

Buckeye Bonanza Autumn 2023

Horse: Tootsie

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

Type of bit ridden in: Snaffle

Vices:

Turnout behavior: Does fine, comes to gate when called.

Stall behavior: Does fine when left alone. Attempts to exit stall if the door is even slightly open.

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	
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	
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 with saddle	1	2	3	4	5	
Walks, trots and canters both directions on the longe line	1	2	3	4	5	
Free lunges 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	<u>Drifts out of circles</u>
Picks up left lead	1	2	3	4	5	<u>Will buck into canter</u>
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	<u>Did well on 1st trail ride</u>
Ridden around cattle	1	2	3	4	5	
Loads easily in a livestock trailer	1	2	3	4	5	
Loads easily in a 2-horse trailer	1	2	3	4	5	

DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Alyssa Vernatter

DATE 08/28/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

Basic Handling & Grooming	3	Did well for basic handling. While giving commands, she would attempt to nip or shove handler with her head. Easily corrected.
Ground Work	3	Did very well for walking alongside handler. Required little correction for backing up. Struggled with yielding front & rear. Frustrated easily.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Alyssa Vernatter

DATE 08/30/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

Basic Handling & Grooming	4	Did very well for grooming. Picked up left feet for picking, but resistant to have both right feet picked up. Held still for everything.
Ground Work	4	Did much better at pivoting & yielding today. Did excellent with rope, lunge whip, and flag. Some resistance to trotting when asked, but easily corrected.
Spray Bottle/Clipping	4	Did not like the spray bottle for mane grooming. Would flinch away at first, but easily calmed. Did not attempt to break away from handler.
Tying	5	Did excellent for tying. Did not sit back when tied, and stood still. Had no issues adjusting her position when needed.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Alyssa Vernatter

DATE 09/01/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

Basic Handling & Grooming	4	Did well. Attempted to nip a few times, but corrected.
Ground Work	4	Did very good at pivoting & yielding hindquarters. Backed well.
Longeing	3	Took cues easily, but reared several times when asked for a trot. Otherwise did well in both directions at a walk; struggled at keeping a trot.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Alyssa Vernatter

DATE 09/06/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

Basic Handling & Grooming	3	Did well for basic handling. Struggled with keeping attention or handler.
Ground Work	4	Did great with pivoting & yielding hindquarters. Backed on cue.
Longeing	2	Was very stubborn today. Had to be driven into a walk in either direction at first. Did well at a trot, but struggled to keep a lope.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Alyssa Vernatter

DATE 09/08/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

Basic Handling & Grooming	4	Did great for basic handling. Was notably more attentive today.
Ground Work	4	Did great for basic groundwork. Did well over obstacles; skeptical of hollow tire at first, but got over it easily.
Longeing	3	Did much better today. Walked, trotted, and loped in both directions when asked. Still struggled with keeping a lope.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Alyssa Vernatter

DATE 9/11/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

Basic Handling & Grooming	3	Stood very well for grooming. Picked up own feet to be picked out. Very stubborn for basic handling.
Spray Bottle/Clipping	3	Did not like spray bottle. Kept trying to get away from it. Eventually did better after repetition.
Longeing	3	Reluctant to send off into a walk, trot, or canter. Refused to hold any speed of longer than a few beats.
Ground Work	2	Extremely stubborn. Refused to go over several obstacles, and repeatedly leaped off of them toward handler. Did slightly better after repetition.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Alyssa Vernatter

DATE 9/13/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

Basic Handling & Grooming	4	Stood very well for grooming. Picked up own feet to be picked out. Did well for basic handling.
Spray Bottle/Clipping	4	Did great with detangler spray bottle. Did whale eye, but no attempt to move away.
Longeing	4	Did better at longeing today. Kept trying to head toward the gate, but maintained each speed well otherwise.
Ground Work	4	Did well in the round pen today. Very attentive. Worked on pivoting, yielding hindquarters, desensitization, etc.
Tying	5	Did exceptionally well while tied. Stood in place while handler cleaned her stall, and repositioned when asked.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Alyssa Vernatter

