

Buckeye Bonanza Autumn 2023

Horse: Kit

Behavior & Training Summary (as of November 6, 2023)

Type of bit ridden in: Snaffle

Vices:

Turnout behavior: Fairly calm

Stall behavior: In your pocket type

Activity	Not Attempted	Rarely	Occasionally	Usually	Consistently	Additional Comments
Easy to catch when turned out	1	2	3	4	5	
Leads quietly at the walk	1	2	3	4	5	
Leads quietly at the trot	1	2	3	4	5	Can be very strong
Stands quietly tied	1	2	3	4	5	
Stands quietly cross-tied	1	2	3	4	5	
Stands quietly for grooming	1	2	3	4	5	Loves being groomed!
Stands quietly for clippers	1	2	3	4	5	
Stands quietly for spray bottle	1	2	3	4	5	
Stands quietly for bathing	1	2	3	4	5	
Stands quietly for saddling	1	2	3	4	5	
Stands quietly for bridling	1	2	3	4	5	
Stands quietly when mounted	1	2	3	4	5	
Ground drives without saddle	1	2	3	4	5	
Ground drives with saddle	1	2	3	4	5	Strong to right
Walks, trots and canters both directions on the longe line	1	2	3	4	5	Will pull very hard to the right
Free longes both directions	1	2	3	4	5	
Stands quietly for harnessing	1	2	3	4	5	
Ridden with two hands	1	2	3	4	5	
Neck reins	1	2	3	4	5	
Yields to leg pressure on the left	1	2	3	4	5	
Yields to leg pressure on the right	1	2	3	4	5	
Picks up left lead	1	2	3	4	5	
Picks up right lead	1	2	3	4	5	
Backs willingly/in a straight line	1	2	3	4	5	
Walks quietly over tarp	1	2	3	4	5	
Walks quietly over bridge	1	2	3	4	5	
Ridden on trails	1	2	3	4	5	Led ride at Prairie Oaks, did wonderfully
Ridden around cattle	1	2	3	4	5	
Loads easily in a livestock trailer	1	2	3	4	5	Hesitant
Loads easily in a 2-horse trailer	1	2	3	4	5	

DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Kit

BY Natalie Liliav

DATE 8/28/23

LESSON	SCORE (0-5)	COMMENTS
- Basic Handling	- 2	- She knows she is large and will be pushy. Requires lots of confidence for her to pay attention and listen to tasks.
- Grooming	- 3	- Stood well for basic grooming on body. Very resistant to give her legs for hoof pick.
- Stall	- 5	- Pretty calm in her stall. Able to halter and let loose in stall fairly easily.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Kit

BY Natalie Liliav

DATE 8/30/23

LESSON	SCORE (0-5)	COMMENTS
Basic Handling - And Grooming	3	- Does not mind being groomed. Is distracted easily but able to focus when prompted. Can be pushy. A bit less resistant with giving leg for hoof pick.
Tying	5	- Easily able to tie her. No resistance whatsoever. Loose safety knot in stall.
Systematic - Desensitization	5	- Does not freak out with rope around legs and body. Can remain calm around longe whip and flags. Fly-spray (spray bottle) was no bother.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Kit

BY Natalie Liliav

DATE 9/1/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

Basic Handling
- And Grooming

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- Is not super cooperative with hoof pick, especially back feet. Completely fine with grooming otherwise. Less pushy while leading and has been much more attentive.

Tying

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- Stood very well for tying. No resistance at all.

Longeing

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- Will use strength to turn her head away and pull. Got away from me once. Used war bridle to help balance out strength. Then successfully worked and trotted on longe line both directions.

