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BACKGROUND & BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY

I grew up on a dairy farm in Switzerland and attended agricultural programs, apprenticing as a herd manager for several farms. In 1980, I continued my education in the United States and worked on various Wisconsin dairies. After working for many years in the dairy industry, I chose to specialize in the field of hoof health and launched a hoof trimming business in 1989. As I began trimming, I realized the industry needed equipment to safely and practically restrain cattle while allowing the trimming technician to perform accurate hoof care. To achieve this, I designed an upright hoof-trimming chute with the Accu-trim® Leg Restraint System that guides the cow's leg following her natural range of motion. This leg restraint provides an optimum heel-to-toe view so that proper functional trimming can be performed easily. Comfort Hoof Care, Inc. began selling chutes, internationally, in 1989 and all *Comfort Chutes* are equipped with the Accu-trim® Leg Restraint System.

Since I began hoof trimming, I felt an obligation to learn everything possible about hoof health and to continue my education by attending schools, conferences, and networking with researchers around the world. In 1995, I co-founded Dairyland Hoof Care Institute, Inc., a comprehensive hoof trimming school training over 1,500 hoof trimmers, veterinarians, dairy producers, herd managers, consultants and agriculture professionals throughout the world.

While attending lameness conferences, I network with veterinarians and researchers, which leads to collaborative research projects focusing on lameness and other aspects of hoof health. Furthermore, I embrace the opportunity to make a difference and positively impact the dairy industry. Drawing from my hoof health experience, I founded Sure Step Consulting International, LLC, to provide clients with recommendations to reduce and prevent lameness through practical, simple-to-implement strategies. As a hoof care provider, hoof trimming instructor, hoof health consultant and equipment designer, I have a unique perspective but also a responsibility to do everything in my power to keep cows productive and in the herd as long as possible.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DAIRYLAND HOOF CARE INSTITUTE, INC ~ Program Director and Principal Instructor

- Teach functional hoof trimming and hoof health courses throughout North and South America, Japan, Australia, Western Europe, and the Middle East
- Visiting Lecturer, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Teach on-site hoof trimming workshops on large dairies
- Lecture to dairy producers, veterinarians and hoof trimmers, globally, concerning all aspects of dairy cattle lameness
- Train college students, primarily in Midwestern United States

SURE STEP CONSULTING INTERNATIONAL, LLC ~ Hoof Health Consultant

- On-location hoof health analysis to assess lameness trends, identify causes and make recommendations for hoof disease treatment and lameness prevention
- Independent field research on hoof health products, diseases and treatments including digital dermatitis treatments, digital dermatitis vaccines, therapeutic hoof trimming treatments and procedures, therapeutic hoof blocks, hoof trimming wheels, foot bath solutions and methods

COMFORT HOOF CARE, INC ~ Hoof Trimmer and Equipment Designer

- Provide hoof care service in south-central Wisconsin focusing on maintenance trimming, corrective treatment practices and lameness prevention
- Since 1989, designed the Comfort Chute line of hoof trimming equipment featuring the Accu-trim® Leg Restraint System, currently in use on dairy farms and by professional hoof trimmers

SYNERGY METALWORKS LLC ~ Managing Partner

- Assist manufacturing staff in regards to COMFORT CHUTE production

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- *International Symposium on Lameness in Ruminants* research presenter in 1998, 2000, 2006, 2008; attendee: 1994, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2008
- *ABC System of Hoof Lesion Scoring* committee member in 1999-2000
- *IPC Dairy Training Center Hoof Care Course, Friesland, The Netherlands* attendee of the Hoof Trimming Course studying under Pieter Kloosterman in Oenkerk, Netherlands, in 1995

FORMAL EDUCATION

- *University of Wisconsin Farm and Industry Short Course*, Madison, Wisconsin graduate 1982
- *Landwirtschaftliche Fachschule*, Pfaffikon, Switzerland, agriculture associate degree 1978
- *Luzerner Handelsschule*, Luzern, Switzerland, business diploma 1976
- *Schwyz Agriculture Apprenticeship*, Schwyz, Switzerland, 1973-1975