that y'all are warm, dry, and well stocked.

Please turn to the last page of this newsletter and check out the article on Hurricane Helene and the list of places where we call all help. It is horrendous to know that many are still without adequate shelter, food, or winter wear. There are also many places where feed and hay are needed for livestock.

Keep those awesome videos of your true Single-Footers coming! We are growing bigger and wider because of y'all!

See y'all soon,

Ben and Beth Cantrell

WHAT'S GOING ON IN SHOBA?

Horses registered 38

Horses Transferred 13

New or Renewed Members 25



SHOBA's number one priority is to preserve and promote the naturally gaited single-footing horse. SHOBA will do this by providing, to the best of our ability, a strict gait performance horse registry that is backed up with equine DNA, which provides an accurate, scientific ancestry for each registered horse.

SHOBA recognizes that the single-footing horse is as unique as its uncompromised four beat lateral gait. We are very proud of the single-footing horse and hope to see them excel on the trails and in the show rings. Our intention is to do nothing to jeopardize the integrity of the single-footing horse in anything we do or support.

SHOBA believes that we are blessed with the unique single-footing horse to preserve, promote, enjoy, and provide a means of fellowship with other horse riders. We will promote family oriented trail rides full of fellowship, good times, and horse riding with these wonderfully fast, smooth, single-footing horses to support this belief.

Cover photo: Rawhide's Rufio and Teresa Williams showing their stuff at the 2024 RHBAA Celebration



CAMPFIRE RECIPE



Hardy Campfire Stew

Ingredients

3 tbsp all-purpose flour
2 tsp salt
1 tsp ground pepper
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp dried thyme
2 lb cubed stew meat
3 tbsp olive oil
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups apple cider
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup water
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup apple cider vinegar
1 large bay leaf
4 carrots, sliced
3 potatoes, cubed
2 onions, diced
2 celery stalks, chopped
1 lg McIntosh apple, sliced

Directions

Combine flour, salt, pepper, and thyme in a bowl. Toss beef cubes in the flour mixture.

Heat olive oil in a Dutch oven or large pot over medium-high heat. Working in batches, brown beef cubes on all sides. Combine browned meat, apple cider, water, and cider vinegar in the pot and bring it to a boil. Add bay leaf; reduce heat to low. Simmer, partially covered, for 1 hour.

Stir in carrots, potatoes, onions, celery, and apple and simmer until the vegetables are tender, about 1 hour more.



Happy Holidays





EPM

Equine protozoal myeloencephalitis (EPM) continues to plague horses, causing neurological deficits that threaten athletic careers and lives. EPM still poses diagnostic challenges and can be difficult to differentiate from other neurological diseases, such as West Nile. Improving your understanding of the disease and learning how to identify early symptoms, may help to minimize the effects of the infection.

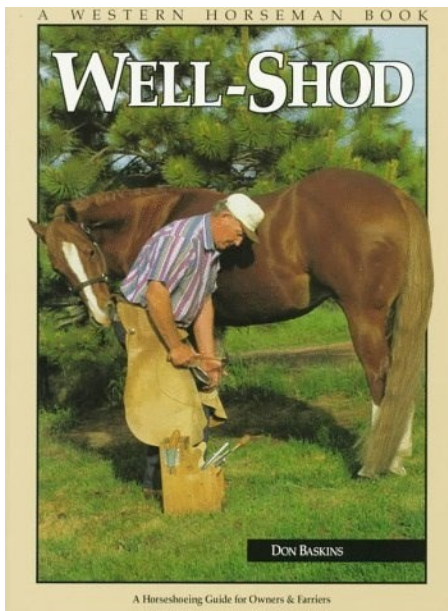
Infection is caused by one of two parasites, either *Sarcocystis neurona* or *Neospora hughesi*, the carriers of EPM. Most available information pertains to *S. neurona* because less information about *N. hughesi* currently exists.

Many horses (up to 85%) have antibodies against *S. neurona*. This indicates that horses have been exposed to the parasite, though infection did not necessarily take hold. The immune system is capable of fighting off the parasite without evidence of an active infection.

