



February 2023 Newsletter

Craig & Cole Cameron Clinic in Florida!

What an amazing weekend of horsemanship and fun! January 14th and 15th was a great weekend for horse lovers! Craig and Cole Cameron held a clinic at Darby Oaks Stables in Bushnell, FL. Riders from all over the Southeast learned from two of the best horsemen in the business! Thanks so much to everyone that attended or helped out. What a amazingly fun weekend!

Florida Horse Park

March 4th and 5th, 2023

Saturday - Extreme Cowboy Race

Sunday - Obstacle Challenge

Come join us at the beautiful Florida Horse Park - Compete, Trail Ride, Volunteer or just watch - It will be a great event! Flyer and registration form are attached.

2023 SOCA EVENT FLYERS ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE - IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO ENTER!

Tentative 2023 Events

1/14-15/23 – Craig & Cole Cameron Clinic – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

3/4-5/23 – Florida Horse Park – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) on Saturday & Obstacle Challenge on Sunday

April 2023 – TBD

5/6/23 – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) The Canyon – Hodges, AL

6/3-4/23 – Extreme Cowboy Race – EXCA National Championships, TBD (5X Points)

7/8/23 - Obstacle Schooling Day – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

8/11/23 – Lee Hart Clinic, Gainesville, GA

8/12/23 – Extreme Cowboy Race –SE Regional Championships - TBD (Triple Points) Chicopee Agricultural Center, Gainesville, GA

9/15/23 – Clinic TBD

9/16/23 – Extreme Cowboy Race - TBD

11/18/23 – Obstacle Challenge – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

We need 2023 Sponsors!!

If you or a business that you know would like to be sponsor for SOCA, we would really appreciate it! Sponsorship forms are attached and every amount is appreciated.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU & YOUR FAMILIES!



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Pictures from the Craig & Cole Cameron Ride Smart Horsemanship Clinic





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Horse Hoof Cleaning: A Helpful Guide

If you've ever gotten a pebble stuck in your shoe, you know how quickly it can make walking an uncomfortable experience. But can you imagine if your shoes were filled with twigs, nails, rocks, and dirt? This is exactly what happens to your horse if their hooves aren't regularly cleaned.

As a horse owner, it is your duty to ensure that your horse has healthy hoof quality. To maintain your horse's overall health and well-being, follow our step-by-step guide to learn how to incorporate horse hoof cleaning into your daily routine.

Why Horse Hoof Cleaning Matters

Your horse's hooves are arguably the most important part to take care of. After all, they're what allow your horse to trot, canter, and gallop freely. But when your horse's hooves become impacted with debris and mud, even the simple task of walking can become unbearable. In severe cases, an impacted horse's hoof can lead to hoof cracks, lameness, and other hoof problems.

With daily cleaning, you can keep your horse's hooves in optimal condition. Not only does this prevent discomfort, but it also stops any injuries from seriously damaging the hoof. Debris such as twigs, rocks, nails, wire, and even glass can bruise or puncture your horse's sole. Without proper cleaning and care, a hoof puncture can lead to infections and abscesses.

Regular cleaning is also the only way to remove impacted dirt, mud, and manure from the hoof. When you give your horse a bath, take the time to carefully clean out their hooves to prevent horse scratches, infections or other issues. Cuts and abscesses in horses can pose a real issue if left untreated. Unclean hooves are a hotbed for bacterial and fungal infections, such as thrush. If left untreated, thrush eats away at your horse's hooves, leading to hoof deterioration and in extreme cases, lameness.

Maintaining Hoof Health

Aside from routine cleanings, there are a number of other habits you can put into practice to ensure your horse's hooves remain strong and healthy.

Inspect hooves on a daily basis – Check your horse's hooves for debris before and after riding. Regular inspections will also help you stay on top of wounds, fungal infections, or loose shoes.

Keep bedding clean and dry – When bed shavings are moist, they can more easily cling to the horse hoof. This creates a warm, damp environment where bacteria can thrive.

Promote regular exercise – Consistent exercise increases blood circulation in the hooves. This helps promote hoof growth and overall hoof health.

Inquire about nutrition and supplements – Nutrition plays a significant role in your horse's hoof health, so ask your vet if there are any improvements you can make to your horse's diet.

Healthy Hooves for a Healthy Horse

To guarantee your horse's health, start at the hooves. Regular, efficient cleanings are the best way to prevent painful hoof infections and avoid hoof deterioration. Plus, with **Vetericyn's Hoof Care Spray** and Hoof Soak you can add an extra layer of preventative care and treatment to your horse's hooves. This means maintaining healthy hooves that can carry you and your horse through years of adventures.



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2023 SPONSORS NEEDED!

SOCA is a **501c3 Non Profit Organization**, so donations are tax deductible. Small or large, ALL donations are appreciated!!! Sponsorships help us provide better events for you, including prizes, donations to charities and buckles for high point awards.

THANK YOU!!!

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Purpose of SOCA

OBSTACLE CHALLENGES

- Divisions for all levels of horses and riders
- Open to all breeds
- Payback in all classes, prizes, and ribbons
- Ten to fifteen obstacles
- Events will be in arenas and on the trail

EXTREME COWBOY RACES

- Sanctioned Extreme Cowboy Races with divisions for: Pro, Non-Pro, Novice, Intermediate, Ride Smart, Youth, Young Guns, & Green Horse
- Open to all breeds
- Payback, prizes, and ribbons

CLINICS/SCHOOLING DAYS

- Learn to negotiate obstacles
- Schooling days will allow you to practice obstacles with the help of others, and without the pressure of competition.

THANKS TO ALL OUR
SPONSORS, JUDGES &
VOLUNTEERS THAT MAKE OUR
EVENTS POSSIBLE!

Extreme Cowboy Racers

Reminder to pay your dues to the
EXCA so your points will count! If
you aren't sure if you are current,
check the EXCA website under the
club page.



SOCA dues (\$10) are due
January 1st!

Please renew at your first
event of the year. Dues help
fund the highpoint awards
and administrative costs of
the club.

If you have news that you would like to submit to the SOCA
newsletter, please email it to
southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com

