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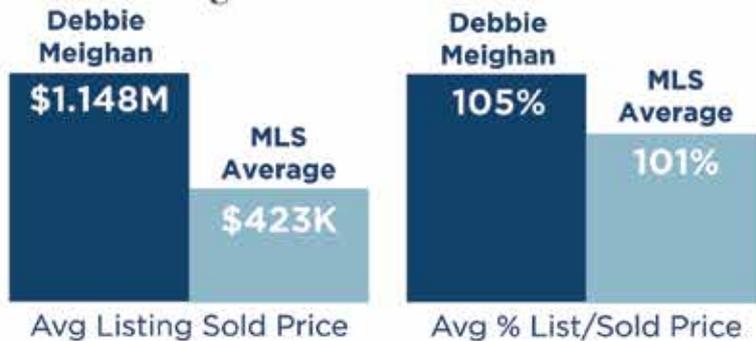


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RING 2

101 Ticketed Warm Up 2'

1 Puddle Optimum Time

2 Puddle Jump Off

102 Ticketed Warm Up 2'6"

3 Novice Rider Optimum Time

4 Novice Rider Jump Off

5 Novice Horse Optimum Time

6 Novice Horse Jump Off

7 Open 2'6" Optimum Time

8 Open 2'6" Jump Off

RING 1

103 Medal Ticketed Warm Up

21 CVSJA Eq Medal 2'6"

22 CVSJA Eq Medal 3'

(These two classes may be combined)

104 Ticketed Warm Up 3'6"

13 Schooling Jump Off

14 Schooling Speed

105 Ticketed Warm Up 3'9"

15 Modified Jump Off Stakes Class

16 Modified Speed

106 Ticketed Warm Up 3'

17 Low Jumper Optimum

18 Low Jumper Jump Off

19 TB Jumper Optimum

20 TB Jumper Jump Off

107 Ticketed Warm Up 3'3"

9 Child Adult Jump Off

10 Child Adult Speed

11 Open 3'3" Jump Off

12 Open 3'3" Speed

23 Special Classes

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7/17

8/28

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DIVISION SPECIFICATIONS

Puddle Jumper

.65 Meters

2 Classes 1-Optimum Time Table IV, Sect. 1, 1-Jump Off Table II, Sect. 2 (b) Open to horses and ponies. Horses, ponies and riders in this division may only cross enter into any class not exceeding 2'9" if otherwise eligible. Fence height shall not be lower than 18" or greater than 2'3" with spreads not greater than the fence height. Professionals may not compete in this division, showing in this division only does not break novice status.

Novice Horse

.75 Meters

2 Classes 1-Optimum Time Table IV, Sect. 1, 1-Jump Off Table II, Sect. 2 (b) Open to horses and ponies in their 1st or 2nd year of showing in jumper classes at any height higher than 2' as of December 1 of the current show year. Horses may not compete in classes where jump height is higher than 3'. Fence height shall not be lower than 2'3" or greater than 2'6" with spreads not greater than the fence height. Season points are awarded to horse owner, are accrued to the horse membership number regardless of rider.

Novice Rider

.75 Meters

2 Classes 1-Optimum Time Table IV, Sect. 1, 1-Jump Off Table II, Sect. 2 (b) Open to children and adult amateurs in their 1st or 2nd year of showing in jumper classes at any height higher than 2' as of December 1 of the current show year. Riders may not compete in classes where jump height is higher than 3'. Fence height shall not be lower than 2'3" or greater than 2'6" with spreads not greater than the fence height. Professionals may not compete in this division. Season points are awarded to the rider in this division on any horse.

Open 2'6"

.75 Meters

2 Classes 1-Optimum Time Table IV, Sect. 1, 1-Jump Off Table II, Sect. 2 (b) Open to all riders and all horses. Fence height shall not be lower than 2'3" exceed 2'6" with spreads not greater than the fence height.

Low and Thoroughbred Jumper

.90 Meters

2 Classes 1-Optimum Time Table IV, Sect. 1, 1-Jump Off Table II, Sect. 2 (b) Open to ponies and horses, and all riders. Fence height shall not be below 2'9" or exceed 3' with spreads not greater than fence height. Horses competing in Thoroughbred division will accrue points for VHSA and CVSJA

Child/Adult Jumper

1.00 Meter

2 Classes 1- Speed Table II, Sect. 1, 1-Jump Off Table II, Sect. 2 (b) Open to ponies, horses, juniors, and amateurs. Fence height shall not be lower than 3'0" or exceed 3'3" with spreads not greater than the fence height. Professional not allowed.

Open 3'3"

1.00 Meter

2 Classes 1- Speed Table II, Sect. 1, 1-Jump Off Table II, Sect. 2 (b) Open to all riders and all ponies and horses. Fence height shall not be lower than 3'0" or exceed 3'3" with spreads not greater than the fence height.

Schooling Jumper

1.10 Meters

2 Classes 1- Speed Table II, Sect. 1, 1-Jump Off Table II, Sect. 2 (b) Open to ponies, horses, and all riders. Fence height shall not be lower than 3'3" or exceed 3'6" with not greater than the fence height.

Modified Jumper

1.20 Meters

2 Classes 1- Speed Table II, Sect. 1, 1-Jump Off Table II, Sect. 2 (b) Jump Off class is a \$200 Stakes class. Open to ponies, horses, and all riders. Fence height shall not be lower than 3'6" or exceed 4' with spreads not greater than the fence height.

Prize Money

\$100 per division distributed to the top three in each division. Horses must compete in both classes to be eligible for the prize money. Special Gambler's Choice and Jumper Stakes Class (\$1,000)

Full Prize List also available online at cvsja.com



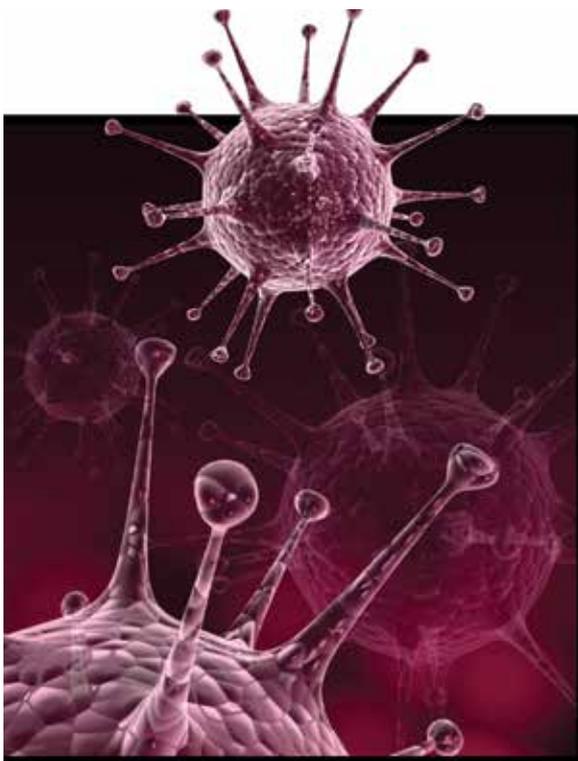
December 1, 2021

Virginia Horse Test Positive for Equine Herpesvirus-1

Contact: Michael Wallace

On November 29, the State Veterinarian's Office of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) received results that a horse tested positive for Equine Herpesvirus-1 (EHV-1), the virus that causes Equine Herpes Myeloencephalopathy. Two horses at a small boarding stable in Powhatan County showed neurologic signs and were euthanized due to a poor prognosis. One of these horses was tested and received a positive result. A third horse currently has a fever and test results are pending. The boarding stable has been placed under quarantine.

All exposed horses on the farm are being monitored twice daily for fever, a temperature over 101.50 F, and other clinical signs. No horses have been off the farm in the past ten days. All owners with potentially exposed horses have been contacted. No additional Virginia horses were exposed.



There is no cause for alarm concerning the general horse population in Virginia. EHV-1 is a virus that is present in the environment and found in most horses all over the world. Horses typically are exposed to the virus at a young age with no serious side effects. A large percentage of horses carry the virus with no clinical signs for the remainder of their lives. Rarely do exposed horses develop the neurologic form of the disease. Horse owners with concerns should contact their veterinarian.

EHV-1 is not transmissible to humans.



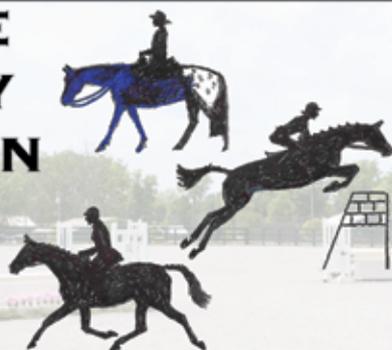
Please visit the Equine Disease Communications Center Biosecurity website at equinediseasecc.org/biosecurity

For More Information On Best Practices For Disease Prevention In Horses.

VDACS has more information on EHV-1. Horse owners may also contact VDACS' Office of Veterinary Services at 804.786.2483.