Horses become infected by consuming opossum feces containing *S. neurona*. The parasite then migrates through the horse's body before taking residence in the central nervous system (CNS) the brain and/or spinal cord. Because each parasite essentially "lands" in a different part of the CNS, the clinical signs an infected horse shows end up being completely individual.

"Creating a opossum-free pasture may not be feasible for most equine operations; however, feeding off the ground and preventing opossums from accessing the barn and the feed room by ensuring hay, concentrates, and other feeds are out of the opossum's reach and sealed in bins with tight-fitting lids will certainly help exposure to *S. neurona*," advised Kathleen Crandell, Ph.D., a nutritionist for Kentucky Equine Research (KER).

Editors Choice Book



Don Baskins has been able to combine a bright mind that understands horses with the eye of an artist, an unbelievable work ethic, unlimited stamina, and a desire to become the best shoer in the business.

This book is written in such a comprehensive way that it will benefit everyone who cares about horses and their good health; the professional horse trainer, farrier, the horse breeder, and recreational riders.

Readers can use this book as a guide to learn whether their horses are being shod properly or use it to learn to shoe their own horses. The book stresses good horse handling techniques and proper trimming. Correct trimming of the feet is the basis of good shoeing, and neither can be accomplished if the horseshoer cannot get the horse to stand still long enough to work on him—thus the importance of handling. To get really proficient at horseshoeing, it takes a lot of practice trimming and shoeing a lot of different horses. This book covers all the basics in plain, simple language, lavishly illustrated, and diagrammed.



REMEMBER THESE!

Membership runs from January 1 through December 31. If you became a new or renewing member after October 15, your fee includes membership for the next year.

Stallion ads are still \$50 a year and will run in four issues of the Scoop and on the website for the calendar year.

Always return the original certificate with a request for transfer along with the Transfer Form and fee. There is a one day turn around if received on a business day.

Fees paid online include a 5% fee. These fees are taken directly out of the paid amount by PayPal or Square. Cash and checks are gladly accepted.

Horse Quote of the Quarter

A man on a horse is
spiritually, as well
as physically,
bigger than a
man on foot.

John Steinbeck



SHOBA FLASHBACK!



Richard Moore on Mister Twister's Dirt Devil at the
2014 Fall Celebration Trail Ride and Fun Show at
Mammoth Cave Horse Park

Photo by Renee Clark



Canker in horses, also called equine proliferative pododermatitis, is a condition that causes proliferation of the hoof tissues. The exact cause of canker is currently unknown, but may be related to a bacterial or viral infection.

Canker characteristically has a cauliflower-like or ragged appearance and is most common around the frog of the hoof. The tissue is highly sensitive when touched and usually results in lameness in the affected horse. Treatment requires surgical removal of the affected tissue to prevent further growth.

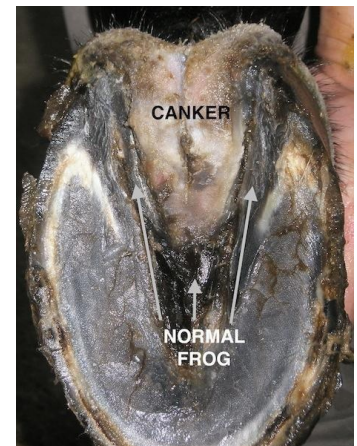
Many horse owners mistake early canker lesions for thrush, as both can have a distinctive foul odor. However, canker identified in the early stages has a better prognosis and is easier to treat.

Mistakenly treating for thrush may worsen the prognosis by allowing the canker to progress further. If there are similar changes in your horse's hoof health, it should be examined by a veterinarian or farrier prior to treatment.

Causes of Canker in Horses

Canker is an infectious condition that causes rapid proliferation of keratin, the main component of the hoof wall and sole. The proliferation forms long fronds of keratin, usually around the frog of the hoof.

Though the exact cause of canker is unknown, there is some evidence to suggest that a particular group of bacteria called spirochetes and bovine papillomavirus may be involved in the development of canker.



