

## Richard Block

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To whom it may concern:

I have been a horse owner everyday for the last 27 years. I considered it a responsibility and a privilege.

I picked up Buddy, aged Quarter horse gelding, from the LaJunta area on Tuesday July 21, 2009. It was clear that he had been uncared for and in pain for quite a long time. Buddy stood in very soft mud on long untrimmed hooves. It was obvious he did not want to move freely. I called Mike Davies, professional farrier, immediately and scheduled a trim. Mike came on Thursday July 23rd. It took us almost 40 minutes to trim Buddy's overgrown hooves. Within a few hours, Buddy seemed to be slightly more mobile. He became sore again on Friday and I gave him two grams of phenylbutazone (commonly known as Bute). Buddy was better on Saturday so I did not administer any more pain meds. He has been getting sounder and more mobile everyday. Buddy still does not stand with his hind legs completely locked. He flexes his fetlock joints almost all the time.

I believe that Buddy's hooves had not been trimmed in 2-3 years or more. Buddy was well fed and had no other visible signs of neglect or abuse. He was covered in welts from the flies but that can happen in a wet year. He has tolerated fly spray well here and has had no welts since he arrived. Next week, my equine vet, Dr. Lois Toll, is coming for a scheduled visit and I will have her look at Buddy's hooves to determine if his coffin bones have rotated. If they have rotated, he will most likely live the rest of his days in pain or need expensive veterinary care. I would suggest euthanasia in that situation. I hope for the best for Buddy.

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