

Wimpleo Dawn Light

A Dedicated Owner's Journey to
Understanding and Tweaking the Details

Meet Dawn

Quarter Horse Mare ~ foaled 1983 ~ 14.3 hands



February 2005



November 2007



August 2009

Dawn began having health issues in 2001 at age 18. Her estimated weight was 900 lbs. Cushing's was also suspected in 2001. Dawn's diet was not targeted. A Cushing's diagnosis was confirmed in 2005 and Dawn started liquid pergolide. LeeAnne was in a boarding facility and slowly began to make diet changes. Because of LeeAnne's careful observation, detail, and a dedicated approach, Dawn spent many years in steady work, looking great and enjoying life.

From Dawn's Case History

Results From Treatment Changes

04 May 2005

Dawn has been shedding out nicely on her neck, shoulders and lower legs. The build up of gunk in her eyes seems to have lessened (especially since snow has melted). The Cytek shoes she has worn for past 3 years were removed April 5, 2005. She was pretty tender even on soft ground of paddock for about 2 weeks but now seems sound unless on pavement of the barn aisle.

Aug 2005

Noticed Dawn was snatching at grass, gaining weight and growing coat. Suspect liquid pergolide lost potency. Put Dawn on powdered pergolide.

Sept 2005

In the last week of July I noticed Dawn was sore on front feet especially when walking on hard surfaces. Heat was present only in mornings though. I tightened her diet but still there was lameness and heat. In August the farm vet took x-rays which showed no rotation. The farrier saw what he suspected was sidebone and that Dawn's heel was too high on one foot.



February 2009

The 2nd opinion vet said he agreed the spur could be sidebone but his "best guess" was that she had mild laminitis and recommended shoes. Farrier did not see any evidence of laminitis. We are doing conservative trims every 4 weeks and correcting the angle. Just before the decision was made about how to do Dawn's feet the heat left her feet and she was fairly sound. I am riding again and all is so far going well.

Current Diet

2 oz (dry weight) of R/S/R Midwest Agri Commodities Co.'s Plain Beet Pulp
13 lbs. Ontario Dehy Timothy Balance Cubes.
4 oz Fresh daily ground Flax Seed
10g Lysine
2000 IU Vit E
4 Tbls plain white salt
0.25 tsp Monosodium Phosphorous

August 2009 LeeAnne writes

I am so happy with Dawn's condition and it truly is all thanks to the ECIR Group. The early information from the ECIR Group is most probably why Dawn didn't have laminitis/founder issues. I also thank Maggie (current vet) for having an open mind and allowing me to - with Dr. K's approval - "dictate" Dawn's dosage. Without the group and Dr. Maggie, Dawn would still be on a very conservative (liquid) dose of pergolide and probably doing very poorly. By the way, check out her case history for relations between dosage and ACTH results.

November 2016 LeeAnne writes

Dawn was put to rest March 30, 2015 due to suspensory ligament tear. She was just a few months shy of turning 32. Without the ECIR Group she would have had a much shorter life.



August 2009



Dawn is being ridden by Canadian musician Marie-Lynn Hammond who has many songs about horses.