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I have been meaning to send you a testimonial for Miracle Whip aka as Silver Harlequin.

Miracle is a wonderful horse. After our trail ride with you, we used him to haul some logs off of the fenceline. We had him drag a "practice" log for a few minutes and put him to work. He dragged 5 tree branches for us. We were both impressed. Just tied a rope to the tree and the other end to the saddle horn.

Ginger can do that, with smaller logs but she is always aware of the rope. Miracle doesn't worry about the rope. Its nice to have a horse that is not jumpy about every little thing.

Last weekend I went to a horse show. I put Miracle in a Showmanship class and trail. He was fine about leaving Ginger for halter but got rather antsy waiting for his turn in the trail class. I rode him in the arena before the show started and he cantered very very nicely. It was the first time I'd asked him to canter. It was so smooth and flowing.

Ginger has a nice canter and she also has a very powerful jump start at times. Miracle just eases into his canter. **The 2 horses are the exact opposites, but that is what you get for buying one horse at an auction and the other from a breeder.**

My only regret is that I don't work with him more. He does very well for the limited amount of riding time that he has, I lunge him several times a week and he is always happy to go out on the road with Ginger or on a trail ride on the weekends. Hopefully in the next couple of weeks I can get him over to the hunt trial grounds and work on increasing the speed of his gaits. If you plant birds, you need to be somewhat speedy about it. I am confident he will enjoy that as well.

Noticed today he is getting his winter coat in, he will be a big snowball.

Chris