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**BENNY THE "ORPHAN SYNDROME HORSE" BONUS FOOTAGE
INCLUDED ON "W" HOLISTIC HORSEMANSHIP® CLINIC
HIGHLIGHTS DVD
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"Benny came to me as a rescue November 2004", Missy says. "He had been locked in a stall for at least two years that I know of. I was his third owner within six months after his rescue and fifth environment. Benny had Stringhalt so bad that he would literally fall down when I handled him; his front left hoof was overgrown to the point that it was curled when he was pulled out of his stall - it had to be hack sawed off. Benny was born with contracted flexor tendons which could have been repaired when he was born, but it didn't happen". After all most three years in Missy's care Benny still limps on his left and drops his shoulder due to permanent damage from the overgrown hoof - the vet advises he has functional deformities.

"I have coined the phrase "Orphan Syndrome" since Benny does not understand normal herd and horse behavior being locked in a stall for so long and possibly never having herd contact. During a clinic this summer a child psychologist PhD woman concurred that the phrase "Orphan Syndrome" is actually a "real" phrase which identifies children from China who have been tethered in their cribs for two plus years not receiving eye contact or touch. The PhD woman agreed with me that Benny's behavior is that of an "Orphan Syndrome" child and added that he has autistic tendencies which were confirmed by another woman at the same clinic who specializes in autistic children for a local school district. What an amazing opportunity to have both these women at my clinic at the same time. Being locked in a stall for at least two years Benny did not have normal eye contact, herd touch or herd dynamics so he doesn't understand appropriate herd behavior. He rears and attempts to nip and tosses his head at me, but what I've come to understand is he just needs to play. He lies down to roll several times during our play which is his way of comforting himself since he gets over-stimulated. He bares his teeth in attempt to control himself from biting me and then hangs his tongue out between his teeth while being ridden – he's hilarious. He is on the "outside" of the herd as the other herd members deem him dangerous because he is "sickly" to them. He whinnies to me when he's had enough of being with the herd and wants to come back to the barn. I don't even use a halter or lead, I simply open the gate and he heads to the barn on his own. As a trainer I have used every method in the "book" and outside the "book" and have come to accept Benny for who he is. I simply play with him since normal horse behavior is beyond his understanding and I never feel in danger while keeping myself at a safe distance when we play "I'm gonna gitcha". Benny loves the trail, loves to swim and eat blackberries. He is typically the lead horse on a trail ride, but moves with small quick steps since he can not make a full stride due to his deformities. I would not trade a day with Benny – he has been a remarkable teacher" adds Missy.

Benny is highlighted as 50 minute bonus footage on the "W"Holistic Horsemanship® Clinic Highlights DVD to be released September 15, 2007. You can view Benny footage on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HXqfW3Tvx58>. Visit Missy Wryn's website at

www.WHolisticNaturalHorsemanship.com to view DVD clinic highlights and to pre-order the up and coming DVD series.

Missy Wryn is a "W"Holistic Natural Horsemanship® Trainer specializing in problem and dangerous horses getting to the source of behavior and training problems. To schedule Missy for an event or clinic in your area call toll free 1-866-821-0374 or visit www.WHolisticNaturalHorsemanship.com for the current schedule of events. *Problems are not always training issues.....*