DATE 9/15/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

Basic Handling & Grooming	5	Stood great for grooming. Picked up own feet. Did great for basic handling.
Ground Work	5	Did very well with pivoting, yielding hindquarters, backing, and paid attention well.
Longeing	3	Did well. Struggled to keep a canter, but did well at a walk and trot.
Bitting/Tacking	5	Did amazing for saddle pad and saddle. Was not fazed at all by stirrups, cinch, etc.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Alyssa Vernatter

DATE 9/18/23

LESSON	SCORE (0-5)	COMMENTS
Basic Handling & Grooming	3	Moved a bit for grooming, reluctant to pick up hind feet.
Ground Work	4	Yielded hindquarters very well in both directions. Worked on bending; confused at first, kept trying to back up, but got the hang of it.
Longeing	3	Did well at listening to commands, but was gate sour at every speed.
Bitting/Tacking	3	Moved for saddling, but was unfazed by the tack itself. Did not like the bit, but did not freak out.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Alyssa Vernatter

DATE 9/20/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

Basic Handling & Grooming	3	Pushy with handler; encroaching on personal space frequently.
Ground Work	4	Yielded hindquarters very well in both directions. Pivoted well. Much better at bending. Did well line driving.
Longeing	3	Did well at listening to commands. Still gate sour at every speed.
Bitting/Tacking	4	Stood better for saddling. Did well with bridle & bit.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Alyssa Vernatter

DATE 9/22/23

LESSON	SCORE (0-5)	COMMENTS
Basic Handling & Grooming	2	Was difficult to handle right off the bat. Pushy with handler, refused to walk, etc. Got better throughout the session.
Ground Work	3	Did well in the round pen at first, but then kept trying to jump the rails and running toward handler. Corrected with whip, and did better
Longeing	4	Did well at each speed. Also did well longeing at a walk & trot with line driving ropes.
Bitting/Tacking	5	Stood well for saddling. Did well with bridle & bit. Stood well for line driving ropes being attached / taken off.
Under Saddle	5	Did very well for first ride bareback with one lead rope. Did not panic with rider. No attempt to rear or buck.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Alyssa Vernatter

DATE 09/25/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

LESSON	SCORE (0-5)	COMMENTS
Basic Handling & Grooming	4	Did well with basic handling. Somewhat stubborn.
Bitting/Tacking	5	Stood well for saddle and did great with bit.
Longeing	2	Refused to canter while longeing unless whip was used. Was gate sour & bucking.
Ground Work	4	Did very well line driving.
Under Saddle	3	Walked well with bareback rider & 2 lead ropes. Refused to trot, and when asked persistently, would get light on the front end.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Alyssa Vernatter

DATE 09/27/23

LESSON	SCORE (0-5)	COMMENTS
Basic Handling & Grooming	2	Very stubborn in general. Refused to walk forward with handler numerous times.
Bitting/Tacking	5	Stood still for saddle and did good with bit.
Longeing	2	Refused to canter to the right. Had to use whip almost constantly to maintain it once there. Gate sour.
Ground Work	1	Ignored handler in round pen numerous times. Gate sour.
Under Saddle	2	Very stubborn with rider. Did not want to move forward. Refused to trot unless it seemed like someone else was longeing her.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Alyssa Vernatter

DATE 09/29/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

Basic Handling & Grooming	4	Stood well for grooming. Reluctant to have feet picked up, but did not try to pull them away.
Bitting/Tacking	5	Stood well for saddle and did great with bit.
Longeing	3	Listened to cues somewhat well. Difficult to maintain a canter, especially to the right. Gate sour.
Ground Work	4	Did great with desensitization of various halloween decorations. Did not spook.
Under Saddle	3	Listened to cues from rider very well in saddle. Walked & trotted well. Became reactive toward other horses near her, and kicked out with rider still on.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Alyssa Vernatter