Baby Braggin'



Palomino Colt

Sire: Rawhide's Rufio

Born: Spring 2024



Bay Colt

Sire: Rawhide's Rufio

Born: Spring 2024

Owned by Dylan Torbett

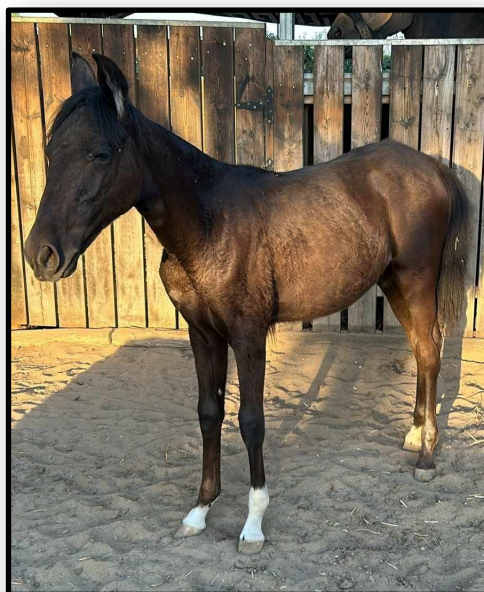


Bay Colt

Sire: Legend

Dam: Phantom Maria

Born: June 15, 2024



Bay Filly

Sire: Rowdy Wiley's Tiger

Dam: Scarlet by Rocket.

Born: January 2024

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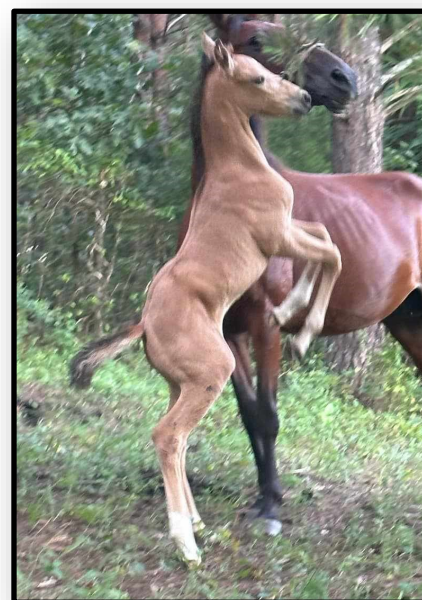