CLARKE COUNTY RURITAN FAIR HORSE SHOW



**Saturday, August 20, 2022
8:00am**

Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds,
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Office Fee: \$10

Classes: \$15

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& Trail Classes \$10**

Warm-Up In Ring: 7:15-7:45am

Judge: Christopher Webb

ENGLISH DIVISION

Short Stirrup Division

1. Under saddle--Walk, trot both ways of the ring.
2. Under saddle--Walk, trot, canter both ways of the ring
3. Over 4 fences, not to exceed 18 inches

Small/Medium Pony Division

4. Under saddle—Walk, trot, canter both ways of the ring
5. Over four fences, 2 ft.
6. Over four fences, 2 ft.

Large Pony Division

7. Over four fences 2.3 ft.
8. Over four fences 2.3 ft
9. Under saddle--Walk, trot, canter both ways of the ring
Perpetual Trophy – "Uncle Jack" Thomas

**11:00 LEAD LINE—50% on pony, 50% on rider
Perpetual Trophy**

Pleasure Pony

10. Walk, trot
11. Walk, trot and pleasure gait, both ways of the ring

Clarke County Pleasure Pony

12. Walk, trot, canter both ways of the ring
Perpetual Trophy – Anne Clay Arnold

Pleasure Horse

13. Walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring
14. Walk, trot and pleasure gait both ways of the ring

Clarke County Pleasure Horse

15. Walk, trot, canter both ways of the ring
Perpetual Trophy – Lewis M. Allen Riding Club

Low Hunters Division

16. Walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.
17. Four fences at 2 ft.
18. Four fences at 2 ft.

Thoroughbred Division

19. Walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring
20. Four fences at 2 ft.
Perpetual Trophy – Awesome Guy

Silver Stirrups (riders over 40 yrs. of age) English and Western Division (horse or pony)

21. Walk and trot / jog and pleasure gait,
both ways of the ring.
22. Pattern on the flat
Perpetual Trophy

WESTERN DIVISION

23. Youth—Walk, Jog Western Pleasure
(only for those not entered in Loping classes)
24. Youth—Walk, Jog and Lope –Western Pleasure
25. Open-- Walk, Jog and Lope—Western Pleasure
26. Youth—Walk, Jog and Horsemanship
(only for those not entered in Loping classes)
27. Youth—Walk, Jog and Horsemanship
28. Open-- Walk, Jog and Horsemanship
29. Youth—Walk, Jog and Command
(only for those not entered in Loping classes)
30. Youth—Walk, Jog and Command
31. Open—Walk, Jog and Command
**Youth Perpetual Trophy
Open Perpetual Trophy**

Trail Class Division—Begins at 11:00 AM

32. In Hand (outside)
33. Mounted (outside)
Perpetual Trophy

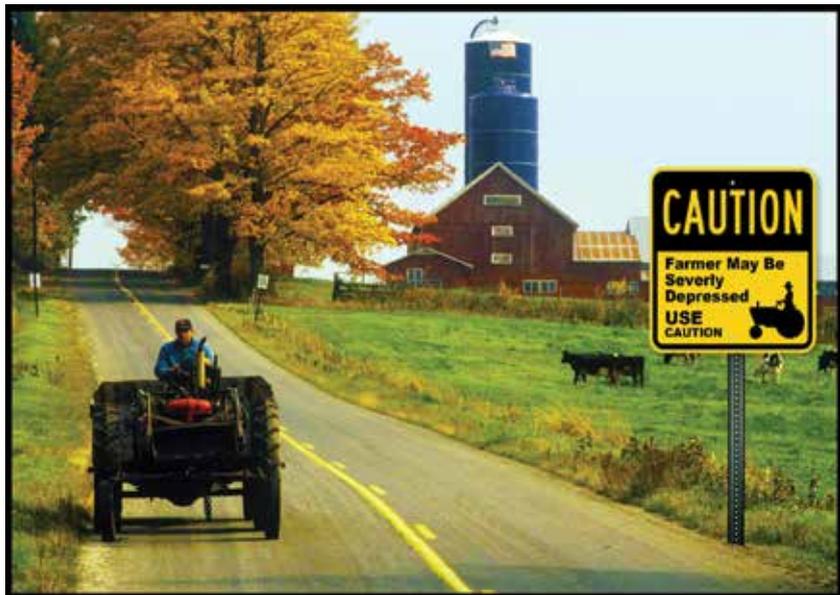


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December 3, 2021
VDACS Receives \$500,000
From the USDA-NIFA
Farm and Ranch
Stress Assistance
Network to Further Farmer
Stress Efforts in the
Commonwealth
Contact: Michael Wallace



The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) has been awarded \$500,000 from the USDA

National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), to help address farmer mental health and stress in the Commonwealth. The funding is part of a nearly \$25 million investment to support Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network state department of agriculture projects.

“Significant strides in raising awareness of farmer stress and mental health in the Commonwealth have been made over the past few years. This funding will further that work and provide additional resources to support Virginia farmers and their families,” said Bettina Ring, Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry. “Farming is physically demanding and long days working in solitude, low commodity prices, trade issues, increased debt, severe weather, accompanied with the impacts of the coronavirus all add a great deal of stress on agricultural producers.

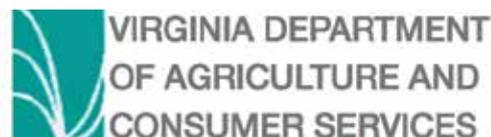
In 2019, VDACS created the Farmer Stress Task Force, which consists of partners from agricultural and health related organizations, as well as farm community members. The task force has worked to ensure that Virginia’s farmers understand the importance of caring for their mental health, while also providing the necessary tools and support to handle mental health issues and other crises that may occur, and help reduce the stigma associated with seeking help.

“This funding will expand and sustain our multifaceted approach to promoting mental health and stress awareness, aid in identifying available resources and partners, and broaden the availability of resources to reduce stress points in rural Virginia,” said Brad Copenhaver, Commissioner of VDACS. “We look forward to engaging existing partnerships and building new ones to address the stress and mental health challenges of producers, their families, and rural communities in Virginia.”

Stress-related mental health has been a rising concern for farm communities. USDA-NIFA introduced a competitive grants program, the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network, reauthorized by the 2018 Farm Bill, to support projects that provide stress assistance for people in farming, ranching, and other agriculture-related occupations. To receive NIFA funding, projects must initiate, expand, or sustain programs that provide professional agricultural behavioral health counseling and referral for other forms of assistance as necessary through farm telephone helplines and websites; training programs and workshops; support groups; and outreach services and activities.



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HUNTER DATES: Judges listed on website

June 15	July 20
June 22	July 27
July 6	Aug 3
July 13	Aug 10

START TIME: 4pm
WARM-UPS: \$15 CA
CLASS FEES:
 \$15 class, \$5 office fee, \$25 fee for returned checks
PHOTOGRAPHER:
SCHOOLING AREA: 3-4 pm

CALIFORNIA WARM UP:

1. At start of each division (unjudged) Course B

LEADLINE (BHSA)

Open to riders 7 years and under as of Dec 1st of current show year. Riders not allowed to cross enter into any classes where they would be asked to trot. Points to rider.

2. Leadline A (100% rider)
3. Leadline B (50% rider/ 50% pony)
4. Leadline 100% rider w/ test
(jump position, drop reins or stirrups, etc.)

PRE SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION (BHSA)

Open to all riders 10 and under, may only cross enter into Pleasure classes-Walk/Trot. Judged on equitation.

5. Pre Short Walk Only
6. Pre Short Walk/Trot
7. Pre Short Walk/Sit-Trot/Jumping Position

SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION (BHSA)

Open to all riders 12 and under, riders may only cross enter into Pleasure, SS Hunter, & VHSA EQ on the Flat.

8. Short Stirrup Walk/Trot
9. Short Stirrup Walk/Trot/Canter
10. Short Stirrup over Fences (18")

SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER (VHSA)

Open to all riders 12 and under, riders may only cross enter into Short Stirrup Eq, Pleasure & Eq on the Flat

11. Short Stirrup Hunter over Fences Course A (18")
12. Short Stirrup over Hunter Fences Course B (18")
13. Short Stirrup Hunter Walk/Trot/Canter

PLEASURE PONY (VHSA & BHSA)

Open to ponies ridden by Juniors.

14. Pleasure Pony Walk/Trot
15. Pleasure Pony Go-as-You-Please
16. Pleasure Pony Walk/Trot/Canter

PONY EQUITATION (VHSA & BHSA)

Open to ponies ridden by Juniors. Fences to be set at 2' (small), 2'3" (medium) & 2'6" (large). At least 1/4 of class to return for flat phase

17. Pony Equitation over Fences

PONY/GREEN PONY HUNTER (VHSA & BHSA)

Open to ponies ridden by juniors. Sm/Med/Lg ponies. Fences to be set at 2' (sm), 2'3" (med) & 2'6" (lg) Green Pony open to Ponies in their 1st year showing at regulation heights. (May be split if entries warrant)

18. Pony/Green Pony Hunter over Fences Course A
19. Pony/Green Pony Hunter over Fences Course B
20. Pony/Green Pony Hunter under Saddle

STUDENT EQUITATION (BHSA)

Open to all riders in their 1st or 2nd year of showing over fences at 2' or higher. Jumps set at 2', riders may trot courses. Riders may only cross enter into Pleasure, Eq on the flat, or Low Hunter. Points to rider.

