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### **Words from the Editors**

Hello Everybody,

The first ever horse show dedicated to only Single-Footing horses just happened in Germantown, Tn. As of the publication date of this newsletter, though, it is still in the future, but I am sure is was a grand event, and I really wish we could have been there. Josh Burchfield and Juan Boyce put together quite a line up of classes! Hopefully, we'll see a bunch of pictures in the next Scoop highlighting the best of these incredible horses.

Lots more racking horse folks are getting the word that these Single-Footers are the cream of the racking crop,. If you go to online sales or on site auctions, Single-Footing horses are beginning to appear and there are fewer and fewer who are looking confused and asking "What's a Single-Footer?"

The truth is, though, the SHOBA Single-Footers get a lot more notice and a better price, so get those foals registered!

See y'all,
Ben and Beth Cantrell

### WHAT'S GOING ON IN SHOBA?

January 1 thru March 31

Horses registered 33

Horses Transferred 8

New or Renewed Members 26

# SHORA Statement

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.

Sassy and her 2022 foal. Photo by Sherry Hilton



### CAMPFIRE RECIPE

### Mexican Lasagna

**Directions** 



1 tablespoon Neutral Flavored Oil

½ pound Tortilla Chips

1 (7.75 ounce) can

El Pato Hot Tomato Sauce (or equivalent)

1 cup Mexican Cheese Blend (shredded)

1 (14.5 ounce) can

Black Beans (drained)

1Large Avocado (cubed)

5 Green Onions (sliced)

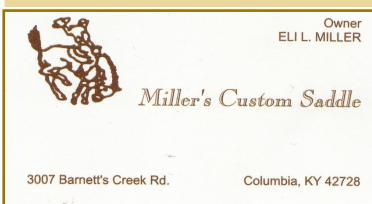
add handful Fresh Cilantro (chopped)

Small Lime (cut into wedges)

- 1) Lightly oil the bottom of a large Dutch oven, to prevent the nachos from sticking.
- 2) For the first layer, evenly spread a third of the chips into the dutch oven, topped with  $\frac{1}{4}$  can El Pato,  $\frac{1}{4}$  can black beans,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup cheese, and a handful of avocado, green onions, and cilantro. Repeat for the second layer.
- 3) For the third and final layer, use the remaining portion of chips,  $\frac{1}{2}$  can El Pato,  $\frac{1}{2}$  can black beans,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cheese, and the remaining avocado, onion, and cilantro.

4) Cover the dutch oven and place on a metal grill over your campfire for about 10 minutes, until the cheese has melted. Serve with the lime wedges.







### **REMEMBER THESE!**

Big Guns April 27 -30, 2023 East Fork Stables

Let us know when your group has an event and we will post it here and on the website.



### **EPM**

EPM, or Equine Protozoal Myeloencephalitis, in horses is a degenerative disease that affects the central nervous system and spinal cord. It is an inflammatory disease of nerve tissues of the brain and spinal cord caused by unicellular protozoa Sarcocystis neurona. More than 50 percent of the horses of the United States are susceptible to the protozoan organism of EPM. Previously the disease was known as segmental myelitis, but in 1974 it was identified as a protozoan disease. In 1990 is was named Equine Protozoal Myeloencephalitis. There are another protozoan species that also cause EPM in horses, such as Neospora hughesi, but the incidence is less.

The disease is widely distributed throughout the USA and the actual incidence rate of EPM in horses is difficult to estimate. The parasite has a complex two-host host life cycle: definitive host is opossum and intermediate host are raccoons, skunks, cats, armadillos, and sea otters. The horse is considered as the dead-end of the S neurona as the organism does not spread further. Horses get infected by the ingestion of feed and water contaminated by the feces of the opossum. Horse to horse transmission of the disease does not occur.

#### **Symptoms:**

Lack of coordination

Stilted Movement

Lameness or abnormal gait

Muscular paralysis of facial muscles

Muscular atrophy

Difficulty in swallowing

Sweating abnormally

Head Imbalance

Collapse or seizures

The prompt treatment of EPM will increase the chance of recovery of the horse.