DATE 10/02/2023

LESSON	SCORE (0-5)	COMMENTS
Basic Handling & Grooming	5	Stood well for grooming. Picked up feet easily. Did good when hosed down.
Tying	5	Stood well, did not pull or panic when handler was out of sight.
Bitting/Tacking	4	Stood well for saddling. Was overeager for bit, kept biting the reins, chin strap, etc. when trying to put bridle on.
Longeing	3	Took commands well for a walk & trot in both directions. Did well at a canter to the right, but required whip to canter left. Gate sour.
Under Saddle	3	Constantly needed excessive leg & vocal pressure to walk forward, turn, and trot. Gate sour. When prompted to turn while trotting, would stop completely.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Alyssa Vernatter

DATE 10/06/2023

LESSON	SCORE (0-5)	COMMENTS
Basic Handling & Grooming	5	Stood great for grooming. Picked up feet easily. Did not try to pull away.
Tying	5	Stood well, did not pull or panic. Moved when asked.
Bitting/Tacking	5	Did great for saddle. Took bit very well.
Longeing	4	Did good for longeing. Required whip to canter. Less gate sour, but still pulling on rope.
Under Saddle	2	Stubborn. Kept stopping and required excessive voice, leg, and rein to keep a trot. Gate and buddy sour.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Alyssa Vernatter

DATE 10/09/2023

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

Basic Handling & Grooming	4	Did well for grooming and basic handling. Some pulling while walking, but easily corrected.
Tying	5	Stood very well. Did not panic. Moved when asked.
Bitting/Tacking	5	Saddled well, and took the bit eagerly.
Longeing	3	Did well at a walk and trot. Required excessive encouragement / force to canter. Gate sour.
Ground Work	3	Did fine when practicing showmanship. Constantly wanted to walk toward handler and nudging for attention, but easy to adjust feet to get square.
Under Saddle	2	Spooked and threw handler at a walk when she noticed cows. Did fine at a walk & trot, but refused to canter. Would buck to get out of doing it.

DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Alyssa Vernatter

DATE 10/11/2023

LESSON	SCORE (0-5)	COMMENTS
Basic Handling & Grooming	4	Did well for grooming and basic handling. Still pulling handler, but easily corrected.
Tying	5	Stood very well. Did not panic. Moved when asked.
Bitting/Tacking	5	Stood for saddle well, and took the bit eagerly.
Longeing	4	Did much better at a walk, trot, and canter. Still slightly gate sour, but better. r
Ground Work	4	Did well practicing showmanship. Trotted alongside handler and pivoted well.
Under Saddle	3	Did much better, and was easier to coax into a canter. Still some bucking & stopping, but less.

DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Alyssa Vernatter

DATE 10/16/2023

LESSON	SCORE (0-5)	COMMENTS
Basic Handling & Grooming	3	Did well for grooming. Struggled standing still when bridled, kept trying to chew things (reins, walls, etc.)
Tying	5	Stood very well. Did not panic. Moved when asked. Did not spook when handler cleaned stall
Bitting/Tacking	5	Stood for saddle well, and took the bit eagerly.
Longeing	3	Did well at a walk, trot, and canter. Some bucking & pulling due to the rain & chilly temperature.
Spray Bottle/Clipping	5	Did great with spray bottle and clippers.
Under Saddle	2	Good and walk and trot. Very sour to canter, would buck or stop hard. When finally in a canter, threw rider. Instructor able to canter both directions eventually.

DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Alyssa Vernatter

DATE 10/18/2023

LESSON	SCORE (0-5)	COMMENTS
Basic Handling & Grooming	5	Did well for grooming. Did well picking up feet.
Tying	5	Stood well. Worked on ground tying for tacking outside, and did great.
Bitting/Tacking	5	Stood great for saddle & bit.
Longeing	4	Did well at a walk, trot, and canter. Gate sour.
Under Saddle	3	Did well at a walk. Gate sour at a trot, but once corrected, did well. Extremely reluctant to canter.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Alyssa Vernatter

DATE 10/20/2023

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

LESSON	SCORE (0-5)	COMMENTS
Basic Handling & Grooming	5	Did well for grooming. Did well picking up feet. Stood for mane braids.
Tying	3	Stood well at first. Kept trying to exit stall when tied, did not stop with initial correction, and had to be corrected multiple times.
Bitting/Tacking	5	Stood well for saddle & bit.
Longeing	4	Did well at a walk, and trot. Reluctant to canter. Gate sour.
Under Saddle	2	Did well at a walk and trot. Extremely reluctant to canter. Some bucking. Settled for 1 'okay' circle each direction.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Erica Kight

DATE 10/25/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

Longeing	▼	4	Some pulling toward gate but overall better.
Under Saddle	▼	5	Minimal argument or bucking attempts. Plenty of cantering. Lovely walk trot work.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Erica Kight

DATE 10/27/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

Longeing	5	No problems lunging today. Kept it short and sweet.
Under Saddle	4	Some gate sour tendencies on left lead. Cannot pressure too much or she will kick out. Did arena obstacles well.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Erica Kight

DATE 10/23/23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

LESSON	SCORE (0-5)	COMMENTS
Longeing	3	Pulling toward gate. Bucking/kicking out into canter.
Under Saddle	2	Spooked and dumped student while working on lunge line with instructor. Ridden by instructor; some bucking but ended working out of it.
Ground Work	3	Did not like going one direction over bridge. Worked past it and was able to ride through all obstacles eventually.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Kara Marshall

DATE 10-30-23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

LESSON	SCORE (0-5)	COMMENTS
Basic Handling & Grooming	5	Leads and grooms well.
Bitting/Tacking	4	Saddled well, just a little pushy. Took bit but wants to hold it while dropping it.
Longeing	3	Lunged mostly well but was throwing small hissy fits throughout.
Under Saddle	3	Did not want to pick up leads. Drifts really bad, leading with outside shoulder. Ignores leg pressure and fussy with bit.
Tying	4	Ties well but does not know how to undo a "locked" daisy chain so do not recommend leaving unattended for too long.

DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Kara Marshall

DATE 10-31-23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

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Bitting/Tacking	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	Saddled well. Took bit but wants to hold it while dropping it.
Longeing	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	Lunged mostly well but was throwing small hissy fits throughout.
Under Saddle	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	Rode with bumper spurs. Drifting and picking up leads much improved. Went through obstacle course excellent. Just got impatient waiting her turn.
Tying	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	Ties well but chews on lead rope while tied.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Kara Marshall

DATE 11-01-23

LESSON	SCORE (0-5)	COMMENTS
Basic Handling & Grooming	5	Leads and grooms well.
Bitting/Tacking	4	Saddled well. Took bit well but wants to hold it while dropping it.
Longeing	4	Lunged mostly well but was throwing small hissy fits throughout. Still corrects and listens easily.
Under Saddle	4	Drifting outward improved but still needs work. Picks up leads very well. Goes over obstacle course very well. Minimal fuss from her.
Tying	4	Ties well but chews on lead rope while tied. Dont leave unattended long due to this.
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DAILY TRAINING NOTES FOR Tootsie

BY Kara Marshall

DATE 11-03-23

LESSON

SCORE (0-5)

COMMENTS

LESSON	SCORE (0-5)	COMMENTS
Basic Handling & Grooming	5	Leads and grooms well.
Bitting/Tacking	3	Saddled well. Little fussy about taking bit today but minimal fight about it.
Longeing	4	Longed well, just a little distracted today. Minimal fits and got over them faster.
Under Saddle	3	Minimal drifting outward. Was fighting circles to the right today. Picked up leads well. Did well on cow trail ride. Awful to go through water puddles.
Tying	4	Ties well but chews on lead rope while tied. Dont leave unattended long due to this. Will unlock/undo daisy chain.
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