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Your article entitled "Professional Farrier Organization: Warning to Horse Owners" (Equine Journal, August 2002, p 32) provides what appears to be an endorsement of a press release from Henry Heymering, President of the Guild of Professional Farriers which unfairly criticizes the pioneering research of Dr. Hiltrud Strasser and her well-substantiated recommendation that even high performance horses are healthier and happier if allowed to go barefoot. I cannot believe that your journal, with its concern for the welfare of the horse, really intended to lend its support to Heymering's misguided remarks. Strasser's work represents a major advance in equine veterinary science and she deserves the grateful thanks of all who have the best interests of the horse at heart.

In your article, you provide addresses for those of your readers who wish to learn more about the Guild of Professional Farriers. As a corrective, may I provide addresses for those of your readers who wish to learn more about the lifelong research of Dr. Strasser. Those of your readers who are connected to the internet could visit www.strasserhoofcare.com. They will find here unsolicited comments on Heymering's press release from three horse owners who have not only studied the Strasser method but have successfully applied it to all of their many horses. In addition, they will find supportive articles of mine about Strasser's research that have been published in The Natural Horse and in the Journal of Equine Veterinary Science.

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