Bay Colt

Sire: Rawhide's Rufio

Dam: Rocket's Danger Hi Voltage mare

Born: Spring 2024



Bay Colt

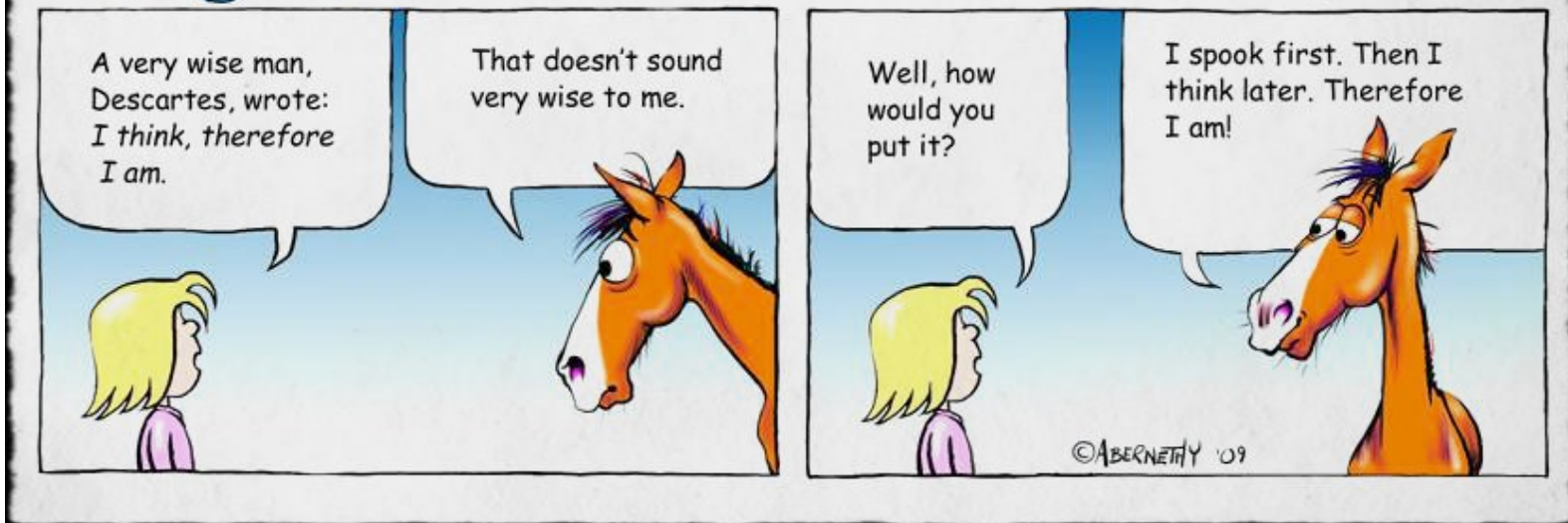
Sire: Rawhide's Rufio

Born: Spring 2024

Owned by Travis Smith

Equine Gestation Table

Service	Birth	Service	Birth	Service	Birth
Jan. 1	Dec. 7	Feb. 3	Jan. 9	Mar. 2	Feb. 5
4 ..	10	6 ..	12	5 ..	8
7 ..	13	9 ..	15	8 ..	11
10 ..	16	12 ..	18	11 ..	14
13 ..	19	15 ..	21	14 ..	17
16 ..	22	18 ..	24	17 ..	20
19 ..	25	21 ..	27	21 ..	24
22 ..	28	24 ..	30	24 ..	27
25 ..	31	27 ..	Feb. 2	27 ..	Mar. 2
28 ..	Jan. 3			30 ..	5
31 ..	6				
Apr. 2	Mar. 8	May. 2	Apr. 7	June 4	May. 10
5 ..	11	5 ..	10	7 ..	13
8 ..	14	8 ..	13	10 ..	16
11 ..	17	11 ..	16	13 ..	19
14 ..	20	14 ..	19	16 ..	22
17 ..	23	17 ..	22	19 ..	25
20 ..	26	20 ..	25	22 ..	28
23 ..	29	23 ..	38	25 ..	31
26 ..	Apr. 1	26 ..	Mar. 1	28 ..	June 3
29 ..	4	29 ..	4		
July 1	June 6	Aug. 3	July 9	Sept 2	Aug. 8
4 ..	9	6 ..	12	5 ..	11
7 ..	12	9 ..	15	8 ..	14
10 ..	15	12 ..	18	11 ..	17
13 ..	18	15 ..	21	14 ..	20
16 ..	21	18 ..	24	17 ..	23
19 ..	24	21 ..	27	20 ..	26
22 ..	27	24 ..	30	23 ..	29
25 ..	30	27 ..	Aug. 2	26 ..	Sept 1
28 ..	July 3	30 ..	5	29 ..	4
31 ..	6				
Oct. 1	Sept 7	Nov. 3	Oct. 10	Dec. 3	Nov. 9
4 ..	10	6 ..	13	6 ..	12
7 ..	13	9 ..	16	9 ..	15
10 ..	16	12 ..	19	12 ..	18
13 ..	19	15 ..	22	15 ..	21
16 ..	22	18 ..	25	18 ..	24
19 ..	25	21 ..	28	21 ..	27
22 ..	28	24 ..	31	24 ..	30
25 ..	Oct. 1	27 ..	Nov. 3	27 ..	Dec. 3
28 ..	4	30 ..	6	30 ..	6
31 ..	7				



Tips on Wintering Your Horses

Whether you love winter or would rather pass on it, freezing temperatures, bitter winds, snow, and ice all bring challenges to managing horses and the farm. With some planning ahead, these few straightforward horsekeeping tips can help keep your farm running smoothly and your horses healthy when winter weather arrives.

Thermoneutral Zones in Horses

When a horse can maintain his body temperature without expending additional energy to stay cool or warm, the ambient temperature falls within his thermoneutral zone, with the lower critical temperature marking the bottom of this spectrum. This critical temperature is a range estimated between 40 and 5 degrees Fahrenheit, explains Devan Catalano, PhD, assistant professor and equine specialist at Colorado State University, in Fort Collins.

“Horses have a thermoneutral zone—as do humans,” says Catalano. “At the upper level, horses lose weight because it’s too hot. In the winter is the flipside, in which horses need more than their baseline diet to hold their weight. This number is called the lower critical temperature; this range depends on the climate to which your horse is acclimated and the horse’s hair coat.