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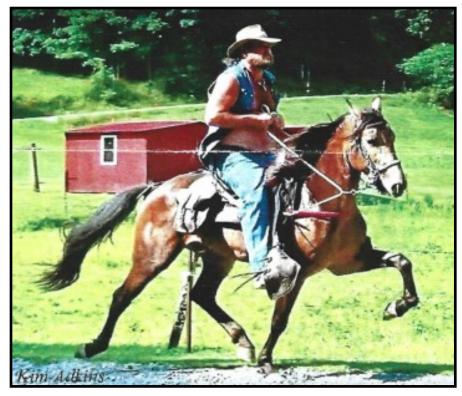
Topographic layer, points of interest, trail popularity, heatmaps, routes, trail conditions, Strava segments, photos, videos and so much more. The Map empowers the user with the info needed to



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# SHOBA FLASHBACKI



Rowdy Rawhide's Ridge Runner ridden by Steve Wright pictured in the Winter 2013 Scoop Photo by Kim Adkins



## Horse Quote of the Quarter

Horses are like shoes - you need one in every color.







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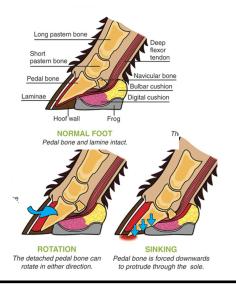
### **ANVIL TALK**



Road founder, a breakdown within the hoof that can occur after prolonged, fast work on hard surfaces, isn't common. But horses who are already experiencing low-grade laminitis may be prone to more serious laminitic failure after working on pavement or hardened ground. Ideally, you want to ride on footing that's neither too hard, nor too soft.

Road founder is not a well studied phenomena, but this is what is observed: horses working hard on surfaces harder than usual become bilaterally lame up front. Some cases, when radiographed, display rotation.

What is probably happening is bilateral bruising of the sole that is so severe that blood supply to the walls laminae is impaired either by incidental swelling or the release of vasoactive agents (natural or pharmaceutical), either increasing or decreasing blood pressure within the hooves, resulting in a secondary reaction. This can do lasting damage to the hoof, including causing both acute and chronic laminitis.



## Thunder, The Horse That Keeps On Ticking

Buyer, Beware

by Delores Domingo with Tina Adams

Over the years, I've had the pleasure of being around many wonderful horses. Thunder, a champagne son of Rowdy Rawhide's Regulator, is special. The only way I can explain what I felt the very moment he stumbled off that trailer, is that the feeling was unexplainable. Only those who have felt that unexplainable magic that horses possess, can truly understand. I knew God aligned our paths with purpose. With the sea of people treating him on the day of his arrival, somehow he just knew I was his.



Thunder

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I was being pressured to have the delivery drivers come back immediately and take this crippled horse right back, but I just couldn't. As the days progressed, and his condition was

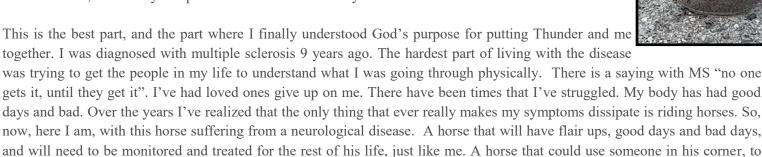


becoming worse, I was being put under more pressure to send this horse back, but I just couldn't. I had just spent all the money I could part with to purchase Thunder. I knew if I kept him, my dreams of riding could possibly never happen with him. I also knew keeping him meant I would need to be prepared to provide him with all the medical treatment he would need. Everyone around me did their best to convince me that I was making a mistake. They continuously tried to make me fear what my future would look like with this horse. Every step backwards Thun-

der took towards recovery was another opportunity for the people around me to remind me that my decision to keep him was foolish.

The forth vet I had to evaluate the horse, was an absolute God send: Montesano & Tallarico D.V.M. They immediately identified his mobility issues as a neurological issue. After testing, it was discovered that he had lymes and EPM. He was immediately put on the correct medication, and started a corrective rehabilitation routine. Montesano & Tallarico D.V.M., standardbred owners, were the only professionals that had hope in Thunders recovery. After weeks of being told nothing but the worst possible scenarios, they took over treatment and gave Thunder and me the hope that we needed. Also, I was able to track down the previous owners, and they helped me as much as they could with information on the horse.