21. Student Equitation over Fences Course A
22. Student Equitation over Fences Course B
23. Student Equitation under Walk/Trot/Canter

ADULT/JUNIOR PLEASURE HORSE (VHSA & BHSA)

Open to all horses.

24. Pleasure Horse Walk/Trot
25. Pleasure Horse Go-as-You-Please
26. Pleasure Horse Walk/Trot/Canter

EQUITATION ON THE FLAT (VHSA & BHSA)

Will be split if entries warrant.

27. VHSA EQ on the flat 14 & under/15-17/Adult

LOW/SCHOOLING HUNTER (BHSA)

Open to horses and ponies.

28. Low/Schooling Hunter over Fences Course A
29. Low/Schooling Hunter over Fences Course B
30. Low/Schooling Hunter under Saddle

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Is Your Horse Ready for Spring?

Frederick Harper, Extension Horse Specialist
Animal Science Department, University of Tennessee

Individuals own horses for many reasons, which explains the numerous horse breeds as well as the great diversity of horse activities. Most horses, about 70-75 percent, are owned for pleasure, personal or recreational uses. In this category are those who like to ride down a county lane or along a rugged mountain trail on a beautiful Sunday afternoon as well as owners who prefer more competitive activities ranging from local shows to world championship events.

Horses Are Better Athletes Than Humans.

Horses can physiologically outperform human athletes. Horses have a greater capacity for taking in oxygen. From rest to maximum physical exertion, horses increase oxygen intake about 50 times compared to only a 7-10 times increase in humans. Greater oxygen intake results in greater athletic performance.

Horses' hearts beat faster. At rest, a horse's heart beats 28-40 beats/minute (bpm) which can increase to 250 bpm or a 10-fold increase. The human heart at rest beats about 55 bpm but only increases to about 210 bpm or about a 4-fold increase. A more rapid heart beat results in the blood carrying more oxygen to the parts of the body.

The horses' muscles can extract oxygen from blood better than human muscles can, and horses can also regulate the number of red blood cells through the action of their spleens. The horse has a vast tolerance for lactic acid, a waste product produced when muscles do not get enough oxygen during exercise (anaerobic exercise). Horses performing to exhaustion produce four times as much lactic acid as do human athletes.

Human athletes, however, surpass horses in the exchange of oxygen from the lungs to the bloodstream.

Owners want the best for their horses as demonstrated by the amount of money they spend on feeds, facilities, tack, equipment and veterinary services and supplies. Therefore, it is amazing that some owners who want to do things right for their horses use them improperly. As spring approaches, thousands of horse owners are chomping at the bit to hit the trails and show rings. Whoa! A horse owner needs to wait a minute and take stock of the horse's condition.

Horses Need to Be Physically Fit.

As athletes, horses must be physically fit to perform the various tasks demanded of them. Whatever the performance activity – a day-long trail ride, a 4-H horse show, a three-day event, team penning, jumping, barrel racing, etc., – horses must be physically fit. However, horses are often taken from the pasture or stall in the spring and ridden before being properly conditioned.

In late fall, many horses are turned out on pasture or stalled part or all of the winter. Most pleasure horses are not ridden often in the winter months. In early spring, most will still have their thick winter hair coats which impedes their ability to perform and sweat. Some pleasure horses will come through the winter with more body fat than is recommended for most performance horses. On the other hand, some may be thin. A horse's body condition may not be noticed until it sheds out in the spring. Some horses also enter the spring with long, neglected hooves.

Before embarking on serious riding in spring, owners need to:

- 1) properly groom horses to remove their long winter hair coat;
- 2) have their hooves properly trimmed and/or shod as needed;
- 3) address improper body condition (over fat or too thin);
- 4) have horses on a scheduled deworming and vaccination program;
- 5) physically condition the horse before riding.

All these issues need to be addressed simultaneously in the spring, and it takes time to get your pleasure horse to the stage where it can perform well and safely.

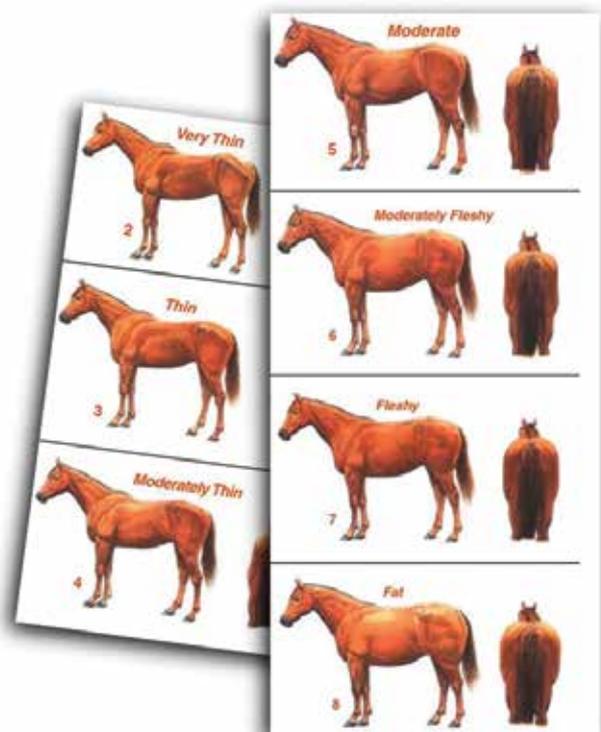
Body Condition Score (BCS).

Body condition score is a visual, hands-on system to evaluate a horse's body fat content. A horse with a BCS of one is emaciated while a horse with a BCS of nine is obese. A score of five represents moderate body condition. One needs to evaluate the horse's neck, withers, shoulder, ribs, back, croup and flank areas. While the system was developed for evaluation of broodmares, it also works well for pleasure and performance horses.

Pleasure horses that do not perform often and at only a low level of intensity can have a BCS of 5-6.5. As the levels of performance intensity, longevity and summer heat and humidity increase, fatter horses with a BCS above this level will be at a disadvantage.

Horses performing at moderate or intense levels should have a body

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HUNTER DATES:

- April 3 Judges: Robin Wood/ Kristin Campbell
- May 1 Judges: Laura Batts/ Davera Ackenbom
- July 24 Judges: Kimberly Gilbertson / Robin Wood
- Aug. 7 Judges: Kristin Campbell / Sam Martynowski
- Sept. 11 Judges: DeDeShumate / Terri Young
- Oct. 2 Judges: Davera Ackenbom / DeDeShumate

START TIME: 8am

WARM-UPS: \$15 CA

CLASS FEES:

\$50 Division, \$20 class,

\$20 office fee, \$25 non-showing

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SCHOOLING AREA: Varies

LARGE OUTDOOR RING

Schooling 7-8 am • Start time: 8 am

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. LOW HUNTER B | Over 8 Fences: 2' |
| 2. LOW HUNTER B | Over 8 Fences: 2' |
| 3. LOW HUNTER B | Walk/Trot/Canter |
| 4. LIMIT HUNTER B | Over 8 Fences: 2'3" |
| 5. LIMIT HUNTER B | Over 8 Fences: 2'3" |
| 6. LIMIT HUNTER B | Walk/Trot/Canter |
| 7. HORSE PLEASURE V/TIP/B | Walk/Trot |
| 8. HORSE PLEASURE V/TIP/B | Go As You Please |
| 9. HORSE PLEASURE V/TIP/B | Walk/Trot/Canter |
| 10. JUNIOR/ ADULT AM . EQUITATION ON THE FLAT V/B | |
| 11. VHSA ADULT EQ ON FLAT MEDAL | |
| 12. SCHOOLING HUNTER B | Over 8 Fences: 2'6" |
| 13. SCHOOLING HUNTER B | Over 8 Fences: 2'6" |
| 14. SCHOOLING HUNTER B | Walk/Trot/Canter |
| 15. TB HUNTER V/TIP/B | Over 8 Fences: 2'6" |
| 16. TB HUNTER V/TIP/B | Over 8 Fences: 2'6" |
| 17. TB HUNTER V/TIP/B | Walk/Trot/Canter |
| 18. GREEN HUNTER HORS E V/B | Over Fences: 2'6" |
| 19. GREEN HUNTER HORSE V/B | Over Fences: 2'6" |
| 20. GREEN HUNTER HORSE V/B | Walk/Trot/Canter |
| 21. CHILD / AA HUNTER V/B | Over Fences: 2'6" or 3' |
| 22. CHILD / AA HUNTER V/B | Over Fences: 2'6" or 3' |
| 23. CHILD/ AA HUNTER V/B | Walk/Trot/Canter |
| 24. CHILD / AA EQ. V/B | Over Fences: 2'6" or 3' |
| 25. HUNTER DERBY | Over fences 2' or 2'6" |
| 26. WORKING HUNTER V/B | Over Fences: 3' |
| 27. WORKING HUNTER V/B | Over Fences: 3' |
| 28. WORKING HUNTER V/B | Walk/Trot/Canter |
| 29. VHSA EMO CHILDREN'S MEDAL | Over Fences: 3' |
| 30. VHSA EMO ADULT AMATEUR MEDAL | Over Fences: 3' |
| *** 20 minute schooling break, not before 1 pm | |
| 31. PONY PLEASURE V/B | Walk/Trot |
| 32. PONY PLEASURE V/B | Go As You Please |
| 33. PONY PLEASURE V/B | Walk/Trot/Canter |
| 34. VHSA PONY EQ ON FLAT MEDAL | |
| 35. GREEN PONY HUNTER V/ B | OF Sm 2', Med. 2'3", Lg 2'6" |
| 36. GREEN PONY HUNTER V/B | OF Sm 2', Med. 2'3", Lg 2'6" |
| 37. GREEN PONY HUNTER V/B | Under Saddle |
| 38. PONY HUNTER V//DC/B | OF Sm 2', Med. 2'3", Lg 2'6" |
| 39. PONY HUNTER V/ DC/B | OF Sm 2', Med. 2'3", Lg 2'6" |
| 40. PONY HUNTER V/ DC/B | Under Saddle |
| 41. PONY EQUITATION V/B | Small 2', Med. 2'3", Large 2'6" |
| 42. VHSA PONY MEDAL | |

SMALL OUTDOOR RING

Schooling 7-9 am • Start time 9 am

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| 43. LEADLINE | 100% Rider Equitation |
| 44. LEADLINE B | 50% pony suitability / 50% equitation |
| 45. LEADLINE | 100% pony suitability & manners |
| 46. PATTERN RIDE | Walk/halt thru cone weave & pole maze |
| 47. PRE-SHORT STIRRUP EQ B | Walk |
| 48. PRE-SHORT STIRRUP EQ B | Walk/Trot |
| 49. PRE-SHORT STIRRUP EQ B | Walk/Trot/Sit-Trot/Jump Position at Walk |

INDOOR RING

Schooling 7-10 am • Start time 10 am, typically finishes noon- 1pm

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| 50. NOVICE EQ. | Walk/Trot |
| 51. NOVICE EQ. | Individual canter |
| 52. NOVICE EQ. | Over 2 fences 12" (Trot or Canter) |
| 53. SHORT STIRRUP EQ. B | Over 4 Fences: 18" (Trot or Canter) |
| 54. SHORT STIRRUP EQ B | Over 4 Fences: 18" (Trot or Canter) |
| 55. SHORT STIRRUP EQ. B | Walk/Trot |
| 56. SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER V | Over 4 Fences: 18" |
| 57. SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER V | Over 4 Fences: 18" |
| 58. SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER V | Under Saddle (Walk/Trot/Canter) |
| 59. STUDENT EQUITATION B | Over 4 Fences: 2' (Trot or Canter) |
| 60. STUDENT EQUITATION B | Over 4 Fences: 2' (Trot or Canter) |
| 61. STUDENT EQUITATION B | Under Saddle (Walk/Trot/Canter) |

JUMPERS

DATES

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| March 20 | Sun 9 am |
| May 15 | Sun 8 am |
| June 22 | Wed 4 pm |
| July 13 | Wed 4 pm |
| July 27 | Wed 4 pm |
| Aug. 17 | Wed 4 pm |
| Sept. 25 | Sun 8 am |
| Oct. 23 | Sun 9 am |
| Nov. 13 | Sun 9 am |

JUMP HEIGHTS

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|--------------|----------------------|
| Ground Rails | |
| Cross Rails | |
| 18" | Puddle jumpers Intro |
| 2' | Elementary |
| 2'3" | Baby Beginner Novice |
| 2'7" | Beginner Novice |
| 2'11" | Novice |
| 3'3" | Modified/Training |

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condition score of 5-5.5. With a body condition score of less than 5 or more than 5.5, these horses tend to not perform as well. When performance is more intense, horses that have a BCS of less than 5 may not have enough energy to perform over time. Those with a BCS over 5.5 may have too much body fat which hinders more strenuous performance.

Once a horse has shed out and its body condition evaluated, its feeding levels may need to be adjusted. Thin horses need more feed. Horses at or below a BCS of 4 probably will require grain and/or more hay. Owners of horses in the low 5 range may increase the quality and amount of hay or grain for those individuals not intended for intense activities.

Over-fat performance horses, especially those with a BCS in the high 7's and above, need to lose body fat. Adequate exercise with proper feeding is required. Such horses need little or no grain. Hay should be limited and may even be of a lower quality, especially for horses stabled most of the time. Horses on high-quality pasture may have to be placed in a dry lot part of the time to slim them down.

Physical Condition or Fitness.

Unfit horses are often seen even at high levels of competition. Riding unfit horses is unsafe for both rider and horse. This risk increases at moderate to intense levels of performance. When pushed beyond their level of physical fitness, unfit horses become fatigued. At this stage, horses may stumble and make miscues, which can result in a serious or even life-threatening injury. A tired or fatigued horse cannot perform anywhere near its genetic and conformational potential.

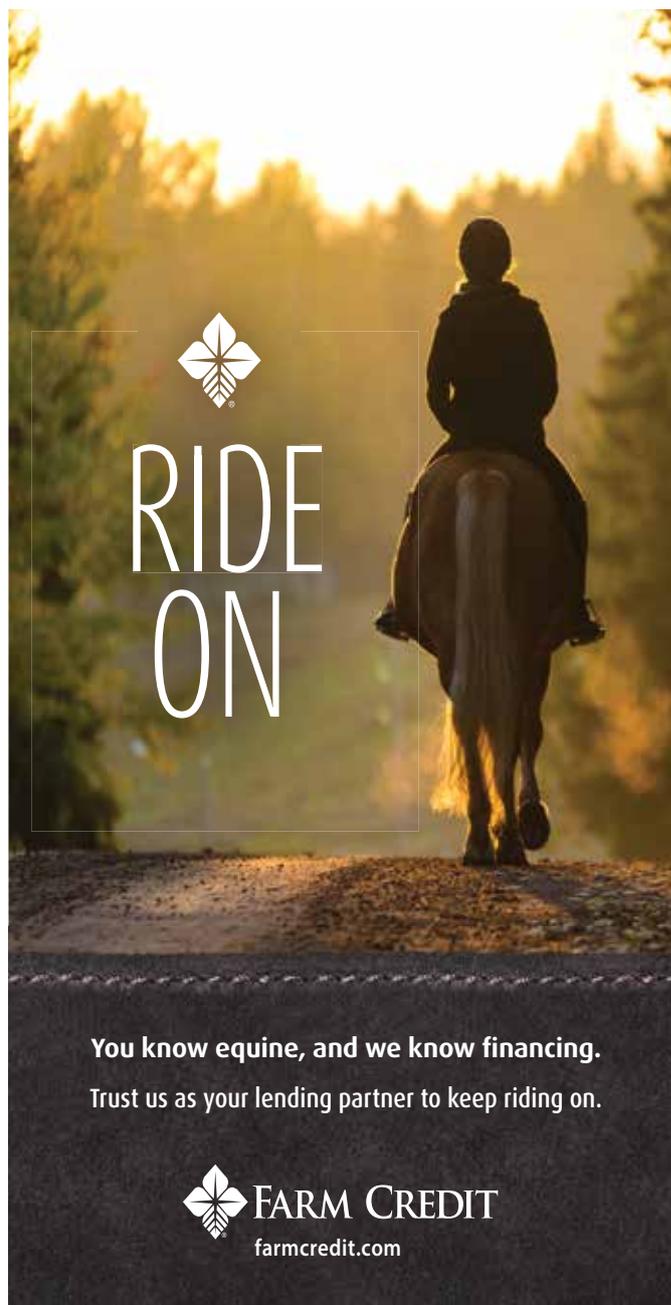
Unfit horses breathe heavily and lather easily. Their nostrils flare and their flanks heave as they breathe rapidly and deeply, indicating that they have been pushed beyond their physical capacity. A physically fit horse produces a clear, watery sweat. Pleasure horse owners must realize that they cannot take a horse out of the pasture or stable and ride it hard and/or for long durations before it is conditioned for such activities. If sixty days of inactivity results in a loss of bone density, what effect does winter inactivity have on a horse's physical condition?

To reduce stress and possible injuries, owners should properly condition horses not routinely exercised during the winter before riding them even for pleasure. This is probably more critical with older horses.

