

flexibility to make room for individual capsule differences, enough curiosity to want to “read” the hoof’s own inner design as conveyed by the Supercorium, and true artistic desire to create something beautiful to the eye. In other words, one must blend science with art to properly execute the Rules.

One must also execute *common sense*. Common sense enables us to “break” the Rules, when it becomes evident that our scientific and artistic interpretations have led us astray from Nature’s Truth—the wild horse hoof. Always look to Nature’s exemplary model if ever

in doubt. And work back from there to the proper execution of the Rules.

Thus it appears advisable to me to look back from the perfect animal and to inquire by what process it has arisen and grown to maturity, to retrace our steps as it were, from the goal to the starting place, so at last when we can retreat no further, we shall feel assured that we have attained to the principles.

William Harvey, M.D.

Essays On The Generation of Animals (1651)

“Rules of Rasping” Applied

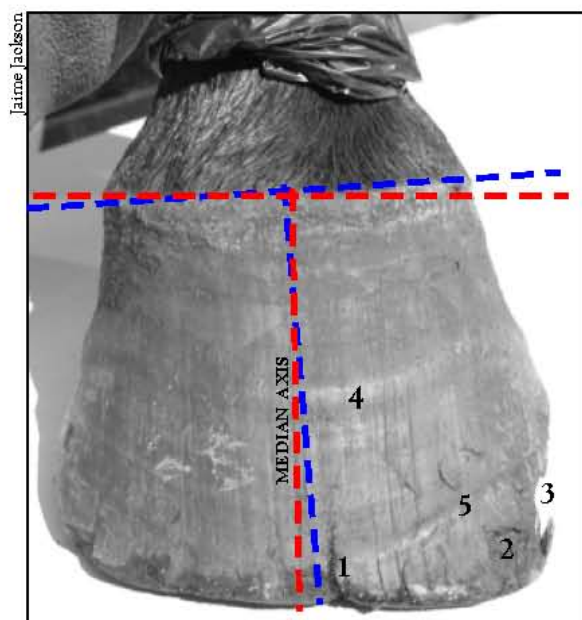


Figure 1a Pre-trim Evaluation

[Ref: R/R #1]

This hoof, clearly “tilted” or unbalanced in the mediolateral (ML) profile (blue gridlines; the red grid lines indicate the position of natural balance), reveals a significant split emerging in the center toe wall (1), toe wall flare (2), quarter wall missing (3), growth ring (4), and apparent convex growth (5). Although the hoof wall is busy with problems, they are not severe and I predict that this will be an easy hoof to bring into a naturally balanced state.

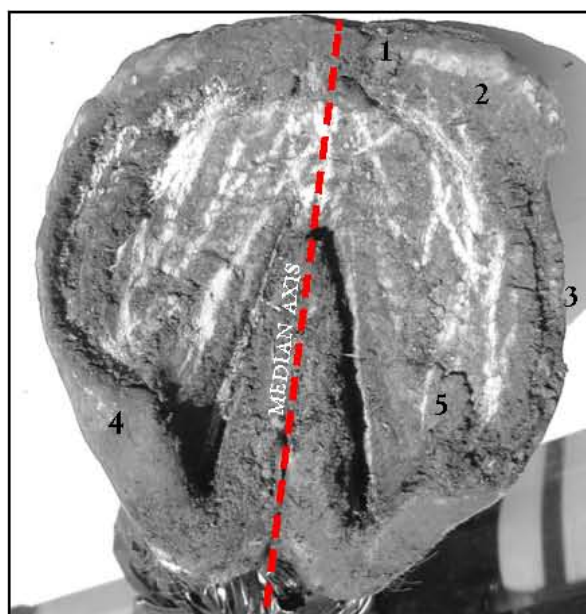


Figure 1b Pre-trim Evaluation (Volar view)

[Ref: R/R #1]

Looking underneath, the red axis bisects the central sulcus of the frog and marks the median line of the volar profile. Tail of toe wall split is visible (1), as is toe wall flare (2), missing quarter wall, flanked by toe wall flare, turns out to be absence of excessive growth (3), under run heel (4), and folded-over bars (5). There are other issues—white line separation, excessive sole growth, and apparent contracted heels—but, again, nothing so serious that the R/R can’t make an immediate corrective impact and set the hoof on a path to growing an exemplary, naturally shaped capsule.