SADDLE EVALUATION FORM FOR SADDLEFIT 4 LIFE® EQUINE ERGONOMIST

1 - RIDER / HORSE INFORMATION

CUSTOMER - ACCPAC #:

NAME: HILLBILLIES EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

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REASON FOR EVALUATION: Check saddle fit to Hz R Dam has returned to centre out of work, now in work & soon to learn to jump (need a suitable saddle

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US: FAY HATCH

COACH/TRAINER: PHONE #: SAM HILL

RIDER: NAME: JESSICA MULLER

# HORSES RIDE/WK:	2	OWNER RIDES HORSE/WK:	2	COACH RIDES HORSE/WK:	1
GENDER:	F	LEVEL:	NOV	HEIGHT:	161
STRAIGHT LEG:	88	UPPER LEG:	53	WEIGHT:	55
THIGH:	58	LOWER LEG:	48½ cm	HIPS:	106

HORSE: NAME: HB "DAN" SAMALIDAN

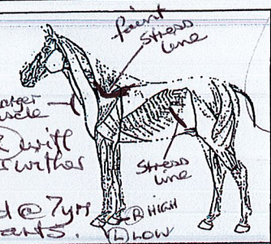
AGE:	13	BREED:	TB	HORSE IS RIDEN/WK:	3
HEIGHT:	16·1	GENDER:	GELD	LEVEL:	Nov
SHOULDER ANGLE:	6·2	GIRTH CIRCUM:	75½"	COLOUR:	CHEST
		SADDLE SUPPORT AREA LENGTH INCHES:			15"

WITHER ANGLE: 4·9

SHOULDER BLADE:	SLOPED	NORMAL	UPRIGHT
BALANCE POINT:	FORWARD	MIDDLE	REAR
SHOULDER HOLES:	DEEP	MEDIUM	SHALLOW
UNEVEN SHOULDER:	LEFT FRWD	EVEN	RIGHT FRWD
SHOULDER MUSCLE:	LARGE	AVERAGE	SMALL
WITHER SHAPE:	LONG	NORMAL	SHORT
WITHER MUSCLE:	BROAD	MEDIUM	NARROW
LOIN MUSCLE:	L SIDE HIGH	EVEN	R SIDE HIGH
SADDLE SUPPORT AREA:	LONG	NORMAL	SHORT
BACK SHAPE:	HIGH SPINE	NORMAL	BARREL
BACK CURVATURE:	STRAIGHT	NORMAL	SWAY
BACK BUILD:	UPHILL	NORMAL	DOWNHILL
SENSITIVE BACK: No	WITHERS	SSA	LIGAMENTS LUMBAR
VERTEBRA WIDTH:	N 1-2	M 3-4	W 4-5

2 - STATIC ASSESSMENT

DRAWINGS & COMMENTS: Horse learning how to jump. Good condition. Short winter coat. Mane falls to (R) with some mane near withers to (L). Racehorse retired @ 7yrs. EVALUATION: ~30 starts. (R) HIGH (L) LOW



NEW ☐ 1st FITTING ☑ QRTLY ☐ SEMI ANNUAL ☐ ANNUAL ☐

SADDLE PURCHASED THROUGH: S4L DIRECTLY ☐ AUTHORIZED S4L REP ☐ ON-LINE TACK STORE ☐ FRIEND ☑

1 - SADDLE MODEL: TRAINER JUMP RDMA 17½ MW

SERIAL #: —

TREE & SEAT SIZE: 16" 17½"

COLOUR: BLACK

PANEL LENGTH / WEDGE STYLE: # 18" (HIGH) NONE RELIEF

PANEL TYPE / SHOULDER RELIEF: INDEPENDENT (INTEGRATED) YES / NO

2 - GIRTH TYPE: COLLEGIATE 4" WIDE

PROBLEM(S): 5" DSE 130cm

3 - SADDLE PAD: CWR & ACAVALLO PAD

PROBLEM(S):

SADDLE CONDITION: FMV $ 2400

4a - PANEL MATERIAL:	RUBBER	FOAM	(WOOL)	CAIR	FLAIR			
4b - SOFTNESS OF PANEL:	2SOFT		(OK)	2HARD				
4c - PANEL POINTS:	1/2	3/4	(FULL)	OTHER				
5 - SOFTNESS OF LEATHER:	2DRY	2HARD	(OK)	2OILY	2SOFT			
6a - TREE TYPE:	PLASTIC	WOOD	(FLEX)	AdaptTree®				
6b - TREE CONDITION:	vH	VS	(OK)	TWIST	BGP	BSS	BT	
6c - CURRENT T and L:	T 155		L 275					
6d - POMMEL TYPE:	5"FC	FC	QCB	(SN)	SH			
7 - STITCHES:	LOOSE		(OK)	MISSING				
8 - BILLETS: x3 short.	TORN		(OK)	STRETCHED				
9 - SEAT FOAM:	2H	(OK)	2S	UNEVEN				
10 - SEAT BALANCE:	(FORWARD)		CENTER	REAR	Should be REAR			