The level of intensity or degree of difficulty is the major key in performance; intensity level is far more important than the amount of time spent performing. In a few minutes of performance, a cutting or reining horse expends more energy than a horse ridden down a country road or along a trail at a walk for a few hours.

Horse owners must plan to spend six weeks physically conditioning their horses before attempting any serious training or competition. Often horses are started into training when they are not physically fit. This is counterproductive—a tired horse will not be responsive. The longer a horse is trained the more fit it will become; however, physical and mental damage may have been done before the horse was fit enough to be properly trained. Physical conditioning prepares a horse to perform at its genetic and conformational potential without becoming fatigued or exhausted.

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Sept 18	Diana Cappellanti
Oct 9	Dede Bache Shumate

JUMPER DATES:

JDG Jane Nordstrom	
April 03	
May 29	
June 19	
July 17	
Aug 14	
Sept 11	
Oct 16	

START TIME:

Main Ring 8am; Sm Ring 8:30am/ Jumper 9am

WARM-UPS: Un-Judged All Day

HUNTER SCHOOLING:

Main Ring to 7:45am; Sm Ring to 8:15am

CLASS FEES:

HUNTER: \$50/Division, \$20/Class, Warm-Up, \$25/Medals
\$20/Grounds Fee (-\$10 w/online entry) \$20 Office Fee
\$25 Non-Showing

JUMPER: \$60/Division, \$25/Class, \$20/Warm-Up
\$25/Grounds Fee (-\$15 w/online entry)

PHOTOGRAPHER: TBD

SCHOOLING AREA: Sand & Rubber



HUNTERS

Main Ring Start 8am

A. Unjudged Warm-Up - Course B

- Benefit Hunter OF - 2' or 2'6"
- Benefit Hunter OF - 2' or 2'6"
- Benefit Hunter Under Saddle
- *Jr/Ad Hunter Pleasure - W/T
- *Jr/Ad Hunter Pleasure - W/T/GAYP
- *Jr/Ad Hunter Pleasure - W/T/C
- *Junior/Adult Equitation on the Flat
- Hunter Hack OF - W/T
- Hunter Hack OF - W/T/GAYP
- Hunter Hack Under Saddle - W/T/C
- 2 - 2' fences - Judges Choice

*Schooling Break -
Midday Session Only*

- *Short Stirrup Hunter OF - 18" - A
- *Short Stirrup Hunter OF - 18" - B
- *Short Stirrup Hunter Under Saddle

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- Limit Rider Hunter OF - 2' or 2'3" - A
- Limit Rider Hunter OF - 2' or 2'3" - B
- Limit Rider Hunter US
- *Pony Pleasure - W/T
- *Pony Pleasure - W/T/GAYP
- *Pony Pleasure - W/T/C
- *Green Pony Hunter OF A
S 2'; M 2'3"; L 2'6"
- *Green Pony Hunter OF B
S 2'; M 2'3"; L 2'6"
- *Green Pony Hunter Under Saddle
- *Pony Eq- S 2'; M 2'3"; L 2'6"
- *Pony Hunter OF A S 2'; M 2'3"; L 2'6"
- *Pony Hunter OF B S 2'; M 2'3"; L 2'6"
- *Pony Hunter Under Saddle

Schooling Break -

- *Thoroughbred Hunter OF - 2'6" - A
- *Thoroughbred Hunter OF - 2'6" - B
- *Thoroughbred Hunter US
- *Green Hunter OF - 2'6" - A
- *Green Hunter OF - 2'6" - B
- *Green Hunter Under Saddle
- *Jr/Ad Equitation - 2'6" or 3"
- *Jr/Ad Hunter OF - 2'6" or 3" - A
- *Jr/Ad Hunter OF - 2'6" or 3" - B
- *Jr/Ad Hunter Under Saddle
- *Working Hunter OF - 3' - A
- *Working Hunter OF - 3' - B
- *Working Hunter Under Saddle
- *Children's Medal Fence Height 3'
- *Adult Medal Fence Height 3'

Small Ring Start 8:30 am

All flat classes run before over fences

B. Unjudged warm-Up - Course B

- Lead Line - 100% Rider Eq
- Lead Line - 100% Mount Suitability
- Lead Line - 50% Equitation/50% Suitability
- Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - W
- Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - W/T
- Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - W/T/
Sit-T/Jump Pos
- Short Stirrup Eq OF - 18" - A
- Short Stirrup Eq OF - 18" - B
- Short Stirrup Eq Under Saddle
- Student Eq OF - 2' - A
- Student Eq OF - 2' - B
- Student Eq Under Saddle
100. Warm Up
125. Costume Class (10/10 only)

* = VHSA Associate Classes

JUMPERS

*Hacking and limited Jumping
Schooling 7:30 - 8:45 am
Schooling in small ring all day*

Puddle Jumpers 2'

- 1-Hopeful Jumper Table II, Sec. 1
- 2-Hopeful Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (c)
- 3-Hopeful Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Novice Ch/Ad Jumpers 2'3" - 2'6"

VHSA/BHSA

- 4-Novice Ch/Ad Table II, Sec. 1
- 5-Novice Ch/Ad Table II, Sec. 2 (c)
- 6-Novice Ch/Ad Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Novice Jumpers 2'3" - 2'6" VHSA/BHSA

- 7-Novice Jumpers Table II, Sec. 1
- 8-Novice Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (c)
- 9-Novice Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Thoroughbred Jumper 2'9" VHSA/BHSA

- 10-Thoroughbred Jumper Table II, Sec. 1
- 11-Thoroughbred Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (c)
- 12-Thoroughbred Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Low Jumpers 2'9" VHSA/BHSA

- 13-Low Jumpers Table II, Sec. 1
- 14-Low Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (c)
- 15-Low Jumpers
- \$10 Add-Back Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Ch/Ad Jumpers 3'0" VHSA/BHSA

- 16-Ch/Ad Jumpers Table II, Sec. 1
- 17-Ch/Ad Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (c)
- 18-Ch/Ad Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Schooling Jumpers 3'3" - 3'6" VHSA/BHSA

- 19-Schooling Jumpers Table II, Sec. 1
- 20-Schooling Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (c)
- 21-Schooling Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Modified Jumpers 3'6" - 4' VHSA/BHSA

- 22-Modified Jumper Table II, Sec. 1
- 23-Modified Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (c)
- 24-Modified Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

25-Unjudged Warm-up

45 Second rule will be in effect all day

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And, it must occur first for training to be effective. Training enhances a horse's natural ability by developing action and maneuvers needed for a specific event. And, a horse can only reach its performance potential if it is physically fit. As with human athletes, a horse must have its cardiovascular, respiratory, muscular and skeletal systems conditioned for the level of performance expected. For motion to occur, muscles must contract by converting chemical energy into mechanical energy for propulsion and maneuvers. Oxygen must be transported from the lungs via the blood to muscles and other body tissues. Then, blood must remove waste products (lactic acid) from the muscles.

The heart pumps the blood throughout the body. With more intense performance, more oxygen is required; thus, the heart must beat faster. The resting heart rate is 28-40 bpm. Any exercise will accelerate the heart to 60 bpm, and the horse's heart rate can reach a maximum of 250 bpm.

The horse's heart rate is a good measure of its physical condition and its performance effort. As the horse becomes more physically fit, its heart rate at a specific speed will be lower. When properly fit, a horse's heart rate should drop to 60-70 bpm within 10 minutes after completion of performance. Some trainers use on-board heart rate monitors to aid them in conditioning a horse.

Once a horse's heart rate exceeds 150 bpm, the horse's body shifts to anaerobic metabolism or metabolism without oxygen. Aerobic metabolism occurs in the presence of oxygen and efficiently converts energy to motion at heart rates below 150 bpm. Anaerobic metabolism cannot last long without the horse becoming fatigued. One result of anaerobic metabolism is the buildup of lactic acid, the cause of muscle soreness. As the horse becomes more physically fit, it becomes more efficient in converting chemical energy into physical energy (motion).

Physical Conditioning.

It takes at least six weeks to get a horse physically fit for performance. More intense performance takes longer. It is relatively easy to get the horse's cardiorespiratory systems (heart and lungs) fit in this length of time.

A simple program is to start walking the out-of-condition horses for 30 minutes a day for a week. In the second week, continue walking 30 minutes per day and add 30 minutes at a trot. In the third week, ride the horse at a trot and slow canter for a total of an hour a day. For the next three to five weeks, increase the distance and speed on a regular basis as the horse responds.

It is advisable to rest the horse at least one day a week. This helps the horse to have a good mental attitude. Do not allow the horse to become tired in the early stages of the conditioning program. Some horses, especially those with high BCS, may need to be started at a slower pace. For example, ride them only 15-20 minutes a day the first week.

After the heart and lungs are conditioned, one can begin training. The horse's ability to perform specific maneuvers rather effortlessly is an indication that the horse's muscular system is becoming more fit. It takes longer to condition the muscular system, and even more time is needed for the skeletal system. This is more critical in race horses, three-day event horses and other such high intensity performance horses.