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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Kit

BY Natalie Liliav

DATE 9/6/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

- Basic Handling & Grooming	- 4	- Kit is definitely improving. She is beginning to understand respect and is listening better. She needs an assertive instructor. Still a bit resistant with giving her hooves.
- Ground Work	- 4	- Kit now has a much better understanding of turning on the forehand and haunches. She stops on cue most of the time without using much lead rope.
- Spray Bottle/Clipping	- 5	- Worked with her on spray bottle with water. Was not bothered by it too much.
- Longeing	- 2	- Completely fine with w/t/c gaits going to the left. Continuously tries to pull going to the right and turn her head away to run in the opposite direction. Needs an assertive person to longe.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Kit

BY Natalie Liliav

DATE 9/8/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

- Basic Handling & Grooming	- 5	- She likes to get distracted sometimes and can be a little lazy when walking with her person. It is important to keep her paying attention.
- Ground Work	- 4	- Still working on making progress in the arena. Introduced her to showmanship. Worked on showing her obstacles and getting her used to inanimate objects.
- Longeing	- 1	- Longed Kit without the war bridle. Was testing and pulling a lot more with her head. She needs an assertive hand when longeing for now.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Kit

BY Natalie Liliav
DATE 9/13/23

LESSON	SCORE (0-5)	COMMENTS
- Basic Handling & Grooming	- 4	- Kit has definitely been improving with being less distracted and paying better attention to her instructor.
- Spray Bottle/Clipping	- 5	- Has no issue with the spray bottle. Doesn't mind when spraying water on her shoulder/ leg area. Have not worked on clipping yet.
- Longeing	- 2	- Completely fine w/t and good cantering to the left. Very unwilling to canter to the right and not pull her head away.
- Ground Work	- 4	- Pretty good in the round pen. She knows correct cues and having that fence block helps.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Kit

BY Natalie Liliav

DATE 9/15/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

- Basic Handling & Grooming	- 5	- So much progress for Kit. She's been way more attentive and listening to directions. Spending lots of time and encouraging consistency led to improvement.
- Longeing	- 2	- Still working hard to fix her head pulling issue when longeing to the right. Kit needs someone who is able to work on this skill with her and needs a strong arm.
- Bitting/Tacking	- 4	- Introduced saddles and she did great! She did not mind the saddle at all and was just very curious the whole time. Followed directions and was a good sport.
- Ground Work	- 4	- Was not difficult on ground with her saddle. Felt super comfortable.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Kit

BY Natalie Liliav

DATE 9/18/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

- Basic Handling & Grooming	- 4	- Kit was being way better about her hooves for hoof-pick. She is better when leading and will be less pushy when you are assertive.
- Tying	- 5	- Kit remains completely fine with tying. No issues in regards to rope or being tied to something.
- Bitting/Tacking	- 5	- Kit has not issues with being saddled. She will stay still and it is no bother. Bridled her as well and no issue with bit.
- Longeing	- 3	- Still pulls very hard when going to the right. Much easier and better to longe her with a bridle on. Saddle doesn't make a difference.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Kit

BY Natalie Liliav

DATE 9/20/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

- Basic Handling & Grooming	- 5	- So much progress for Kit. She is lovely to groom and continues to improve paying attention to directions and cues given.
- Ground Work	- 4	- Kit is pretty well behaved in the round pen. Definitely needs someone with experience to have a good outcome.
- Bitting/Tacking	- 5	- Has absolutely no issue with any tack. Doesn't show any sign of being uncomfortable.
- Longeing	- 4	- So much better to longe Kit with a bridle. It allows for leverage and more efficient control. Tends to be lazy sometimes, recommend a longe whip.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Kit

BY Natalie Liliav

DATE 9/22/23

LESSON	SCORE (0-5)	COMMENTS
- Basic Handling & Grooming	- 5	- Kit continues to be easy to groom and her ground manners improved a lot.
- Bitting/Tacking	- 5	- No issues here! No bother from saddle or bridle and is super cooperative.
- Ground work	- 3	- Worked on ground driving. Kit didn't try to run away but she was strong to turn. Can be improved with practice.
- Longeing	- 4	- Getting better and better with consistency. Having the bit when longeing is a major help.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Kit