SADDLE FIT TO RIDER:

11 - SEAT SIZE:	2S	(OK)	2B
12 - FLAP LENGTH:	2S	(OK)	2L
13 - FLAP ANGULATION:	2S	OK	(2FF)
14 - FLAP WIDTH:	2N	(OK)	2W
15 - STIRRUP BARS:	(2FF)	OK	2FB
16 - SEAT DEPTH:	2S	(OK)	2D
17 - WT BEARING SURFACE:	2M	(OK)	2L
18 - LEG SUPPORT:	(2S)	OK	2B
19 - SADDLE RIGIDITY:	2H	(OK)	2S
20 - WAIST:	2W	(OK)	2N
21 - SEAT WIDTH:	2W	(OK)	2N
22 - TWIST: toes & knees turn out.	(2W)	OK	2N
23 - COMFORT:	2S	(OK)	2H
24 - CANTLE SUPPORT:	2M	(OK)	2L
25 - SEAT FOAM SUPPORT:	2M	(OK)	2L

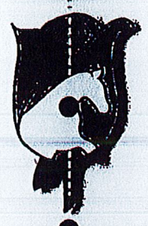
SADDLE FIT TO HORSE(S): 1

26 - LENGTH OF SADDLE:	(2L)	OK	2S		
27a - SADDLE BALANCE:	2LF	2HF	(OK)	2LB	2HB
27b - BALANCE/ALIGNMENT PT:	(2FF)	OK	2FB		
28 - ROTATION:	F2TL	(OK)	F2TR		
29 - SHIFTING /TWISTING:	(2TL)	OK	2TR		
30 - WITHER CLEARANCE:	SIDE (2-3 F)		TOP 2-3 F		
31 - SPINAL CLEARANCE:	SADDLE (2-3 F)	(2N)	OK	2W	
32 - BILLET ALIGNMENT:	2FF	(OK)			
33 - HORIZONTAL PANEL:	(HOLLOW)	OK	ROCKS	NCUC	
34 - VERTICAL PANEL:	2S	(OK)	2L		
35 - TREE ANGLE:	(2NT)	2WT	(2NB)	2WB	OK 2NBL 2NBR
	2NTL	2NTR	2WBL	2WBR	2WTL 2WTR
36 - TREE WIDTH:	(2N)	OK	2W		

(NB: Pic 1 – FORGET THE CIRCLES FOR GIRTH BUCKLES ON HORSE!)

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ON SHOULDER: 128 / 175 — BUBBLE — 118 / 166



Saddlefit 4 Life®
"Protecting Horse and Rider from Long-Term Damage"

BUBBLE — DIRECTLY BEHIND SHOULDER: 55 / 125 — 55 / 128

SUGGESTED / CURRENT PROFESSIONAL REFERRALS

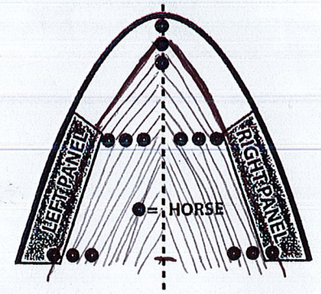
☑ TRAINER	Regular lessons with Dam
☐ VETERINARIAN	
☑ FARRIER	Barefoot – wears (R) hoof higher height > (L)
☑ CHIROPRACTOR	Regular visits but none since COVID lockdown
☐ MSG THERAPIST	
☐ PHYSIOTHERAPIST	
☐ OSTEOPATH	

EQUINE ERGONOMIST: FAY HATCH

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: 0437 191 585

REFERRAL (if applicable): —

COUNSELLED BY: FAY HATCH STUDENT EQUINE ERGONOMIST



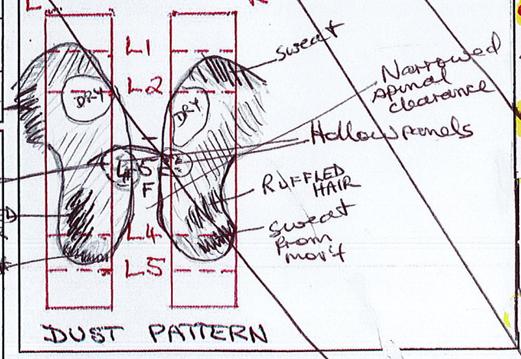
3 - DYNAMIC ASSESSMENT

DYNAMIC SADDLE FIT / OBSERVATIONS / HEALTH: ACAVALLO PAD

SADDLE PAD USED: YES (Y) NO ( )