Since the activities that horses perform require sound feet and legs, it is imperative that their skeletal system be properly

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April 24 - Davera Ackenbom
May 29 - Dee Dee Bache-Shumate
Aug 28 - Robin Wood
Sept 25 - Kevin Freeman

START TIME: 9am

WARM-UPS: Culpeper Warm-Ups (All Day)

CLASS FEES:

\$40 Division, \$15 class,

FOOD VENDOR: Deli*icious Deli

SCHOOLING: Daybreak to 8:45am & Lunch

SCHOOLING AREA: grass field w/jumps

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| 1. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk-Halt-Circles | 22. Warm-up - Unjudged |
| 2. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk-Trot | 23. Pleasure Horse - Walk-Trot |
| 3. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk-Trot, Sitting Trot & Jump Position | 24. Pleasure Horse - Go As You Please |
| 4. Short-Stirrup Equitation Walk-Trot and Tests | 25. Pleasure Horse - W/T/C |
| 5. Short Stirrup Equitation - W/T/C | 26. Maiden Hunter - O/F 2', May Trot |
| 6. Short Stirrup Equitation - O/F 18" | 27. Maiden Hunter - O/F 2', May Trot |
| 7. Short Stirrup Hunter - O/F 18" | 28. Maiden Hunter - W/T |
| 8. Short Stirrup Hunter - O/F 18" | 29. Low Hunter - O/F 2' |
| 9. Short Stirrup Hunter - Under Saddle | 30. Low Hunter - O/F 2' |
| 10. Leadline | 31. Low Hunter - Under Saddle |
| 11. Student Equitation - Walk-Trot and Tests | 32. Green Horse/Pony Hunter - O/F; Sm 2', Med 2'3", Lg 2'6" |
| 12. Student Equitation - W/T/C | 33. Green Horse/Pony Hunter - O/F; Sm 2', Med 2'3", Lg 2'6" |
| 13. Student Equitation - O/F 2' | 34. Green Horse/Pony Hunter - Under Saddle |
| 14. Pleasure Pony - W/T | 35. Schooling /Working Hunter - O/F 2'6" or 3" |
| 15. Pleasure Pony - Go As You Please | 36. Schooling/Working Hunter - O/F 2'6" or 3" |
| 16. Pleasure Pony - W/T/C | 37. Schooling/Working Hunter Under Saddle |
| 17. VHSA/BHSA Pony Equitation O/F - Small 2', Med 2'3", Large 2'6" | 38. VHSA/BHSA Children's/Adult Amateur Equitation 2'6" or 3' |
| 18. Pony Hunter O/F - Sm 2', Med 2'3", Lg 2'6" | 39. Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter - O/F 2'6" or 3'10" |
| 19. Pony Hunter O/F - Sm 2', Med 2'3", Lg 2'6" | 40. Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter - O/F 2'6" or 3' |
| 20. Pony Hunter Under Saddle | 41. Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter Under Saddle |
| 21. VHSA Equitation on Flat | 42. TB Hunter - O/F 2'6" |
| | 43. TB Hunter - O/F 2'6" |
| | 44. TB Hunter Under Saddle |

- 30 Minute Schooling Break Not to start before 12:00 Noon -

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conditioned also. Long slow distance (LSD) conditioning helps strengthen and toughen the bones, ligaments, tenons and cartilage. This is often known as “legging-up” a horse. The intensity should be low and the duration relatively long. The idea is to elevate the heart rate and hold it at this higher level for several minutes. This level of intensity should be done five to six times weekly for 3-4 weeks.

An exercised horse should have a heart rate of 120-200 bpm and a maximum respiration rate of 150 breaths per minute. These should drop dramatically 10-15 minutes after the end of performance in the fit horse.

For trail horses and most pleasure horses, six weeks of such a conditioning program should be adequate. Of course, allow for variation among horses – some will become fit faster and others more slowly. The level of fitness when riding ceased in the fall and the level of body fat content will also affect the spring time frame for conditioning. Fatter horses take longer to become properly fit.

Riding Unconditioned Horses.

Research can help us understand the negative effect of riding unconditioned horses. Horses were physically fit at the start of a recent study. They were housed in individual box stalls and fed a ration that met or exceeded the current nutritional needs for intense performance. Two levels (0.35 percent or 0.62 percent) of calcium were fed. Prior to this study the horses had been physically conditioned for 12 weeks, then exercised to maintain condition for 30 weeks. During the study they were walked at a rate of 2.2 miles per hour on a walker for 60 minutes per day/seven days per week. All horses were healthy during the study and did not lose or gain any weight.

Bone mineral content (BMC) measured at three locations of the third metacarpal bone (front cannon bone) decreased rather linearly over the 12- week study. The BMC decreased 0.45 percent per week. This reduction was likely due to a lack of mechanical stimuli on the bone and fewer and less forceful movements than during the previous exercise regime. BMC has been shown to be highly correlated to bone strength, breaking load and elasticity. BMC may influence resistance to skeletal injuries.

Feeding extra calcium to horses being de-conditioned neither influenced their BMC nor overcame the effects of lack of exercise. The decrease in BMC might have been greater had the horses not been walked daily.

These results indicate that it is not advisable to take inactive horses on long or extensive rides or expect them to perform demanding tasks. Horses which have been confined to stalls due to injuries or bad weather should be reconditioned prior to exercise.

Conditioned horses on pasture without any forced exercise program probably do not experience as great a decrease in BMC. Another study showed that yearlings on pasture had stronger bones than those stabled.

After a six-week conditioning program, your horse should have a more efficient cardio-respiratory system and its muscular system should be improved. If you plan to do only trail or pleasure riding, start with short rides. Each subsequent ride can be a little longer and more demanding as your horse becomes more accustomed to such activities.



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50. Open Card Warm-up

1. Schooling Hunter OF (2'6")

2. Schooling Hunter OF (2'6")

3. Schooling Hunter US

4. VHSA Working Hunter OF (2'6", 2'9" to 3')

5. VHSA Working Hunter OF (2'6", 2'9" to 3')

6. VHSA Working Hunter US

7. VHSA Children's/ AA Eq (2'6", 2'9" to 3')

8. VHSA Children's/ AA OF (2'6", 2'9" to 3')

9. VHSA Children's/ AA OF (2'6", 2'9" to 3')

10. VHSA Children's/ AA US

11. VHSA Jr/Adult Eq on the flat

Schooling break -not before 11:00am

12. Low Hunter OF (2')

13. Low Hunter OF (2')

14. Low Hunter US

15. VHSA Horse Pleasure WT

16. VHSA Horse Pleasure GAYP

17. VHSA Horse Pleasure WTC

18. VHSA Pony Pleasure WT

19. VHSA Pony Pleasure GAYP

20. VHSA Pony Pleasure, WTC

21. VHSA Pony Eq (S 2', M 2'3", L 2'6")

22. VHSA Pony Hunter OF (S 2', M 2'3", L 2'6")

23. VHSA Pony Hunter OF (S 2', M 2'3", L 2'6")

24. VHSA Pony Hunter US

25. Lead Line rider

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27. Lead Line rider/pony

28. Pre-Short Stirrup W

29. Pre-Short Stirrup WT

30. Pre-Short Stirrup WT/Test

Schooling break -not before 3:00pm

31. Long Stirrup Eq. WT

32. Long Stirrup Eq. WTC

33. Long Stirrup Eq. OF (18")

34. Short Stirrup Eq. WT

35. Short Stirrup Eq. WTC

36. Short Stirrup Eq. OF (18")

37. VHSA Short Stirrup Hunter OF (18")

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1. Jumpers Table II
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1.0m -1.05m Jumpers

3. Jumper, Table II
4. Jumper, Table II

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.70m - .75m Jumpers

5. Jumper, Table II
6. Jumper, Table II

.80m - .85m Jumpers

7. Jumper, Table II
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By Andrea Morgan Donaghy

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Managing Horses On Spring Pastures

*Christine Skelly, Department of Animal Science,
Michigan State University*



Managing horses on spring pastures can prevent health problems. Early spring pastures are lush in nutrients. A horse that has been stalled through the long Michigan winter may be at risk to laminitis if their forage source is abruptly switched from hay to lush spring pasture. There are management practices that can prevent or minimize problems when introducing horses to pasture in the spring.

1. Restrict the grazing time. Allow horses on the pasture for 20 minutes the first day and increase the grazing time by five minutes per day over a two-week period until they have adapted to the new feed source.
2. Feed hay immediately before horses are turned out on pasture during the adjustment period. They fill their stomachs somewhat, thus helping to prevent overeating. This practice curbs their appetite and allows them to discriminate between appropriate pasture foliage and weeds. There can be potentially toxic weeds in some pastures and, if horses are very hungry, they may not be selective about what they eat.
3. Supplement grazing with hay. If pasture foliage is sparse, supplementing with hay might be necessary to provide sufficient energy and other nutrients. This practice also helps prevent consuming weeds because under some pasture conditions the weeds outgrow other foliage.
4. Avoid grazing early spring pasture. If a horse has a history of founder, avoid grazing in the first four weeks of spring growth; then follow Rules 1 and 2 when introducing a horse to the pasture.
5. Use a grazing muzzle. If a horse that is susceptible to founder must be turned out on pasture, use a grazing muzzle to limit pasture consumption.



