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A LETTER FROM CECILE AND HER PONY BOMMEL IN SWITZERLAND ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES ON

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A wise philosopher once said: The truth is always temporary. Well in my case this statement couldn't have been more true.

Up until 3 years ago I despised hoof boots, due to so many bad experiences I have had with riding mates of mine. Whenever one of these hoof boots using mates joined me for a trail ride it always turned out to be a drama. Either these hardplastic shoes got lost or some fiddly wire broke or even worse the horse's bulb got rubbed bloody and resulted into horrible discomfort. So I swore to myself, never will I ever put these true evil torture devices on one of my horse's feet. Ever!!!

Well that was until a little red pony named Bommel came into my life. When little Bommel was rescued by us he was 15 years old, had Cushing syndrome, was extremely obese and his hooves were a nightmare. They were trimmed too short and he had an abscess. My farrier came to have a look at them and came to the conclusion that there was not much he could do except treating the abscess. He was afraid that just shoeing him could trigger Laminitis. So he said to me: I think it's best if you buy some boots for your pony. At that very moment my much beloved farrier turned into Freddy Krüger making my worst nightmare come true.

Now what? Well I started googling and soon stumbled over the Equine Fusion All Terrain Jogging Shoes. I thought - hey horse sneakers! That's worth a try. I purchased them with additional dampening pads and when they arrived I immediately tried them on Bommel. I was stunned how easy they were to put on, just two Velcro's, no straps or wires and they fitted perfectly. The dampening pads reminded me of my own memory foam insoles, super soft.

Very skeptical we went for a trail run into the woods. Pony Bommel started to take much longer strides almost

Bommel showing off his Equine Fusion Jogging Shoes





immediately. It was like he was walking on clouds saying, jibee my feet don't hurt anymore! And indeed, much to my surprise, the All Terrain Boots did and still do a fantastic job.

I have been using them the for past 3 years every single day. For trail runs which are 8 to 10 km a day, lunging and jumping and they perform magnificently. Never have I lost a boot, whether they were soaked in water, drenched in mud or snow, when galloping or bucking, they always stayed on.

The stud kit works fabulous as well. We have very long snowy and icy winters in Switzerland. My pony never slipped, not even on pure ice. Truly amazing! But why I love them most is because my Bommel pony loves them. After a couple of days using them he started to lift his feet all by himself

when he saw me preparing the jogging shoes. Literally saying, put them on already! This behaviour assures me every day that Equine Fusion All Terrain Boots

are the perfect choice. I now have a healthy, slim, well trained pony who loves to run on whatever ground. The shock absorption is incredible and from what I

can tell so is the break-over point. I have been using the new Active Jogging Shoe for a couple of weeks now, which has the same sole as the All Terrain model. Their performance and handling is mind-blowing. I was really looking forward to trying out this new model, since I had some issues with the All Terrain Boots as soon as the Velcro wore out. The inside top flap started to open on its own. Which then caused the shoe to turn slightly. Since the Active Jogging Shoe has no Velcro on the inside it seemed like the perfect solution. And indeed, they are. They are so easy to put on, I could do it with my eyes closed.

They fit much more secure due to the single top flap which is closed by a buckle. The Active Jogging Shoe is our new favourite!

Thank you, Equine Fusion, for putting so much devotion into your product! **Cecile and Bommel**