

Friends for Life



Sterl May and Donna Lee enjoyed hours of riding enjoyment in earlier years

"I first started dealing with Brooks Performance Feeds and Laurie Bishop in November 2014, specifically to try and find a feed that was grain free for my 12 year old TB with gastric ulcers. Charlie did great on the Fibre O Plus. His coat improved and his attitude toward his meals greatly improved. That was a big plus because a horse with ulcers sometimes simply does not want to eat. He now looks forward to his meals and looks great thanks to Fibre o Plus and Omeperazole.

But the real success story is what Laurie Bishop was able to do for my Sterl May. I have had her since she was almost 11 years old. The lady that owned her had to downsize and wanted Sterl May to go to a loving home. She said couldn't sell her for a dollar "cause Sterl May was no Loonie", so she said give me \$2 and she's yours. She returned the \$2 dollar bill and said "you keep this. As long as you own Sterl May you will never be broke." I still have that \$2 bill framed with her registration papers.

She is a Standardbred, pacer, the first horse I owned, after having leased a Solid Bred Paint for a couple of years. "Sterly" was quite successful at the track and is from the Hanover bloodline, her grandsire was Albatross. She retired from racing due to a respiratory virus. Her previous owner bought her from the farm where she was born and raised always intending to make a riding horse out of her. Being Standardbred meant nothing to me, she was a horse 4 legs, head and tail, and she let me ride her. She has been my best friend ever since. We rode English Pleasure, we did a bit of jumping which she quite enjoyed, and she had the nicest canter I have ever ridden. She was retired from riding due to "kissing spine" diagnosed at Guelph. (Likely from her racing career). She accommodates herself, and is comfortable as long as there is no weight on her back. It is tradition we take a short bareback ride once a year, I love my girl, I promised her a home until the day she dies, a promise I will keep.

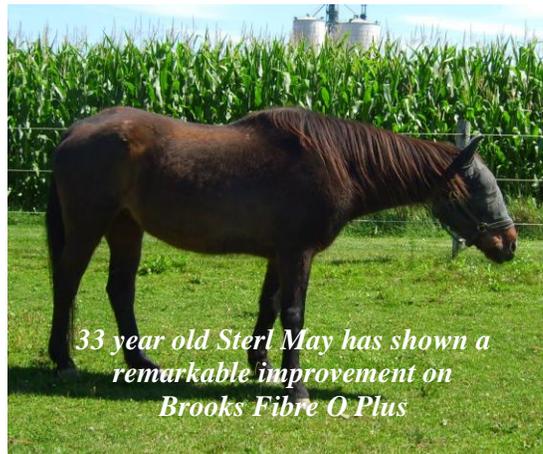


In the spring of 2015 I realized that my girl had not held her weight well over the winter. I asked Laurie if she could recommend something for Sterl May to help her gain some weight. Although she has always been an easy horse with no feed issues, she was diagnosed with Cushings disease about 5+ years ago. She doesn't know it and I'm not going to tell her. She is on a low daily dose of Pergolide and her only symptom is that she does not shed out well in the spring. She looks a bit like a grizzly bear but really has no other symptoms associated with Cushings. She is losing her eye sight, but likely due to old age as much as the Cushings.

On **Fibre O Plus** the improvement was incredible. Almost instantly I noticed an improvement in her attitude and energy level even though she'll be 33 in April. She shed out better than she had in years and under all that old dead hair was a truly lovely, soft, shiny coat, my girl looked AMAZING. The weight gain was slow, but I felt so much better that she was going into winter 2015 in far better condition than the previous year, all thanks to Laurie and Brooks Performance Feeds.

*This has been a huge learning experience for me but basically I can sum it up by saying I eat well and I believe it is my responsibility to feed my horses the best that I can, this is why I choose **Brooks Performance Feeds**, Thank you Laurie for all you have done for us."*

Donna Lee Wilkins



33 year old Sterl May has shown a remarkable improvement on Brooks Fibre O Plus