

Barefooters' Favorite Cover Horse Contest!

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Okay, so I'm overwhelmed! I had no idea that we would receive so many awesome potential cover photos of superstar barefoot horses! Of course, I could just choose one myself, but how much more fun would it be to let you, the reader, choose? So in the style of "American Idol," YOU get to choose who will be on our very next cover of The Horse's Hoof!

Here are our top 6 finalists below. Each photo has been cropped to the correct proportions for the front cover. When you have decided which photo most strikes your fancy, follow the directions in the box at the right to place your vote for the cover horse. And send your photos in for a future issue!

No matter who wins, you are all truly barefoot superstars! 🐾

To cast your vote, go to:
www.thehorseshoof.com/vote
 Select one choice of Horses 1 through 6 in the online poll.
(Only 1 vote per IP computer address)
The winner will be featured on the front cover of our next issue!



Photo courtesy Jen Clingly

1. Jen Clingly and her horse Imaj Zamir, first horse in Australia to successfully run a 100 mile endurance race when the rules changed to allow barefoot horses to compete in the sport.

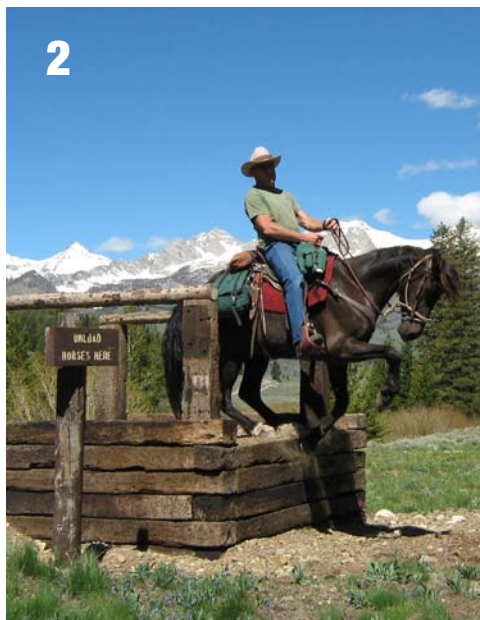


Photo courtesy Mike Hare

2. Mike Hare riding his 15 yo Missouri Fox Trotter, Boogie, in the Pioneer Mountains of central Idaho. Mike has been a barefoot hoof care "student" for 6 years, studying various methods.



Photo by Bianca Rutledge

3. Jill Owens riding her 6 yo Trakehner, Pokani, who lives on her 500-acre hilly California ranch. In addition to dressage, he recently competed in a 23-mile NATRC ride and won his class.



Photo courtesy Sarah Block

4. THH reader Sarah Block's sister, Deborah Philip (a vet & barefoot advocate!), riding her Highland Cross pony, Rose, along the beach of the Inversanda Estate in the West Highlands of Scotland.



Photo courtesy Tracey Hallman

5. Tracey Hallman & her horse Skip at Pedernales Falls State Park in Johnson City, Texas, Spring of 2011. Skip ("Awesome's High Honour") is 7 year old Paint and has always been barefoot.



Photo by Jim Edmondson, opticalharmonics.com

6. Candace Clark riding her 13 yo Half-Arabian, WC Angels Deelyte, who is bitless, shoeless and treeless. Photo from Labor of Love STC Ride in September 2009, Decatur, Texas.