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We support hoof care that creates functional, healthy bare hooves. We advocate more natural, humane living conditions for our equine friends. We encourage all forms of hoof care and horse care that promote these basic principles.

From The Editor

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Okay, so we are definitely not doing Grand Prix level anything, but I'm still pretty proud of my 5 year old, Kendra, who is winning both low Hunter Over Fences and Training Level dressage classes. Mostly, we are just having a lot of fun!

You can't take showing too seriously, and if you are not having fun, you shouldn't do it at all. However, showing is an excellent way to introduce people to the concept of barefoot in a non-threatening way. People get curious, ask questions, and actually begin to consider the possibilities. They observe healthy, barefoot performance examples, and soon realize that it really is a viable option.

A few brave people are slowly venturing into the upper crust of competition with barefoot horses. Until people have the courage to go out there and give it a try at the upper levels of a sport—



Yvonne riding Kendra to victory in her first over-fences class, October, 2004.

racing, endurance, polo, hunters, jumpers, reining, cutting, dressage, eventing, national breed shows, etc.—with healthy, barefoot horses, we'll never know just how far they can go. Or in what ways they will outshine all the other horses! Happy Hooves!—Yvonne Welz

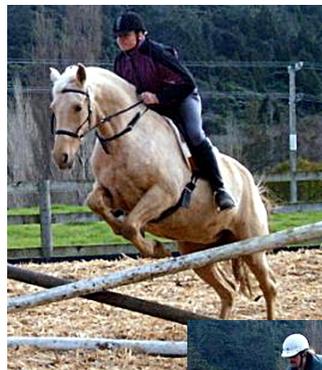
Chiron in New Zealand

Leading German riding instructor Peter Speckmaier held three-day riding clinics in Christchurch and Paeroa, New Zealand in July 2004, teaching the Chiron method of riding. And yes, all the horses are barefoot—and bitless, too!

For more info on this clinic, please visit:
<http://www.naturalhoof.co.nz/chironreport.html>



Thorsten Kaiser riding Khan without a bridle.



Robin Stewart and Lace.

Graeme Hartly and Mack.



Photos courtesy Teresa Ramsey



Glenn Ramsey and Bessie without a bridle.



Debbie Haley and Elli-Mac.



Jenny Lomas and Connor.