



## *Equine Lameness Prevention Organization, Inc*

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*~ A Non-Profit Organization ~*

Dear NB Course Participant,

We are looking forward to your upcoming attendance at the Level 2 (Basic) Natural Balance Hoof Care Course. Enclosed with this letter you will find several documents that will help familiarize you with the course. I have also enclosed a brochure about the Equine Lameness Prevention Organization (ELPO) with which this event is sponsored and conducted through. The E.L.P.O. is a group that is dedicated to providing educational opportunities to horse owners, farriers, veterinarians, and trainers that promote progressive treatment and prevention of equine lameness. The organization is directed by an advisory group of equine professionals and experts that share the same passion and goals for the future of the horse industry. As a progressive organization, the primary focus at this time is in the field of hoof care, and more specifically the Natural Balance Principles and Guidelines. We have just developed an educational format that offers training opportunities to horse enthusiasts and professionals of any level. The E.L.P.O is also responsible for conducting Natural Balance Certifications for Barefoot Trimmers and Farriers through the higher level courses offered. Once you reach a certain level of NB certification, you will automatically become a member of the ELPO. The benefits that go along with membership may be discussed more at the L2 Course. As you are aware, the course you are enrolled in is a basic level course for beginners or those that have a little bit of hoof care experience that wish to get some primary skills. You will receive a certificate of completion upon finishing the course.

Your instructor for this course will be Patricia (Patty) Stiller. Patty has been a farrier for over 25 years and has been the farrier program instructor at the Pikes Peak Community College for the last 3 years. Patty has specialized in Natural Balance Hoof Care for over 10 year and has achieved the LS-HMC, CNBBT, CNBF and CLS levels of certifications. If you want to read more about Patty Stiller, please visit her website: [www.hoofcareonline.com](http://www.hoofcareonline.com). *Please note that the courses listed on her website are different than this event organized by the ELPO.*

If you have any questions about the course or anything else, please feel free to contact me and I will see if I can answer those questions for you.

Sincerely,

Cody Ovnicek  
(719) 372-7463

# Natural Balance Hoof Care Courses

Brought to You by: **The Equine Lameness Prevention Organization, LLC**

Effective Date: January 1, 2008

	L1-NB Intro/Demo	L2-NBHC-Basic	L2-NBHC-Complete	L3-Advanced NB	L4-Advanced Lameness
<b># Days</b>	1	2	2.5	3.5	4.5
<b>Open to?</b>	ALL	* No Trimming Experience Required (but is helpful).	Professional Trimmers & Farriers (No Beginners)	‡ Must Complete L2 Course Professional Farrier at Least 1 Year	CNBF Certification Required Professional Farrier at Least 2 Year
<b>Format</b>	Lecture & Demos	Lecture, Demo & Hands-On	Lecture, Demo & Hands-On	Lecture, Demo & Hands-On	Lecture, Demo & Hands-On
<b>Certification Opportunity</b>	None	Certificate of Completion	LS-HM Certification NBBT Certification	LS-HM Certification NBBT Certification NBF Certification	CLS Certification
<b>Topics of Discussion</b>	- Intro to Hoof Form & Function - Recognize Deformity - Hoof Mapping - Live Sole (M/L & A/P Balance) - Navicular Related Lameness - Emergency Care (First Aide) - *Equine Metabolic Syndrome	- Intro to Hoof Form & Function - Detailed Anatomy/Physiology - Recognize Deformity - Hoof Mapping - Live Sole (M/L & A/P Balance) - Navicular Related Lameness - Hoof Trimming Instruction	- Intro to Hoof Form & Function - Detailed Anatomy/Physiology - Recognize Deformity - Hoof Mapping - Live Sole (M/L & A/P Balance) - Navicular Related Lameness - Hoof Trimming Instruction	- Advanced Hoof Form/Function - Detailed Anatomy/Physiology - Recognize Deformity - Hoof Mapping (Advanced) - Live Sole (M/L & A/P Balance) - Navicular Related Lameness - Horse Motion Analysis	- Advanced Hoof Form/Function - Detailed Anatomy/Physiology - Recognize Deformity - Hoof Mapping (Advanced) - Live Sole (M/L & A/P Balance) - Navicular Related Lameness - Laminitis/Founder
<b>Demos</b>	- NB Barefoot Trimming - NB Shoeing - First Aide for Laminitis	- NB Barefoot Trimming - *First Aide for Laminitis	- NB Barefoot Trimming - NB Shoeing - First Aide for Laminitis	- NB Barefoot Trimming - NB Shoeing - EDSS or Clog	- NB Shoeing - EDSS - Steward Clog
<b>Hands-On</b>	None	- Trimming (Cadaver Feet) - Trimming (Normal Feet)	- Trimming (Normal Feet) - Trimming (Distorted) - Trimming (Normal Feet) - α Shoeing (Distorted)	- Trim/Shoe (Normal/Distorted) - Trim/Shoe (Minor Lameness) - Major Lameness Treatment - *Dissection/Anatomy Lab	- Trim/Shoe (Minor Lameness) - Major Lameness Treatment - Exotic Treatment Options - Dissection/Anatomy Lab
<b>Cost/Tuition</b>	\$25/person \$40/couple	\$250 (First Time) \$175 (Each Time Thereafter)	\$275 (First Time) \$200 (Each Time Thereafter)	\$400 (First Time) \$325 (Each Time Thereafter)	\$500 (First Time) \$400 (Each Time Thereafter)
<b>Audit Fee</b>	N/A	\$150 (Space Limited)	\$150 (Space Limited)	N/A	N/A
<b>Meals?</b>	Lunch Included	Lunch Included (2 Days)	Lunch Included (2 Days)	Lunch Included (3 Days) Dinner (1 Evening)	Lunch Included (4 Days) Dinner (1 Evening)

