

ONE HORSE'S BACK HAS CHANGED THOUSANDS OF HORSE'S LIVES

Born in 1990 in the state of Oregon, "Plentee Color," a registered American Paint Horse, was purchased by Shawnah Carman. The horse had just turned 2 years old. The future looked clear and bright. "Plentee Color" was smart and willing to learn - a real people horse.

The quest began when the usual methods of starting a young horse to saddle failed to solve Plente Colors' problems. Shawnah asked the veterinarians at the Wilsonville Veterinarian Clinic in Oregon where she worked, for their opinions and advice for possible treatment. She also picked the brain of her employer, Greg Jacobs, owner of Cowboy Tack Custom Saddle Shop in Oregon City, Oregon about saddles under who she was apprenticing. She read everything she could find on the subject, and found a lot of information written about equine leg and hoof lameness, but unfortunately very little on the possible problems of a horse's back.

Plentee Color's condition was complicated. Any saddle used on her, even for a short time, caused swelling of the spine which lasted for a few hours after being unsaddled.

She is a big stout horse with low withers, so normally you would not think that there would be pressure in this area. Plentee would walk out nice and then just fold up and lay down.

This horse taught Shawnah to look closer and study harder.

After the input from the veterinarians and under the skilled and watchful eye of Greg Jacobs, she built a custom saddle for Plentee Color.

Shawnah got to thinking. There must be other people that have experienced similar problems with their horses, such as: the inability to bend and flex, muscle atrophy, or reluctance to stand for saddling and mounting. Some horses become hard to catch and toss their heads and jig when ridden. Often horses are uncooperative about giving back feet to be cleaned and shod because they are overcompensating for sore backs and loins.

When the distribution of the rider's weight is incorrect, dry patches under the saddle area are a common occurrence. Advance cases of improper saddle fit can cause bucking and the inability to perform work calmly.

Persistent saddle fitting problems can result in behavioral performance and health complications.

Remember, symptoms can be present even without extreme swelling or white hairs.

Greg Jacobs and Shawnah began to teach classes on saddle fitting in Oregon.

Shawnah moved to Arizona in 1996, and opened her own custom saddle shop, **FIREHORSE TACK & ARENA** located in Paulden, Arizona. She continues to teach saddle fitting at Prescott College and at her private clinics.

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After numerous requests for her to make a video on saddle fitting, the 2002 video: **SADDLE FITTING - THE SCIENCE & ART VIDEO** is now available!

It is full of information on how the horse's back works and how it is able to carry and distribute weight. The video shows how to get the right size saddle to fit your horse. It has solutions to the problem of tack not properly working well for your horse. The video carries Shawnah's years of obtained knowledge with thousands of horses.

This video has been recommended by veterinarians and world champion competitors alike and is available online at: www.saddle-fitting.net or call toll-free: 866-892-4597.



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THIS VIDEO IS BEING CALLED A POWERFUL PACKAGE OF KNOWLEDGE!!!

Shawnah Carman, having been ranch raised, attending Equine College, being a world class, life long horsewoman with a background ranging from western pleasure, speed events, rodeo, mounted drill, team penning to long trail rides, was working at this time for the Wilsonville Veterinarian Clinic in Oregon and apprenticing under the saddle-maker, Greg Jacobs at Cowboy Tack, with an additional time studying under Cliff Enslly, another master saddle-maker.