	LEFT	RIGHT
LUNGEING: WALK:	Tracking up/o/track. Fair reach with front legs. Ears forward. Stretches at walk ↔	
TROT:	Speeding up & Tracking up @ trot when asked for canter	Not tracking up. Head up ↔
CANTER:	Reluctant to canter (L). Unbalanced. Gave (L) canter after (R). Unbalanced	Unbalanced canter. Rushing. Head up.
RIDING: WALK:	Tracking up. Relaxed obedient. Sl hollow ↔. Jess's knees & toes turn out	
RISING TROT:	Not tracking up. Head up. Dropmouth / jaw. Shortened strides (front) getting forward in saddle. Not sh. hip. heel alignment	
* Slightly CANTER:	Saddle → (R). Unbalanced. Hard to maintain. Jess & Dam reluctant to travel forward	Unbalanced. Hard to maintain canter. Reluctant to travel forward
SITTING TROT:	Not attempted	
RISING TROT: (LONG REIN)	Hollow ↔	Head up. Short strides. Unable to stretch down

DRAWINGS & COMMENTS:



OPTIONS:

☒ THANK YOU FOR THE EVALUATION; I'D LIKE TO THINK ABOUT WHAT I HAVE LEARNED.

☐ I RECOGNIZE THAT I NEED HELP WITH MY SADDLE; PLEASE HELP ME FIND A SADDLE FITTER/SADDLE ERGONOMIST.

* I WOULD LIKE INFO ON S4L EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS: (Y) N

CUSTOMER SIGNATURE: Sarah

DATE: 6·09·2020 NEXT VISIT: when another saddle available to check fit

4 - SOLUTION 14/36

** PLEASE BRING THIS FORM TO YOUR NEXT FITTING. THIS ENABLES US TO DETERMINE IF AND HOW YOUR HORSE HAS CHANGED.

1. Length of Saddle – 2L long. Samalidan has a short SSA 15". The saddle tree is 16" & panels are 18" → extending past T18 ribs → pressure on lumbar area → discomfort / pain leading to destabilising his spine, hollowing his back, preventing tracking up & engagement; unable to stretch through back → can lead to unsoundness & make it difficult for Jess to be comfortable & achieve a balanced & pliable seat.

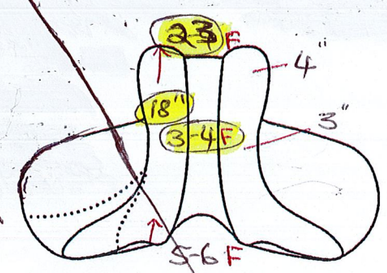
2. Tree Angle – 2NT – too narrow top & 2NB 1¾ – too narrow bottom. There is insufficient room for the shoulder blades to move through, & under the saddle tree points during mov't → pinching / discomfort / cartilage damage & muscle damage. When jumping, Samalidan both front legs over the jump – means that both shoulder blades need to slide under the front of the saddle at the same time. The cartilage helps protect the shoulder, wither & back muscles.

3. Girth – The Collegiate long girth has 5" (13 cm) DSE – in good condition. The ideal girth has a max. of <2" (5cm) at the 17½" buckles. The longer elastic can cause the rider to inadvertently girth up too tightly; elastic continues to be able to be stretched longer when pulling the girth tight → this can impede the horse's ability to breathe deeply → resulting in the horse tiring more quickly. Consider his next girth to have <2" (5cm) of triple elastic on each side.

This saddle is unsuitable for Samalidan's comfort & performance. It has several limitations incl too long, too narrow tree width & angle, too narrow gullet channel, hollow horizontal panel, shifts to (L). Pressure on wither can will cause reluctance to travel forward.

For Jess, the saddle is a bit too big – flap angulation & leg support, twist too wide & stirrup bars 2FF & will make it difficult to achieve a comfortable, balanced & pliable seat (shoulder, hip, heel alignment).

I look for a saddle that ideally can be altered (as Samalidan's muscles change) & also allows Jess to be better balanced.



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