NB = Natural Balance      EDDS = Equine Digit Support System

\* - Optional Topics May or May Not Be Covered

‡ - L2 Basic Course may not be taught by Gene Ovnicek - Other qualified educators may be instructing.

‡ - Attending a Full 3 Day Gene Ovnicek Clinic in the Past also Qualifies Farriers for L3 Course

α - If you are only interested in Barefoot Trimming, barefoot horses will be provided for you while others are shoeing.

# *The Equine Lameness Prevention Organization*

For those people that are lucky enough to own and have a relationship with a horse, the overall health and soundness of that horse is always a concern. However, many horse owners don't have a full appreciation for the importance of good hoof care until they are faced with a lameness issue. Because the number of horses and horse owners is constantly growing, yet the amount of room available for the horses to live in is rapidly decreasing, the number of lameness related cases is on the rise. The goal of the Equine Lameness Prevention Organization is to help educate horse owners and equine health care professionals on ways to better manage the hoof care and health care needs of our domestic equine friends. Through the assistance of practicing veterinarians, farriers, equine chiropractors, massage therapists, and nutritionists, we hope to provide some practical and common sense guidelines for managing horses in a variety of environments and living situations. At the same time, through the assistance of the scientific community, we look to find and support relevant studies that combine the most recent scientific information with the practical and common sense information. Not only will this combined information and resulting guidelines assist in the treatment of equine pathologies, but ultimately help to prevent lameness problems from occurring in the first place.

## **Information, Education, Professionalism & Certification**

The Equine Lameness Prevention Organization uses a variety of media to assist in the education process, including (but not limited to): lectures, clinics, workshops, videos, books and online websites. The information that is gathered and distributed by the ELPO comes from several leading experts in the farrier and veterinary community, and is backed by proven, practical applications that offer results. The Equine Lameness Prevention Organization has set up a variety of educational courses that are directed at, and formulated for people that have different levels of involvement in the care of horse's feet. We offer 1 day workshops for horse owners that cover some basic information in lay-person's terms that can help them spot early warning signs of issues that lead to lameness, as well as ways to deal with current pathologies. For the horse owner that is interested in getting more details and some hands-on experience in caring for their horse's feet, we offer basic hoof trimming courses that can give them the tools necessary to do light trimming maintenance. For the professional hoof trimmer and farriers, the ELPO offers complete hoof trimming courses and advanced farrier courses that provide detailed training on the Natural Balance Hoof Care protocol. Along with the education offered through these higher level courses, professional hoof trimmers and farriers can elect to take exams for the various Natural Balance certifications offered by the ELPO. Through the implementation of the NB Certification program, we hope to establish a consistency and quality of excellence around the Natural Balance Hoof Care protocol, as well as promote the highest level of professionalism through our network of members.

As the ELPO membership grows and more professionals get involved, their experiences will continue to build upon the pool of knowledge that is necessary to continue the teaching and learning cycle that all hoof care and health care providers are a part of. And, because horse owners are also a major part of the "Health Care Team," we are equally committed to listening to their concerns and helping to find solutions to those concerns. As time goes on, we are confident that working together we will all be able to make choices that are in the best interest of our equine friends, regardless of the constraints put upon them by the increasing population and decreasing acreage.

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# **L2 – Natural Balance Hoof Care Course - BASIC**

## *Schedule of Events*

### **Friday – Day 1**

~ 9:00 AM – Welcome Discussion

~ LECTURES

- Basic/Detailed Anatomy & Foot Function
- Natural Balance Hoof Care Protocol
- Hoof Evaluation & Mapping

~ 11:00 AM – Positioning and Tool Use Demo

~ 12:00 PM – LUNCH (Provided by the ELPO)

~ 1:00 PM – NB Barefoot Trimming Demo

~ 2:00 PM – Hands-On: Positioning, Tool Use, and Trimming of Cadaver Feet

~ 5:00 PM – Break for the Day

### **Saturday – Day 2**

~ 9:00 AM – NB Hoof Trimming Demo

~ 10:00 AM – Hands-On: NB Hoof Trimming

~ 12:00 PM – LUNCH (Provided by the ELPO)

~ 1:00 PM – Hands-On: NB Hoof Trimming

~ 5:00 PM – Course Wrap-Up

☒ *Times & Lecture Topics may vary slightly, but this general schedule will be followed.*

