

Anatomy, Trimming and Hoof Protection – Colorado

This three-day clinic fulfills the beginner series clinic requirement for PHCP students.

Days 1 and 2 will cover anatomy and trimming.

Day 3 will cover hoof protection and shoe removal.

Some of the topics covered

- Basic distal limb anatomy
- Exploration of anatomy through cadaver trimming and dissection
- Trimming with power tools and grinder safety



- Shoe removal for ease and comfort to both horse and trimmer
- Transitioning to barefoot

Use the [converter](#) to find your local time.

TYPE Hands-on

WITH Philip Himanka

WHERE 1598 State Highway 52, Erie, CO

WHEN May 23, 2026 - May 25, 2026

COST \$525.00, \$675.00 non-member

CREDITS 24

STATUS Active

All clinics

[Anatomy, Trimming and Hoof Protection – Tennessee](#)

[Advanced Anatomy and Radiographs – Tennessee](#)

[A Fresh Look at Heel Anatomy](#)

[Wear Patterns, What They Really Mean](#)

[Anatomy, Trimming and Hoof Protection – Florida](#)

[Reading Radiographs for the Hoof Care Practitioner](#)

[Documenting Hoof Rehabilitation](#)

[WTF – What the founder?](#)

[Sustaining Your Hoof Care Business](#)

[Off to a Good Start: Trimming Foals](#)

- Alternative forms of hoof protection
- Fit and use of a wide variety of boots including EasyCare, Scoot Boots, Renegades, Soft Rides, Cavallo, Equine Fusion and more, based on performance, rehab or rider needs (glue on protection is not included in this clinic)
- How and when to use hoof casting
- Which padding options to utilize for various pathologies and rehab needs
- How to perform modifications and repairs to hoof boots
- Casting and booting on live horses



Prerequisite

Read through the [PHCP Introduction to Equine Diet and Lifestyle](#).

Study the [PHCP Introduction to Equine Hoof Anatomy](#).

Visit [Anatomy of the Equine](#) to get familiar with the distal limb anatomy before you attend the clinic. Consider purchasing online coursework and ebooks.

[Trimming Donkeys:
Trimming Protocol, Hoof
Distortion, and Laminitis](#)

[Feeding Performance Horses](#)

[Hands-on Reading
Radiographs for the Hoof
Care Practitioner](#)

[Recognizing and
Understanding the Role of
Pain in Structural and
Functional Asymmetries](#)

[Anatomy, Trimming and Hoof
Protection – New York](#)

[Anatomy, Trimming and Hoof
Protection – California](#)

[Feeding Pregnant and
Growing Horses](#)

[The Smart Way to Feed
Horses](#)

[Anatomy, Trimming and Hoof
Protection – Quebec](#)

[Advanced Anatomy and
Radiographs – Quebec](#)

[Feeding for Special Needs](#)

[Starting Your Hoof Care
Business](#)

[Hyperinsulinemia, Laminitis,
and PPID: Diagnosis and
Management](#)

[How to Create and Manage
Your Track System](#)

[Limb Conformation, Body
Posture and Hoof Capsule
Distortions](#)

[Collaboration Between Hoof
Care Professionals & Equine
Bodyworkers](#)

[Dr. Bowker on Sound versus
Healthy Hooves](#)

[Changes in Coffin Bone
Structure and Influence of
Trimming](#)

[Dr. Tomas Teskey on the
Equine Dental-Body
Connection](#)

[Choosing and Fitting Hoof](#)

What to bring

If possible, students should bring their own tools (gloves, apron, nippers, rasp, knife, hoof pick, shoe pullers, and stand) but we will have some to share.

If you have a cadaver leg of your own you would like to dissect with us please let us know and bring it along. Cadaver legs are getting harder to come by and can be quite expensive. If you have access to some we would be grateful.

Please bring your own lunch to eat on location. There are plenty of places to pick up prepared food in the area ahead of time. We will take an hour lunch break from 12-1 pm.

Accommodations

Erie is a small town and conveniently located just north of Denver, south east of Longmont, north of Lafayette, and east of Boulder. The clinic is located just north of Erie. Depending on your preferences and budget, there are many options for hotels or AirBnBs (Longmont, Lafayette, Boulder) as well as grocery shopping, and restaurants. Some students have found really nice places to stay using Airbnb. If you have questions about an accommodation, please let me know.