“So, a horse in Montana with a full winter coat will have a much lower critical temperature than a clipped horse in Florida, for example,” she adds. This lower critical temperature can play a role in horse owners’ decisions in winter, including diet and blanketing.

“Winter nutrition concerns must consider factors like critical temperature and how horses are housed,” says Kathleen Anderson, PhD, professor and extension horse specialist at the University of Nebraska, in Lincoln. “It’s important to understand horses generate more body heat when they digest forages, as opposed to concentrates,” explains Dr. Kathleen Anderson. |

She recommends offering an additional pound of hay per day for every 10 degrees below the horse’s lower critical temperature and not feeding any additional grain (concentrate).

“In general, at about 20 F, begin increasing hay.”

“For every degree below a horse’s lower critical temperature, there is about a 1% increase in the horse’s energy needs, which sounds like a lot but is actually about 3 pounds of hay for a 20-degree drop,” Catalano explains.

Bitting Your Young Single-Footing Horse

Getting a young horse to accept the bit and to act comfortable with it can sometimes be challenging. Some act like an old hand after a few days and others mouth and bite and play with the bit incessantly. Here are a few things to ponder while working with a young very green horse.

“Gaited horse people are often guilty of what I like to call ‘bit inflation’. They start young horses with fairly severe bits and quickly work up to very severe ones as the horses' training progresses. This leaves most gaited horses with either hard or overly sensitive mouths; ignorant mouths that are unresponsive to the subtle bit cues that are the basis of good horsemanship. Why does this happen? I think that there are several reasons, some better than others, none very good,” wrote Lee Ziegler in his 1997 article *Bits for Gaited Horses*.

This can cause bit avoidance resulting in difficulty in bridling the young horse including throwing his head upwards or side to side to escape the bit contact, gaping his mouth to avoid bit contact, or tensing up when in contact with the bit, according to Jennifer Klitzki on Naturallygaited.com.

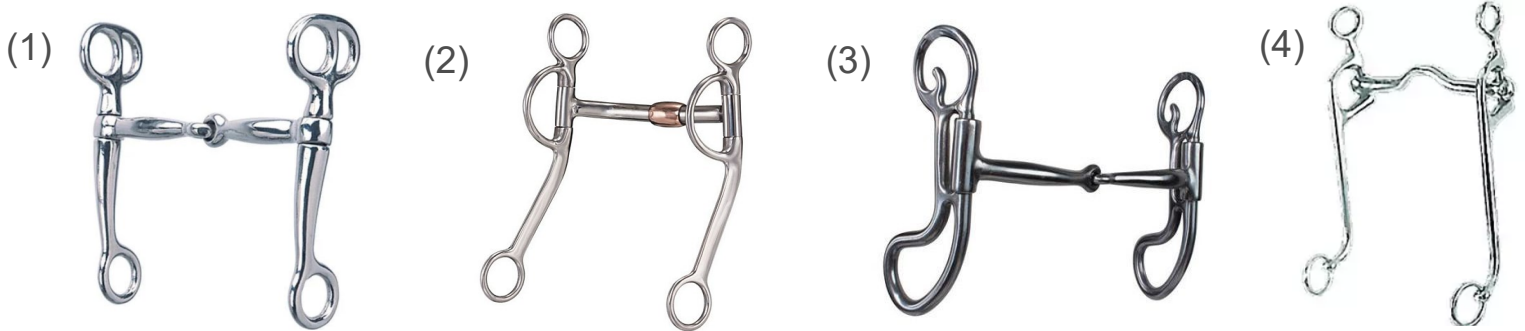
Ziegler wrote “The easiest way to teach a horse to [turn, stop, back, hold their heads in a particular way, or stretch and bend their neck] is through the direct pressure of a true snaffle bit. Not only will this bit cause the least amount of pain to the horse as he is learning, it will be the least likely to confuse him by giving overly complex signals. A simple jointed or bar snaffle with an eggbutt, full cheek or D ring design is the only bit you should consider using on a young horse of any breed.”