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Thunder and I are in this together forever. If anyone could ever be forgiving and understanding when I'm having a bad day, it most definitely would be him. I hope one day my boy will make a great recovery. Until then I am so grateful, and I feel so blessed, to have him in my life. My friendship with him is a greater gift, than anything I could've possibly dreamed of.

help him get through those days that are a struggle, and to never give up on him when things get hard. I think it's pretty funny

both

actually

This journey began with my Rowdy dream. For years I've dreamed of owning a Rowdy horse. It took over a decade, but the time finally came to make my dreams become my reality. While searching for my dream horse, I found a seller in Kentucky that often had Rowdy horses available. He had a large following, and seemed to only have good or great reviews. He seemed to be a very trustworthy guy, doing good business with a guarantee on his sold horses. I was confident I was going to get a great horse from him.

I finally purchased the horse of my dreams. As soon as I sent over the full payment for the horse and the shipping, the seller was no longer responding to my messages. I was given no response to my questions about his health certificate and Coggins. Finally the seller responded only to ask me if the horse could be shipped in the morning. I explained to the seller that I needed the horse to be updated on his vaccinations before the horse was shipped. It was very obvious the seller was frustrated with this inconvenience.

Finally, when the vet confirmed that he had seen the horse earlier that morning, I tried to contact the seller to schedule shipping. Again, I got no response. The seller finally responded to my messages about scheduling shipping with "the shippers left with him this morning". I was given no notification the horse was being shipped, no contact information for the shippers, and no photos/videos of the horse before being loaded. The seller indicated that he had been unable to get into contact with the shippers for several hours. At 10pm that night, the shippers finally contacted me with an ETA. Twenty four hours after the horse was put on a trailer, they finally arrived.

The drivers arrived at 10:53am; there are security cameras at the barn so I was able to pinpoint the time. I found it odd they did not walk the horse out after unloading him. They brought the horse to me in the riding ring, and took the lead line and walked away. I was holding the horse by a rope halter trying to stop him from drinking the entire tub of water.

I was finally brought a lead line and attempted to walk the horse out. We immediately stopped. Something looked much worse then just being stiff from a trailer ride. The shippers pulled off the property immediately and by 11.05 am, we were already taking pictures/videos of the injuries we were finding. I immediately called an emergency vet, and they arrived on the property within an hour of his delivery.

I contacted the seller right away, as well as the drivers. The seller said the horse was fine when he left. The shippers said the horse was fine when they dropped him off. They accused me of causing these injuries myself within the 12 minute time span I had the horse. Then I had to deal with a months worth of horrible messages from the seller.

The first vet that came treated him for his visible injuries. He had a large hematoma on his hip, heavy bruising on his hind quarters, gashes on all four legs, and was struggling to walk. She gave him banamine, antibiotics, hoof wraps, standing wraps, a poultice, and advised me to get the farrier as soon as possible. Shortly after she left, the farrier came. He was wearing a shoe with a trailer and thick borium; there were hoof cracks, nails sticking out, hoof bruises, and holes in his coronary bands.

In the weeks following, the horses condition was still alarming. We had two more vets come to evaluate the horse. The vets had no hope in Thunder's recovery. I was being told that he appeared to have a fractured hip and to send him back to the seller immediately.

I could not rest until I understood how this was happening, what had happened, and what I was going to do. I soon discovered other horses sold by this seller who had similar stories. He has an almost squeaky clean reputation on the internet because, if you share your story, he will threaten you. He will play games with you, try to intimidate you, and threaten to sue you for slander. The man had zero sympathy or compassion when he was told the news of Thunder's condition. After notifying him of the situation, not once did he ever check in to ask how the horse was doing. Not only did he not express one ounce of empathy for this horse, he would actually verbally attack me if I reached.

#### Thunder. Continued from page 7

out with concerns over Thunder's condition. The moral of this story: even though some horse trainers may look good online and put out impressive videos of horses, things may not always be what they seem.

#### **Jazzy**

This is the tragic story of Jazzy, a 12-year-old unregistered Rocky Mountain Horse mare. On July 5, 2021, we arrived at **NAME DELETED** Trail Horse in Kentucky to purchase a horse my friend Lori had seen online that was for sale. We drove all night and were exhausted. At first glance, it looked like a nice place, but as we got closer, we realized that this farm was disgusting. We all know that horses attract flies, but the flies at this place were ridiculous. Looking in the barn it is was easy to see why. Open bags of feed, uncleaned stalls, basically these horses were living in squalor.



We met Jazzy and immediately liked her; she seemed like she'd make me a good horse with some work and proper nutrition. When we rode her in the terribly ill-fitting saddle that was provided, she was very jittery but figured we could deal with that down the line. She was infested with flies; flies were all over us, too - big nasty horseflies. Our friend Stephanie asked why her nose was snotty, and the owner said it was probably the flies. He told us the vet had been out two days previously, and the mare had been examined. He said he would have her Coggins paper the following day and would email it to us.

