

# Principles of Friends of Sound Horses

## Principle #1

All FOSH events adhere to the requirements of the Horse Protection Act.

## Principle #2

Horses are to be treated with dignity, respect, and compassion.

## Principle #3

Horses must be presented as sound in both body and mind.

## Principle #4

The preferred way of going is natural, correct, and without exaggeration.

## Principle #5

Shoeing is intended only for the protection of the foot and its structure.  
Barefoot horses are both welcomed and encouraged where practical.

## Principle #6

Handlers & riders are expected to use training techniques and equipment that conform to the highest humane standards as recognized by the general equestrian community.

## Principle #7

Exhibitors have a duty to conduct themselves in an orderly, responsible, and sportsmanlike manner.

*FOSH is a national leader in the promotion of natural, sound gaited horses and in the fight against abuse and soring of Tennessee Walking Horses. For more information about FOSH or to become a member, please visit [www.fosh.info](http://www.fosh.info) or call 1-800-651-7993.*