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## “Chewy”

# Horse of the Month

## September 2024

Current Age	11 years (born Feb 2013)
Breed	Appendix – Gelding (Thoroughbred/Quarter Horse Cross)
Usage	Pleasure/Trail Riding/Lessons
Location	Ruckersville, VA Far Winds Farm
Owner	Cheryl Riddle
Farrier	Peter Holloway   Dyke, VA
Twin Shoe Usage	Start: Nov 2023 Status: Ongoing



Starting Point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Quarter crack in RF medial; Recurring quarter cracks in both fronts whenever shod</li> <li>▪ Both fronts have contracted heels, poor frog quality, and thin sole depth</li> <li>▪ Uncomfortable on gravel surfaces; Mild lameness in straight line and circle trots; Short-strided and stiff in upper body</li> <li>▪ Over two years have tried traditional one-piece steel and aluminum shoes, bar shoes with pour-in pad, and hoof boots with limited/no improvement</li> <li>▪ Most recently barefoot at start of Twin Shoe usage</li> </ul>
Twin Shoe Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Change to Twin Shoes on Fronts: Size 0 on Left, Size 00 on Right</li> <li>▪ Hot fit application (farrier preference)</li> <li>▪ Enroll in Twin Shoes Case Study Program (multiple cycle tracking)</li> </ul>
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Initial half quarter crack grew out within 4 months; No recurrence of quarter cracks</li> <li>▪ Heel and frog quality showed improvement within 2 cycles and continue to improve</li> <li>▪ No sole tenderness from Day 1;</li> <li>▪ Increased upper body flexibility; Better strides and greater ease in tight circles beginning at four weeks</li> <li>▪ Faster hoof wall growth rate; Significant growth during normally slow season</li> </ul>
Current Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ongoing usage of Twin Shoes</li> <li>▪ Chewy shows much greater interest in more intense and longer periods of work</li> </ul>

**Owner Comments:** *“For two years before trying Twin Shoes Chewy kept having quarter cracks. We tried all the shoeing techniques known to prevent them but the only thing that seemed to work was keeping him barefoot, but his thin soles would not allow this. I was contemplating retiring my wonderful horse. Fast forward to today....Chewy is doing amazing in Twin Shoes! No more quarter cracks and he’s so comfortable and striding out beautifully. His feet and frogs are the healthiest they have ever been. These shoes have been a game changer for Chewy. I’ve got my horse back and can never thank Bartek enough for the support they gave us while trying the shoe..” - Cheryl Riddle*