BY Natalie Liliav

DATE 9/25/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

- Basic Handling & Grooming	- 4	- Kit stands attentive and still while being groomed. Made a lot more progress with hoofpick. She is a lot less resistant.
- Tying	- 5	- Continues to have no issue with tying. Tends to try and bite the rope but other than that completely fine.
- Longeing	- 3.5	- Kit was making a lot more progress with the bit but still attempts to pull her handler. Room for a lot of improvement.
- Bitting/Tacking	- 5	- For being completely new, Kit is doing great! Tack does not seem to bother her and she appears comfortable.
- Under Saddle	- 3.5	- Understands cues, however is very lazy and is not super willing to go. Handler must "make her believe" and be assertive with directions.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Kit

BY Natalie Liliav

DATE 9/27/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

- Basic Handling/Grooming	- 4	- No drastic change. Seems to enjoy being groomed and regarding basic handling, still needs to work on personal space and respect.
- Bitting/Tacking	- 5	- Still no issues here. Is comfortable and allows handler to tack her up no problem.
- Longeing	- 4	- Making more and more progress with consistency, though definitely not Kit's favorite activity in the world.
- Under Saddle	- 4	- Made some progress. Added reins to the bridle instead of halter lead rope and listened better to contact for steering.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Kit

BY Natalie Liliav

DATE 10/6/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

- Basic Handling & Grooming	- 5	- Kit stood perfectly and was so calm on the ground. She listened well and demonstrated immense progress.
- Bitting/Tacking	- 5	- Today was a great day for Kit. She was super cooperative and easy going. Tacking was no problem.
- Longeing	- 4	- Longeing was a bit difficult as always. She had a spaz and I took her to the round pen which helped calm her down and we worked and made progress longeing in there.
- Under Saddle	- 4	- Kit was pretty tired but we still had a decent ride. We worked on walk and trot transitions. We started halt and back up as well. She worked hard this day and results were positive.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Kit

BY Natalie Liliav

DATE 10/9/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

- Basic Handling & Grooming	- 5	- Kit had no issues being cooperative. Simple and easy going to groom. Immense progress with hooves.
- Tying	- 5	- Kit is very easy to tie. She does not freak out with being tied. Occasionally attempts to chew her rope so needs to be watched.
- Groundwork	- 4	- Worked on showmanship. Needs to work on pivot and trotting right away when asked. Perfect with stopping.
- Longeing	- 4	- Consistency helps with improvement. Her longeing is coming along and she is being more cooperative overall. Bit helps a lot.
- Bitting/Tacking	- 5	- Other than trying to move around a bit with the saddle she is completely fine. Kit is really has no concern.
- Under Saddle	- 4	- Kit does pretty well with listening to leg. Needs to be encouraged forward and not be so lazy to where she gets stuck.

DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Kit

BY Natalie Liliav

DATE 10/11/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

- Basic Handling & Grooming	- 5	- Kit was listening and was patient with grooming. She was calm on the ground and was assertive to cues.
- Ground Work	- 4	- Practiced more showmanship. Kit started to pivot much better and now just need her to trot immediately when asked.
- Bitting/ Tacking	- 5	- No concerns here. Kit is super easy to tack and she licks and chews when she has the bit so she is calm.
- Longeing	- 4	- This was definitely one of Kit's better days. She got a bit too excited with the longe whip but other than that she did walk trot and halt transitions on the longe line.
- Under Saddle	- 4	- Needs to work on more forward. Worked on getting her to canter both directions with help of instructor. She cooperated well.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Kit

BY Natalie Liliav

DATE 10/16/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

- Basic Handling & Grooming	- 5	- Kit continues to love being groomed. She stands still and allows her handler to care for her with no resistance. Hoof pick is so much better.
- Tying	- 5	- Kit has no issue with being tied. Does not pull rope and will not try to fight it. Just need to watch for her trying to chew it sometimes.
- Ground Work	- 4	- Her longeing has improved a ton. She rarely tries to pull anymore and listens well to cues. Having a longe whip is very helpful and I would strongly recommend it.
- Bitting/Tacking	- 5	- No conflict here. Kit doesn't mind the saddle or bridle at all. She is very comfortable with it.
- Under Saddle	- 4	- Began working at the canter for more than just a few strides. Canter on a circle and walk trot gaits are all good and forward. She is definitely more woaah than go. Needs a confident rider who can keep her going but once she goes she's great!
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Kit