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5 Ways to Give Back With Horses This Spring

Want to spend time with horses and give something back to the community? Check out these five opportunities.

Spring is here: the time of fresh beginnings (and fresh horses — grab that mane!) As the days lengthen and the weather grows warmer, there are more and more opportunities to go riding — but there are also more opportunities to give back, both to horse community that's nurtured us and to the greater community that allows us to be horse-addicted in the modern world. Here are five ways you can give something back this spring:

Be a trail sweep.

Don't worry, this does not mean that you have to truck out to the trails with a wheelbarrow and a pitchfork and clean up after yourself. Many competitive or recreational organized trail runs and hikes seek "trail sweepers" to ride the course either in entirety or in segments to make sure the trails are clear. In the event that a runner or hiker is injured or cannot continue, the sweeps radio back to event organizers to coordinate pickup or first aid. One of the most organized groups of trail sweeps is the Sweep Riders of the Sierra, who are responsible for clearing the trail for two endurance runs as well as the prestigious Tevis Cup equine endurance race (including some of the most intense sections.) Most local runs or hikes are not quite this formalized, so ask around to see if your services are needed or connect with a local trail riding club who may be involved. Sweeping a trail is usually a nice opportunity to ride some trails you might not normally have access to, while providing a great service to event organizers.

Work at a horse show.

Horse shows are a massive undertaking to plan, organize and produce, and the lifeblood of horse shows are the volunteers. Especially at the local level, volunteers may be responsible for everything from handing out ribbons and running jump crew to organizing entries and scribing for the judge. Even major shows (like, say, the Rolex three-day event) require big numbers of volunteers to make the day run smoothly. The benefits of volunteering at shows include getting to watch the show from a new perspective, learning through observation, meeting lots of new equestrians with whom to network, and potentially even getting

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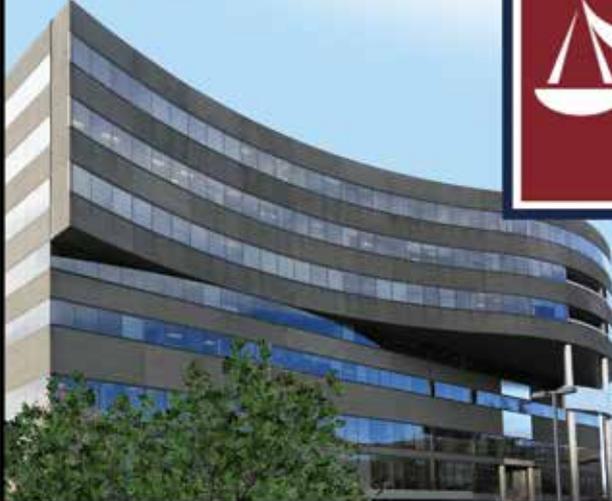
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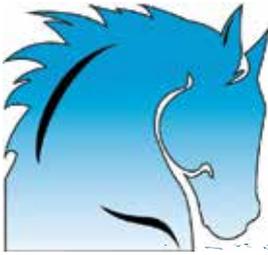
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Breed All About It: The Irish Sport Horse

Shannon Ott

The Irish Sport Horse is one of the examples of what horses can accomplish in the competition world. This breed has won more than 15 Olympic medals in eventing, as well as being one of the predominant breeds in top levels of showjumping, dressage, cross-country and fox hunting. This breed also boasts the gentle and brave nature that makes for an excellent pleasure companion.

The Irish Sport horse originally was a cross between an Irish Draught mare and a Thoroughbred or Warmblood stallion. The breed was formally created in the 1920s after generations of breed combinations and was originally used for agriculture and

transportation. In the U.S. they are referred to as the Irish Draught Sport Horse, and the horses in North America will undergo inspection in their lifetime to maintain the integrity of the breed.

“Inspecting is a way to keep the breed true to type with the traditional qualities: athleticism, soundness, durability, and sensibility are the main qualities we look for in the Irish Draught, the foundation horse, which when crossed with a Thoroughbred or warmblood creates the sport horse,” says Ann Morss, vNortheast regional chair of the IDHSNA.

This differs from Ireland where any horse from Sport Horse approved parents is considered to be an Irish Sport Horse. This difference is mainly due to the lack of Irish Draught mares in Ireland; many were slaughtered with the introduction of the tractor, and many more were sent to fight in the Kings Infantry during both world wars. The shipping of horses to war is also why we see many more grey Irish Sport Horses, as well all know a darker horse is much easier to keep clean, making them preferred to their lighter colored counterparts in the infantry.

Even with the attempt to keep the Irish Draught lineage within the Irish Sport Horse line, two schools of thought have emerged. One favors the naturally heavy body while the other is more refined from having the Irish draught essentially diluted through the lineages. Both will feature large heavy hindquarters (perfect for jumping), a short back, long neck with sloping shoulders, and a deep chest. These horses average from 15.3hh-17hh, but can get larger! For competitive purposes, horses with $\frac{3}{4}$ tb lineage are now becoming more and more popular than their more Draught heavy counterparts, but the sensibility and soundness of the Irish Draught are really what create these showstopping horses.

The Irish Sport Horse is an overall healthy breed without any breed specific issues. They are large and can be high energy if not being regularly exercised, while they are well suited for novice and even beginner riders, this high level of energy matched with being a larger horse can make them more intimidating to a less experienced horseman. These horses are also easy keepers for the most part, and the level of feed will be dependent on the level of exercise they receive.

Famous Irish Sport Horses include: the highest scoring event horse of all time Ballynoe Castle RM (Reggie), multiple Grand Prix champion Cruising, Olympian Mr. Medicott (sired by Cruising), and Smartpak Grand Prix winner Flexible (sired by Cruising).

See article on Cruising on page 29.



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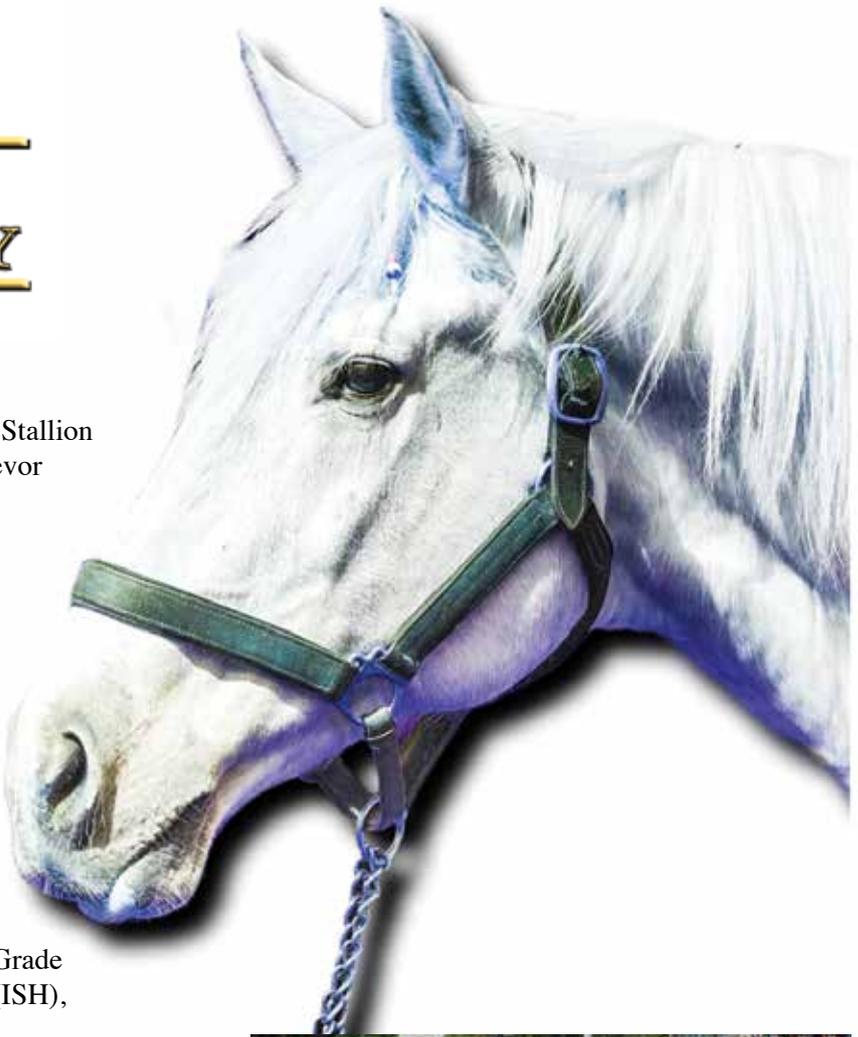


Cruising

Georgia Andrews

Cruising was an infamous Irish Sport Horse Stallion and international showjumper; ridden by Trevor Coyle during his long and outstanding showjumping career. Cruising was a consistent performer at the heights of international competition, winning Grand Prix classes at Aachen in 1999, Dortmund in 1998, Lucerne in 1998, San Marino in 1996, Wolfsburg in 1996 and the World Cup qualifiers at Millstreet and Geneva 1998. He was also a prolific team horse, winning Nations Cups in Dublin (1997), Rotterdam (1996), Calgary, Dublin, Aachen (all 1995) and Modena (1994).