*If you have any questions, please call Cody at (719) 372-7463*

## **Directions from Colorado Springs Airport to Penrose, CO**

1. As you exit the airport, you will continue straight through 2 stoplights. At the 3<sup>rd</sup> Stop light, you will turn Left (South) on Academy Blvd.
2. Once on Academy Blvd., you will continue south and then road curves to the west and you will pass under Interstate 25. Continue on Academy past I-25 for about 2 Miles. You will pass over Hwy 115 and take an immediate left at the light to get on the entrance ramp for Hwy 115 (heading south toward Canon City). (If you pass the Safeway grocery store, you went too far.)
3. Once on State Hwy 115, you will stay on the road for about 28 miles to Penrose.
4. As you come into Penrose, the road turns to a divided 4 lane hwy. You will pass a Used Car lot on the right side of the road (the corner of Hwy 115 & 4<sup>th</sup> Street). After you pass the car lot, you will want to be in the left hand lane because you will make a U-Turn at the next street (6<sup>th</sup> Street). If you see a restaurant called the Gooseberry Patch, then you know you are at the right street. After you make the U-Turn you will be heading North on Hwy 115 for about ¼ mile. Our driveway is the first one you come to and will have a big black mailbox at the end. Once you come in the Driveway, you will see the EDSS shop to the right.

## **If you are coming From Pueblo or Canon City**

1. Take Hwy 50 to the Penrose Exit (also exit for Hwy 115 to Florence/Colorado Springs) and head north.
2. Continue north on Hwy 115 for about 2 miles. You will pass a restaurant called the Gooseberry Patch by about ¼ mile. Our driveway is the first one you come to and will have a big black mailbox at the end. Once you come in the Driveway, you will see the EDSS shop to the right.

## **Hotels & Motels in Canon City & Florence, Colorado Area**

### **Best Western Royal Gorge**

**1925 Fremont Dr**

**Canon City, CO 81212**

**Phone: 719-275-3377**

**Summer Rates: \$71/single - \$80/double**

Heated pool, hot tub, mini-golf. Large family rooms available. Microwaves, refrigerators, in-room coffee

### **Comfort Inn**

**311 Royal Gorge Blvd.**

**Canon City, CO 81212**

**Phone: 719-276-6900**

**Summer: \$67/double**

**Winter: \$43/double**

Comp. Contl. Breakfast, indoor pool, hot tub, in-room coffee, cable TV with HBO

### **Holiday Inn Express**

**110 Latigo Lane**

**Canon City, CO 81212**

**Phone: 719-275-7795 - Toll-free: 877-422-6665 - FAX: 719-276-0101**

**Summer: \$125/double**

**Winter: about \$80/double**

Complimentary continental breakfast, indoor pool, indoor hot tub, fitness room, queen beds, handicap rooms.

### **Knotty Pine Motel**

**2990 E Main St.**

**Canon City, CO 81212**

**Phone: 719-275-0461**

**Summer: \$53/single - \$63/double**

**Winter: \$42/single - \$52/double**

Country atmosphere, city conveniences, rooms and kitchenettes, budget rates

### **Parkview Motel**

**231 Royal Gorge Blvd.**

**Canon City, CO 81212**

**Phone: 719-275-0624 - FAX: 719-275-0624**

New rooms, cable TV, HBO, efficiency, family rooms, restaurant, across train and river station

**Quality Inn & Suites**  
**3075 E. Hwy 50**  
**Canon City, CO 81212**  
**Phone: 719-275-8676 - Toll-free: 800-525-7727**  
**Summer: \$81/double**  
**Winter: \$72/double**

Full service hotel-hot tubs-Bar & Grill -room service-outdoor heated pool.

**Royal Gorge Inn**  
**217 N Raynolds**  
**Canon City, CO 81212**  
**Phone: 719-269-1100 - Toll-free: 866-495-8403 - FAX: 719-275-8030**  
**Summer: \$69/single - \$79/double**  
**Winter: Not Sure but probably lower**

An Inn where you will find comfort and relaxation. Free Continental Breakfast, cable TV, refrigerator

**Super 8 – Canon City**  
**209 North 19th Street**  
**Canon City, CO 81212**  
**Phone: 719-275-8687**  
**Summer: \$66/single - \$70/double**

**Super 8 – Florence**  
**4540 Hwy 67**  
**Florence, CO 81226**  
**Phone: 719-784-4800**  
**Summer: \$61/single - \$75/double**  
**Winter: \$44/single - \$60/double**

**Travel Inn**  
**2980 E Main**  
**Canon City, CO 81212**  
**Phone: 719-275-9125 - FAX: 719-269-1489**

Cable TV, HBO, phone, kitchenettes, picnic area, mini golf, heated pool, hot tub, coffee, donuts

**Riviera Inn**  
**136 E Front St**  
**Florence, CO 81212**  
**Phone: 719-784-6570**  
**Summer: \$45/single**

Refrigerator, microwave, cable TV in each room, clean, quiet area. Friendly service