

## Barefoot for Performance



What's all the hoopla about going barefoot these days? You're hearing about it more and more. Why? Farrier and Master Equine Podiatrist Keith "KC" La Pierre says it like it is, "*the traditional horse shoe just can't work.*" A bold statement? Yes, but one that can be substantiated by sound reasoning and outstanding results. Over the past six years KC has managed to rehabilitate horses, with navicular syndrome, laminitis, ring bone, side bone and deformed poor quality hooves. Often with immediate positive results. *Horses that were considered hopelessly lame are being made sound.* The results have been miraculous, "states Trainer/Farrier Anna Miller of Smethport, Pa... Other farriers are using the HPT method™ with similar results, as are the horse owner. The HPT Method is what KC calls his treatment program. HPT stands for High Performance Trim. Simple and to the point as are the theories he basis the HPT model on, "*The Suspension Theory of Hoof Dynamics*". It was like a jigsaw puzzle with pieces missing, says KC. It wasn't until I researched hundreds of horses and read thousands of pages on the hoof by leading researchers before all the pieces fell into place. Only then, with a strong understanding of how the foot works to did it become clear that what we were doing to our horse's hooves made no sense. Most every thing about the HPT goes against tradition, this was not by design, and to the contrary, every effort to make the traditional methods work was undertaken. We all know how hard change can be, but the change became easier when the results began to show. I've been a farrier for over 20 years now and nothing has come close; *when using the HPT Method™, the results have been astounding.* I now find it near impossible to justify shoeing, says KC.

*With Equine Podiatry and the HPT Method™ balance comes naturally, both internally and externally.* When the hoof's protective systems are placed into equilibrium, the whole horse benefits. **Is this a Holistic approach to hoof care?** I think when we are talking about something as basic as the foundation of the horse, yes it does become Holistic, says KC.

*"We have a better and simpler way to keep our horses sound and performing at their peak potential".*

*A Method that can be Taught and Applied by the Farrier and Horse Owner Alike.*

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