BY Natalie Liliav

DATE 10/20/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

- Basic Handling & Grooming	- 5	- Kit is a great horse to groom because she loves it. She's even started giving her hooves as I walk up to them without having to ask.
- Ground Work	- 4	- Longeing Kit has continued to improve. She has shown true growth and does not fight it at all anymore. Am able to do walk/trot/canter transitions both directions.
- Bitting/Tacking	- 5	- Kit is very comfortable with saddle and bridle. Does not resist and is super willing to get ready to work!
- Under Saddle	- 5	- Being the end of the week Kit showed so much improvement. All of her w/t/c transitions were more immediate and she was willing to go forward. Did an excellent job going over and through outside obstacles.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Kit

BY Natalie Liliav

DATE 10/25/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

- Basic Handling & Grooming	- 5	- Kit was an angel to groom as always. Leading her has improved a lot and she understands respect and will be less pushy.
- Longeing	- 3	- Kit was excited and was ready to go and be forward. Her overall transitions were good and she tried to pull a bit but we quickly got back to work.
- Bitting/Tacking	- 5	- Again, no issue here. Kit will be completely fine with saddle and bridle. She is eager to go work!
- Under Saddle	- 5	- Continued to work on w/t/c. Kit did really well! She was forward and a great ride. Had no problem going over any obstacles with her!
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Kit

BY Erica Kight

DATE 10/27/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

Longeing	4	Excitable at first. Will try to pull handler off for right lead canter depart. Need lunge line attached to bit, would be too strong in a halter.
Basic Handling & Grooming	5	Kit was perfect for a soap bath after riding and spraying mane and tail with detangler.
Bitting/Tacking	4	If untied Kit shows agitation if tightening girth too quickly.
Under Saddle	5	Riding WTC nicely. Super smooth canter. Tends toward gate in circles. Need to ask for canter from controlled trot vs fast trotting
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Kit

BY Natalie Liliav

DATE 10/30/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

- Longeing	- 4	- Eager with the colder weather. Needs work to prevent pulling from right canter depart. Longe line should be attached to bit (not halter). Otherwise good transition for all 3 gaits.
- Basic Handling & Grooming	- 5	- Lovely to groom. Will occasionally try to pull when leading and she see's grass. Stands and listens well on ground.
- Bitting/Tacking	- 5	- Tried out a new saddle. Fits her much better and she finds it more comfortable. She was fine tied or untied.
- Under Saddle	- 5	- Rides WTC very well both directions. Listens and understands leg. Never needs much rein. Controlled trot to canter transition was great!
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Kit

BY Natalie Liliav

DATE 11/01/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

- Basic Handling & Grooming	- 5	- Kit was perfect to get ready to ride and groom. Has no issues with water or any sprays. Loves curry comb the most.
- Bitting/Tacking	- 5	- Sometimes will try to bridle herself because she likes to go ride. No issues with saddling her at all.
- Under Saddle	- 5	- Kit's trot to canter transitions have definitely improved. She no longer takes a while to pick up the canter. Did not need to longe before ride.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Kit

BY Natalie Liliav

DATE 11/03/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

- Basic Handling & Grooming	- 5	- Kit is super comfortable with attention and grooming. She is kind and sweet when getting ready to ride.
- Bitting/Tacking	- 5	- Extremely calm and super easy to tack up. Saddle and bridle are both no bother.
- Under Saddle	- 5	- Rides super smooth. Much easier to work with transitions with controlled trot. Don't need to pull to stop. Listens very well.
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