Opinions differ, but the point is, don't start a young horse with a harsh bit and things will progress faster and easier for the trainer and the colt.

Dr. Harnum, DVM, in a October 2, 2024 article said “ Gaited horses require specialized bits to enhance their unique movement and comfort. Choosing the right bit can improve communication between horse and rider, ensuring a smoother ride. options like the Tough 1 Premium Comfort Gaited Shank Bit (2) provide comfort and control, making them ideal for gaited breeds.

“The Avalon Western bits, with their copper bulbs, encourage salivation and a softer mouth. Other choices, like the Equisential by Professionals Choice Equine Wonder Smooth Snaffle Bit (3), offer versatility for various riding styles. Understanding your horse's specific needs will help you select the best bit for a harmonious experience.”

Many trainers start with a Tom Thumb bit(1) and move to a low port Walking Horse bit (4). Whatever your prefer-



ence is in choosing the right bit for your young horse, and often that is trial and error, you and the horse will appreciate the time, trouble, and possible expense, in the long run. If you are unsure of where to begin, ask a trainer you trust, and there are several articles online with information that may apply.

SHOBA Stallions



Rowdy Rawhide's Ace

Ace has looks, disposition, confirmation, good bloodlines, and a true four beat gait. He is a proven producer. .

Garett and Zane Hale

Hale's Stables

13371 Pine Branch Road

Coeburn, VA

276-395-3613



SG Fidelity aka D'Jango

D'Jango is a true coal black , full Standardbred stallion. He is half trotter/half pacer, and he has been known to literally clone himself in his offspring - from the looks to the ride. He is a world champion from the ring to the straightaway. I couldn't brag on this stallion enough if I had a million words to choose from.

\$2000 stud fee

Shipped semen available

Devin White - owner

<https://youtu.be/5VTkC4acLoA>



Heartbreaker

Calm natured, naturally gaited and smooth as silk. A great cross for existing bloodlines! Heartbreaker has been trail ridden and shown for years all over West Tennessee and North Mississippi. Reserve Champion in Ladies Best Gaited at Fall Brawl. 15.2 hands

\$800 stud fee, \$15 a day mare care
Live Cover

Located in Walnut, Mississippi

Jerry Russell - Owner

T.J. Vanzant - stallion manager

1-336-392-5241



Rowdy Rawhide

Rawhide, 32 years old, is a direct son of EZD's Falcon Rowdy and well known for his smooth, fast gait and mountain savvy. He's 15.1 hh with a beautiful dark buckskin color and heavy mane, tail and forelock. With more than 338 foals to his credit, he consistently produces beautiful, fast gaited babies.

Stud fee: \$600

Steve & Suzi Wright Clintwood, VA

276-926-6036



Sea Biscuit

Sea Biscuit is a young great stallion, excited to get his breeding career started, half trotter/half pacer. He has had an unbelievable start to the showing and the straightaway, winning multiple titles. He is located in Cotton Valley, LA

\$1500 stud fee

Shipped semen available

Devin White - owner

Devin White on Instagram BETTER-

THAN A SF-90#seabicuit

devinmwhite40@gmail.com

318-707-4040



Gold's Rowdy Viper

With a big motor, Viper can get the job done and with style. He is a proven producer of quality foals, yet he's gentle as a kitten. Contact for details.

Randy Thomas

Maynardville, TN

853-771-2121

How to Get Your Horse Performance Registered

The most common question we get, on the phone, email, or text, is how to go about getting your Single-Footing Horse registered. And it's important to understand that, even if your video is the best one ever made, but your horse does not consistently hit a true Single-Foot, your horse will fail. But there is no charge for trying again and again and again. We will tell you why your horse failed and what you need to do to correct the issue.

But if your horse passes, you own a registered SHOBA horse, and there are not many of those, in fact, just slightly fewer than 2,000 world wide. They are the elite of the elite.

So, here is how to make the video. And remember, never take the camera off of the horse. We do not accept clips of different videos. Also, make sure to give a clear picture of each foot so that we can adequately evaluate the shoes.

