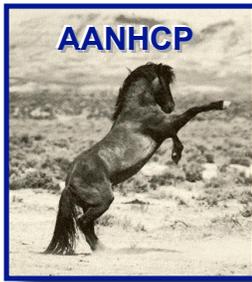


AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NATURAL HOOF CARE PRACTITIONERS



“CLUSTER CLINIC”

SIX CONCURRENT ACCREDITED CLINICS

When: September 21 – 26, 2007

Where: Warrenton, Missouri

(about 45 minutes west of St. Louis)

Considering a career in hoof care or just want to know more about the natural hoof care movement?
This is a great opportunity to jump start your education.

On September 21, **Jaime Jackson** will hold an *Introduction to Natural Trimming and the Wild Horse Model Clinic*. Jaime is the AANHCP President and Founder. The barefoot movement grew from Jaime's landmark field studies of wild horses and the publication of his findings in the best selling book *The Natural Horse*. Jaime's subsequent publications, including classics like *Horse Owners Guide to Natural Hoof Care*, *Founder: Prevention and Cure the Natural Way*, and *Paddock Paradise: A Guide to Natural Horse Boarding*, continue to lead the way in the natural hoof and horse care movement. His one day orientation clinic introduces participants to the wild horse model upon which the AANHCP and the hoof trimming guidelines are based. Participants hear about some of the fascinating events and see pictures from Jaime's historic expedition into wild horse country. They are given an opportunity to handle and inspect wild horse hooves, treasures from Jaime's early research, and to watch a BLM video of the AANHCP "model," wild horses in their natural haunts of the open rangelands of western United States. This is not a hands-on hoof trimming clinic, but the natural trim will be demonstrated and described by Jaime and other top AANHCP Field Instructors. Clinic Fee: \$350. **Go to Jaime's website (www.jaimejackson.com) to register.**

On September 22, **Richard Drewry** will hold a *Horse Boot Clinic*. Richard is the Vice-President and co-Founder of the AANHCP. He has provided hoof care practitioners specialized training in the art and science of booting for the past several years. His new one day clinic provides a general introduction to booting. Participants learn why successful booting is so integral to the ultimate success of the natural hoof care movement, the inherent difficulties associated with booting, the advantages and disadvantages of different boot models and methods for fitting and modifying boots for optimal comfort and protection of horses trimmed to the wild horse model. An understanding of basic booting principles can save horses from the discomfort of ill fitting boots and horse owners from the aggravation and expense of a trial-and-error search for the right boot. Clinic Fee: \$200. **Contact Richard (bootngo@ritternet.com) to register.**

On September 22, PM, **Neal Valk, DVM**, will hold a *Veterinary Affairs Orientation Clinic*. Neal is an equine surgeon, AANHCP certified hoof care practitioner and the newly appointed Coordinator for the AANHCP Veterinary Medicine Oversight Committee. Neal will talk about veterinarian/hoof care provider relations and the impact they have on equine hoof care. Topics include veterinary background and training, modern veterinary diagnostics and therapy, and the benefits of an amicable relationship between the veterinarian and hoof care provider. Neal will also talk about the importance and benefits of incorporating natural hoof/horse care in the treatment of common equine maladies, and the shortfalls of current veterinary therapy. Clinic Fee: \$100. **Contact Neal (Vwaldgraf@aol.com) to register.** **Please note:** This clinic is designed for AANHCP students and certified practitioners. *Neal will also give a clinic designed specifically for veterinarians as described below.*

On September 23 & 24 AM, **Bruce Nock, Ph.D.** will hold a *Lifeway and the Natural Hoof Clinic*. Bruce conducts *Natural Riding Clinics* around the country and is an officer on the AANHCP Board of Directors. He is the author of the book *Ten Golden Rules of Horse Training* and nearly 70 other articles published in leading journals. Bruce completed postgraduate studies of animal behavior and neuroendocrinology at Bucknell, Rutgers, and Rockefeller Universities and is a tenured faculty

member of the departments of Psychiatry, Anatomy and Neurobiology, Washington University School of Medicine. In his clinic, Bruce explains that many things contribute to determining hoof integrity. Stress is one key factor and participants are led step-by-step from the physiology and biochemistry of stress to the risk of pathological conditions like laminitis. The role of obesity, insulin resistance, reduced glucose availability, atherosclerosis, vasoconstriction, endothelial damage, bone loss and sub clinical inflammation are all described in understandable terms. The process of joint closure, the biomechanics of movement and riding, and the meaning of the term “natural” are also discussed in relation to hoof care. The importance of saddle fitting to hoof care is also covered. In short, the clinic is a unique blend of in-depth information about how a horse’s lifeway can impact hoof health and the outcome of natural hoof care. Clinic Fee: \$300. **Go to Bruce’s website (<http://homepage.mac.com/brucenock/AANHCPClinic.html> or just Google “Liberated Horsemanship”) to register.**

On September 24 PM, 25 & 26, Ann Corso will hold a *Natural Trim Workshop*. Ann is the Assistant Director of AANHCP Operations and an AANHCP Workshop Qualified Field Instructor. *Natural Trim Workshop* participants will gain intensive hands-on trimming practice on cadaver hooves. Two days of instruction will be provided by top AANHCP Clinicians. AANHCP students are required to demonstrate competency by successfully passing a “three-hoof challenge” before advancing to training with live horses. AANHCP Certified Practitioners must successfully pass this continuing education requirement to become “Workshop Qualified”. Evaluation of “challenge” hooves will be offered during the afternoon each day by Jaime Jackson and a team of evaluators. Prerequisite Reading — *Official Trimming Guidelines of the AANHCP*. Prerequisite Clinics — *Introduction to Natural Trimming and the Wild Horse Model, Introduction to Booting, Lifeway and the Natural Hoof*. The cost for the clinic is \$150/day which includes the cost of the cadaver hooves. Students with no previous trimming experience are strongly encouraged to register for both days. Contact Ann Corso (clinicreg@wildhoof.com) to register. Registration for this clinic will close Saturday, September 1, 2007.

On September 23, Neal Valk, DVM, will hold the first *Introduction To Natural Hoof Care Clinic*. Neal is an equine surgeon, AANHCP certified hoof care practitioner and the newly appointed Coordinator for the AANHCP Veterinary Medicine Oversight Committee. **This clinic is specifically designed for veterinarians.** Additional information about this clinic will be posted in the near future. Clinic Fee: To Be Announced. **Contact Neal (Vwaldgraf@aol.com) for additional information and to register.**

Clinic Attendance Is Limited To Registered Participants