Trusting everything was in order, we decided to purchase her, also, we wanting to get this sweet little mare out of that place. We asked where she came from and received different answers from the owner and his son, but we trusted his reputation. Also, we wanted to get the hell away from the files and get her away from there as fast as possible.

The ride back to Illinois was hard, Jazzy refused food and water for a long time. Finally, she took some water. Also, she was very quiet, her head was down. Her behavior had changed in just a few hours. We all were worried, so when we arrived at her barn in Illinois, we were very happy to get her out of the trailer. The next morning Lori went to see her and did not like the way she looked and called the vet. In a few hours we were told she had strangles, which was later confirmed with lab work.

She was so sick, wouldn't eat or drink. The next day Lori got in touch with seller and told him. Also, she asked him for the Coggins paper. Well, it appears that he did not get the certificate and that no vet had seen her... What!? Then he said we could return her within five days for a full refund. We could not put this sick horse back in the trailer to drive all the way back to Kentucky, my goodness, who would do that? So I told Lori, "well, we just rescued a horse", and no way in hell were we going to take her back to that horrible place. So, we kept her and tried to make her comfortable and get her healthy.

Part of dealing with strangles is to quarantine the infected horse so as to avoid making the other horses sick. The owner of the Reynold's Ranch was kind enough to allow us to keep her there, but in a place away from the other horses. As the days went by, we took care of her the best we could. She was so sweet and seemed grateful for the care and attention, as well as the feed that she was receiving. I would clean her nose, brush her, clean her stall, and feed her.

Mary, from the barn, fed her every day that Lori or I could not be there; she also kept tabs on her. During this time, I posted her pictures on Facebook. A good friend of mine asked me where we got her, and when I told her, she called me immediately. She told me that she worked with that guy in the past, and he was a "rock star" when it came to training horses, but in the past years, she heard bad things about him.

There were stories of people who purchased horses from him that were allegedly drugged so that they looked and acted better. She said that many people had the same issues we had with Jazzy. She told me that he picks up these horses at auctions, trains them fast and sells them to unsuspecting people. She confirmed my worse fears.

Further more, the boarders at the Reynolds Ranch, with a few exceptions, were mad about Jazzy's condition and understandably feared for their horses' health. We did the best we could: sterilized everything, kept everything separated, bleached anything that came into contact with Jazzy or her stall, and did not walk into the barn after we had contact with her. We both have other horses, so we knew this was important.

After about six weeks, it looked like she was getting better, and this last Monday our Vet was supposed to come to test her again, to see how far her Strangles had progressed and if she would be able to be removed from her stall and introduced to the other horses. Saturday, Lori spent the morning with her, and I spent the afternoon cleaning her stall, grooming her, and putting her fly sheet on. I was excited about the saddle I was going to get for her and looking forward to when I could start working and riding her. I played her music, she liked Kid Rock, and she put up with my singing. She followed my friend Chris around the stall like a puppy. We had a great time with her and were so excited that she was finally going to recover.

But our worse fears happened Sunday morning when Lori got the call from Mary. Jazzy had chills and was rolling on the ground in terrible pain. Lori and her husband, Chuck, got there and called the vet. By the time I got there, she was lying on the ground, Lori was crying, and the vet was shaking her head. I put her head in my lap and was told it was too late, her small intestines and bowels were blocked and had stopped functioning. We had to put her out of her pain. When our friend Stephanie arrived, we were all crying and telling her how much she was loved. The vet gave her the shot to take her pain away, and it was over; our little girl passed away.

I realize this could happen to any horse, but I do not care, I know whose fault this is. Buyer beware, I am sure you are thinking... but think of it this way, what would you do? Lori and I rescue dogs, we love animals, we do not only think of the money. This person lied and sold us a sick horse. Lied and covered up his lies with more lies. Any vet would have seen through this; they would have known she had strangles. Not only did he do this to her, but this has ripped my heart out, because I fell in love with her, planned her future, and nursed her back to health. She was my baby girl. The only good thing was that Lori, Stephanie and I took care of her and showed her love that she probably had never known. She died in love, surrounded by people who loved her. So, NAME DELETED, I hope you enjoyed your money from the sale of this horse, and I hope it was worth it.