Follow these guidelines to submit a video of your horse for consideration of a performance registration:

1. Show the horse in hand, and without a saddle, in four views: directly facing the camera, the direct right side, the direct rear side, and the direct left side so the horse's markings and conformation can be clearly seen.
2. Lead the horse in a circle in both directions. Once is enough.
3. Pick up each foot so the horse's shoes can be clearly seen. A horse wearing excessive weight, plantation shoes, pads, or action devices of any kind, on any foot will not be accepted for registration. No whips.
4. Saddle the horse and ride for at least five minutes to show his natural gait. Begin riding him at a walk and then ask for increasing speed. The horse should demonstrate a reasonably broad range of speed in an even timed, four beat, Single-Footing gait. A good rule of thumb is to walk past the camera once, slow gait by the camera once, twice at a medium gait, and three or four times at a fast gait. At no time should the horse be allowed to pace or break gait for the sake of speed. There is no minimum speed requirement. Each horse goes into the Single-Foot action at a different speed. And remember, we want to see AND HEAR the footfalls. No music!
5. You must be a member of SHOBA, submit the proper fees, and the horse must meet the above registration requirements in order to be registered.
6. Videos may be uploaded to YouTube or a cloud and a link sent to info@SHOBAonline.com. You can also send a memory stick. But know that the memory stick will be kept with the horse's file when he is registered.

Check out the new look at SHOBAonline.com!



Single-Footing Horse Owners and Breeders Association

943 Skitts Mountain Road

Cleveland, Georgia 30528

706-969-6224

info@SHOBAonline.com



The Single-Footing Horse Owners and Breeders Association is the only registry for the true Single-Footing horse. We offer pedigree and performance registration, with a certification program insuring that the true Single-Footing gait will be consistent in our horses from generation to generation.

SHOBA currently has members and registered horses in at least ten countries worldwide with numbers increasing quarterly. These uniquely moving animals are for those who want a



We've been working on it for a while, and we want to show it off!

There are some of the same ol' things, but we've got some new stuff, too.

Check out the imbedded videos and the Baby Braggin' page.

New and Renewed SHOBA Members

Urieli Avi	James Mullin
Katelyn Browning	Avraham Ofir
Antoni Coleman	Joel Ortiz & Jose Ortiz
Derey Tahasour Dor	Hunter Rideaux
Gozlan Eliron	Carlos Sanchez
Ron Yehushua Gutterman	Elizabeth Shepherd
Sherri Hurd	Thomas Schoepflin
Gafni Itzhak	Steve Taylor
Jacob Kadouri	Baruch Tzimmer
Scott Laycock	Ariel Wargold
Gal Lior	Levi Yaakov
Fenzel Meir	Levi Yariv
	Logasi Yithak



Thank You,
Greg Roberts
for letting us
use your **3 Up
1 Down** music
video on the
new
SHOBAonline
website!



Help Us Help Hurricane Helene Victims

If you want to help these many, many folks in the ravaged areas across the southeast, here's a short list of places to go to get information on donating time and resources.

Many places are still accepting supplies for winter needs, but they are begging for hands on help even more. Too many families are still without shelter especially after the closing of the Red Cross shelters. Tiny houses and campers are being donated and the Amish are building shelters in some of the harder hit locations, but there are still many folks living in tents, and cold weather is already here. Blankets and sleeping bags are sorely needed.

Water cleaning stations are being set up to sterilize water for bathing, but in many places the water is still not potable.

Listed below are several internet sights where you can go to get more information or to make a donation.

L&L Whitetail on TikTok has a GoFundMe with 100% of the funds going to western NC relief: [GoFundMe by Andy Lee: help Western NC](#)

North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund: <https://pay.payitgov.com/ncdonations>

<https://www.sendrelief.org/projects/hurricane-helene/>

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/disaster/hurricane-helene/>

<https://agr.georgia.gov/news/weathered-strong>

https://thewoof.org/animal-welfare/how-to-help-animals-affected-by-hurricane-helene#google_vignette

<https://www.humanesociety.org/hurricane-helene-response>

Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, <https://www.disasterrelieffort.org/>, based in Nashville, Tenn., is working to deliver supplies through the Cedar Key Church of Christ and Lake City Church of Christ in Florida, as well as the Lakeland Church of Christ in Georgia and Forrest Park Church of Christ in Valdosta, Ga.

<https://www.onekingdom.org/>