

THE CROSSUNDER BITLESS BRIDLE'S BIBLIOGRAPHY

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As Dr. Cook was the first to investigate the effect of the bit on the behavior of the horse and compare it with a painless approach to rider/horse communication, it is understandable that much of the bibliography consists of articles written by him. Since he has subsequently become the Chairman of BitlessBridle Inc. he declares a conflict of interest. Fortunately, Cook's publications have been well-outnumbered by those from independent authors.

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Dr. Cook's research, since soon after he graduated in 1952, has been focused on the head, neck and chest of the horse. He published many articles in this field before he began to investigate bits and bitlessness in 1997. His interest in the rein-aid represented a natural progression of his previous work. In explaining the disadvantages of the bit, he drew on his previously published research which is not here listed. Many of Dr. Cook's veterinary articles listed below are available online at www.bitlessbridle.com.

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