Thunder in a recent TikTok video

#### **Symptoms of Strangles in Horses**

If you notice any of the below signs, your horse should be isolated from others until your veterinarian can perform a full examination, to prevent potential spread of disease. Nasal discharge, Fever, Swollen lymph nodes in throat latch area under the jaw, which may or may not be open for draining, Lethargy, Decreased appetite

Fever is typically the first clinical sign to appear, usually within three days after initial exposure to the bacteria. Nasal discharge and swollen lymph nodes follow a few days later. Lymph node abscesses may break open in one to four weeks and have a thick purulent discharge. A horse's recovery is expedited once the abscess ruptures naturally and the bacteria can drain.

In rare cases, abscesses may occur in areas other than beneath the jaw. This is termed "bastard strangles," and may involve lymph nodes in the abdomen or brain. If this occurs, you may also see signs of colic or neurological abnormalities such as circling, head pressing, and ataxia (weak or "drunk" hind end).

# **SHOBA Stallions**



Rowdy Rawhide's Ace

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Garett and Zane Hale

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Sud Fee \$500

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L'il Rascal's Rowdy Black

Double Rowdy bred solid black stallion by Rowdy's L'il Rascal and out of a double Rowdy bred mare, Rowdy's Jett. He's fast; he's smooth; he's got a big, big motor. L'il Black is homozygous for black.

Stud Fee \$500

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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



Rawhide's Rufio

Rufio's winnings speak for his excellence as a true Single-Footing horse. Winnings include: 1st in Elite Keg Shod Clash of The Champions, Mississippi 2021, 1st Falcon Rowdy Descendants, Clintwood VA 2021, WGC two years running Keg Shod NRBAA,, WGC Speed Racking, NRBAA, and World Champion Racking Horse at The Jamboree.

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# Profile of a Shady Horse Trader

He in this profile is short for anyone of either gender, any age, any physical condition, any anything.

He knows the first step in making a sale is to establish a connection with the buyer, so he'll tell you what you want to hear, particularly if he is selling online.

He will be confident, and often friendly or funny. He'll seem like a *nice guy* and you'll like him.

If you describe your ideal horse, the animal you're looking at will match perfectly.

If you confide that you've bought horses from other traders and been unhappy, he will commiserate and tell you that he's also heard bad stories about those sellers and will assure you that you're safe with him. Don't be fooled; most of the traders know each other and work together. They meet weekly across their region at livestock sales and auctions and communicate electronically.

A trader might shamelessly use his child to sell horses. When you see videos of his 6 year-old daughter



turning, trotting and stopping the mare you're looking at, you'll be impressed. Traders are affectionate with their own children, and yours, too.

A tricky trader might exhaust the animal hours before your scheduled appointment to see the horse, or prior to creating a video, or he might administer a sedative so the horse appears calm. He knows a worn out horse will be less likely to misbehave.

He might dose the horse with pain killing drugs so there's no evidence of unsoundness.

A typical trader has only a small round pen or paddock to showcase his horses. If you ask how the horse goes in a larger area or out on the trail, he assures you it is steady and exactly the same no matter where it is ridden. The trader has his other livestock in fields around the paddock or round pen so you can't try the horse yourself outside the small area.

He says you won't find a nicer horse anywhere else. He'll say he has two other people are interested and due to call about the horse later that day. He carefully lets you know that you'd be foolish to let this perfect mount go by and need to make the immediate decision to buy.

He'll say he's had the horse for over a year, but he has too many and needs to let some of them go... or it's his wife's favorite but she's too busy to ride... or he felt sorry for the horse and took it out of the goodness of his heart to find it a better home.

The horse won't have a current Coggins paper because "it just expired." If you could see the real Coggins, you might observe that he's only owned the horse a short while. Health certificates for horses bought online and transported by a third party, are often copies that may have been doctored.

He may offer to let you try the horse for a week or two and return it if you're not completely satisfied. He'll give you examples of a few fickle and unreasonable people who have returned good horses to him. He'll explain, with a sigh of resignation, that he refunded their money and sent them on their way.

If you want to document all he's said in the form of a sales contract, detailed bill of sale, or written agreement for a trial period, and he refuses, it might mean your trader hasn't been completely truthful. Proceed with caution.

(excerpted from an article published 1/22/2015 on Horsenation.com)





#### New and Renewed SHOBA Members

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