Travel

Denver International Airport is about a 30-40 minute drive whether via I-70/I-25 or the toll road. Use google maps for directions. Apple Maps won't quite get you there.

It is often cheaper to rent a car than to use Uber or Lyft. I encourage folks to coordinate with other clinic attendees for car rentals and hotels if you'd like to save on money. If you would like to explore this option, text me at 858-882-7209 and I will help put you in touch with other attendees who are also interested in sharing. For parking at the clinic, there is enough parking in the back of the property. Closer to the clinic date, I will email maps, the weather forecast, and more information.

Start time is 9:00 am each day and we'll finish up at 5:00 pm.

[Boots](#)

[EMS \(IR\) and PPID: Diagnosis and Management](#)

[Paige Poss Explores Hoof Distortions and Hoof Related Pain](#)

[Utilizing Hoof Imaging in your Trimming Decisions](#)

[Equine Biosecurity, It's All About Prevention](#)

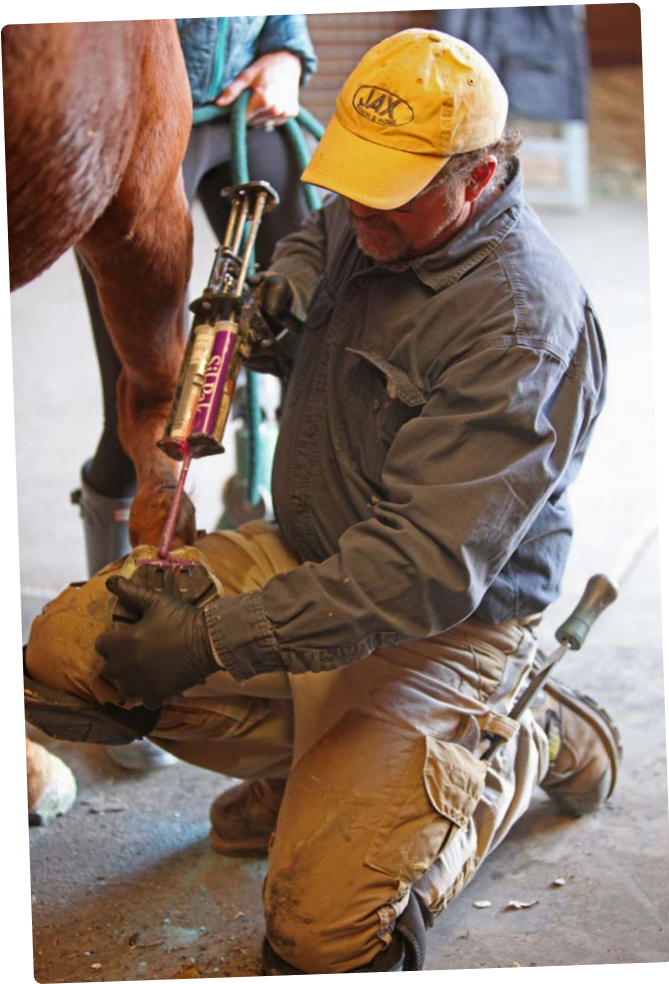
[Genetics of Equine Metabolic Syndrome and Laminitis Risk](#)

[Basics of Reading Radiographs](#)

[NRC Plus](#)

[Cushing's and Insulin Resistance](#)

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Philip Himanka,
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I love to teach
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Philip owns and operates [Not Only Barefoot Llc](#) in Erie, CO.

Sign up

- Contact [Philip Himanka](#) with any questions at 858-882-7209.
- Auditing will not fulfill the beginning series anatomy clinic requirement.
- Cancellations made one month in advance of the clinic start date will receive a full refund. Between a month out and two weeks in advance of the clinic, cancellations will receive a 50% refund.
- If the clinic is cancelled for any reason and will not take place, the student will receive a full refund.
- Purchasing refundable airline tickets is recommended.



\$200.00 – \$675.00



Participant status

Choose an option

Clinic day and audit options

Choose an option

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