Cruising's pedigree is also world-class. He is by the Irish Draught stallion Sea Crest, a Grade A showjumper. Cruising's dam, Mullacrew (ISH), was an international showjumper by the sire Nordlys (TB). Cruising himself was considered one of the world's most significant sires of the 21st century. The grey stallion was, for many years, the predominant choice for many international breeders. Cruising sired champion progeny that have achieved some of the highest accolades in elite equestrian sport. Cruising is the only stallion in Ireland to have a 5* rating for his own showjumping performance and the performance of his offspring in both eventing and show jumping. Cruising's impact on the international circuit will be felt for many years to come due to the high-profile progeny like Flexible (USEF horse of the Year 2012), Mr. Medicott (USEA Horse of the Year 2012) and Mr. Cruise Control (who topped the British Eventing rankings for 2013). Mary McCann's Hartwell Stud in Kildare was Cruising's home for his entire lifetime, and in 2012 two clones of Cruising were born at Hartwell Stud. Cruising Arish and Cruising Encore the "cruising clones" are still standing at stud having already sired many foals. The impact of cruising on the horse world is sure to be carried forward for years to come.



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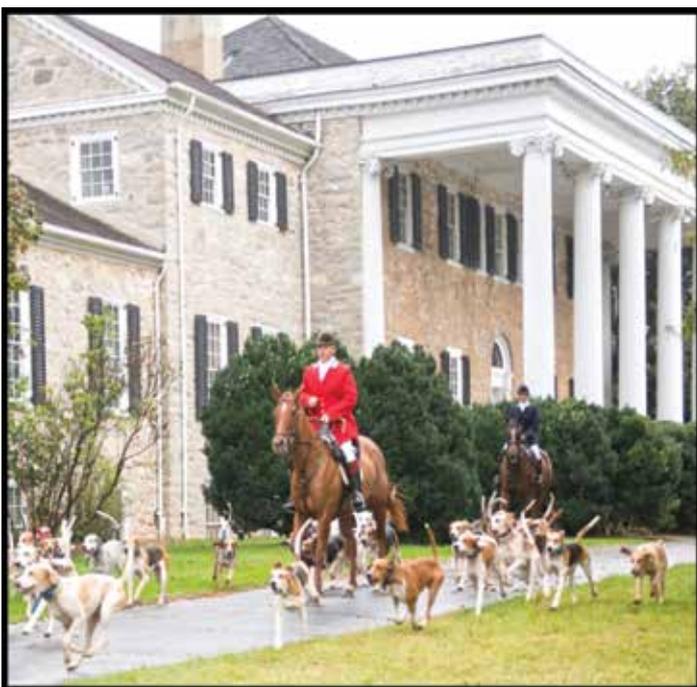


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Blue Ridge Hunt Returns to Carter Hall



*Blue Ridge Hunt kicking off at Carter Hall 2021
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For the first time in 20 years. The Blue Ridge Hunt returned to hold its opening meet of 2021 at the historic Carter Hall estate. With new owners of the property. They want the tradition to continue. The Carter Hall Estate LLC, comprised of the brothers Langdon and Blakley Greenhalgh and their mother, Beverley Byrd. The Estate is listed on both the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register.

Purchased for \$5.75 million from Project HOPE that has moved all operations to the district. Plans are in the works for a country inn and conference center. The owners want to make the estate more accessible to the community for special events. They respect the history of the county and the unique role the hunt has had.

Founded in 1888 the hunt's members enjoy foxhunting. By the mid 1930s the hunt started holding their opening meet at Carter Hall. Which later moved to the historic Long Branch after Project HOPE acquired the property. Foxhunting is a very old tradition and the hunt is one of almost 50 clubs around Virginia. The hunt owns more than 100 hounds. Back in the day, the whole community would come and watch about 45 of the hounds take off at past hunts.

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Medina Spirit Cause Of Death Remains A Mystery At The End Of The Necropsy

The cause of Kentucky Derby winner Medina Spirit's sudden death on Dec. 6, 2021 at Santa Anita remains undetermined, according to the findings of a necropsy on the horse. In a news release issued along with the necropsy report the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) stated that a "definitive cause of death was not established despite extensive testing."

While omeprazole—an anti-ulcer medication—and the diuretic Lasix were detected in blood and urine samples, these findings were consistent with the medication report filed with CHRB by the attending veterinarian.

"No other drugs, heavy metals (including cobalt), or toxicants were detected," wrote the CHRB.

The necropsy report itself summarizes the findings of the study, which according to experts are indicative of sudden cardiac events in racehorses.

"The most remarkable gross and microscopic changes were pulmonary congestion and edema, with milder hemorrhage. There were also congestion and small hemorrhages in multiple organs. No significant evidence of prior episodes of pulmonary hemorrhage other than a single and mild focus of hemosiderosis was observed," the necropsy report states.

According to the report, "detailed microscopic examination" of the heart revealed minimal changes in the myocardium, the muscular layer of the heart.

"Although the significance of this finding remains undetermined, it is likely incidental because of the limited extension and severity, and also because similar changes have been seen before in horses dying of non-cardiac related causes (e.g. euthanasia). In addition, mild remodeling (thickening of the adventitia) of the intra-pulmonary veins was observed. This is also likely an incidental finding," the report states.

"Considered altogether, the results of the post-mortem examination, histopathology, and ancillary testing, are supportive of a sudden cardiorespiratory arrest as it may occur with acute cardiac failure. A defect in the cardiac conduction system should be considered as a possible cause of cardiac failure," the report states.

Unrelated to the sudden death, the pathologists discovered degenerative joint disease in Medina Spirit's four fetlocks and both elbow joints. These sorts of issues are typical in racehorses.

The necropsy was performed at the California Animal Health and Food Safety (CAHFS) San Bernardino laboratory, by a team who form part of the diagnostic laboratory system of the University of California-Davis (UC Davis) School of Veterinary Medicine.

In its news release, the CHRB outlined the mechanics of the necropsy, which included the collection and examination of tissue samples from the heart, lungs, liver, spleen, kidney, stomach, intestines, muscle, brain, spinal cord, testicles, and other glands.

Additionally:

- Liver tissue was tested for various substances including heavy metals like cobalt, anticoagulants, pesticides, environmental contaminants, and drugs.
- A blood sample was sent to Cornell University to be tested for thyroxine.
- Blood, urine, and aqueous humor samples were screened for "hundreds" of legal and illegal drugs and substances, including erythropoietin (EPO), clenbuterol, and betamethasone.
- Heart tissue samples were sent to the University of Minnesota and to the UC Davis Veterinary Genetics Laboratory as part of ongoing collaborative research program with the CHRB investigating possible genetic causes of sudden death in racehorses.
- The finalized report—including necropsy photographs and microscopic sections—were sent to experts at the University of Kentucky and the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, for independent review.

According to Grant Maxie of the University of Guelph, this type of sudden death is often, "frustrating to deal with, and frequently remain unresolved, as in this case."

Without the monitoring of cardiac rhythms, Maxie writes, "cardiac electrical activity remains unknown." Marked acute pulmonary congestion and edema in this case is "consistent with acute heart failure," he writes.

The necropsy of Medina Spirit is indicative of those performed on other racehorses who have died in California. This report, however, has been sent out for peer review which is not customary.

The drug testing results are not peer reviewed, said CAHFS director, Ashley Hill.

"We tried to find somebody to look at the drug test but we weren't able to," said Hill, who explained that the university they approached raised liability concerns.

"We weren't able to get the contract turned around in a timely manner, and we thought it was more important to get the results out," Hill said.



Foaling: What To Expect When Your Mare Is Expecting!

Sharon Peart,

Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center

Have you bred your favorite mare to a carefully chosen stallion in the hope of breeding your next talented sport horse? There are clearly defined stages and timelines, before and after foaling, and preparation is key to ensure the health and welfare of your future superstar! Most mares will start to give clues that they are getting closer to their foaling day, while others may not. Two to four weeks prior to foaling the mare's udder will begin to fill with milk. The muscles of the vulva and croup relax and the tailhead may appear more prominent. Droplets of colostrum resembling waxy beads will appear at the end of each teat, one to four days prior to foaling, but this can easily be missed. When foaling is imminent your mare may become noticeably restless or anxious. She may pace, kick at her belly, lie down and get back up, bite at her flanks and sweat. She may urinate frequently as well. This is often the first stage of labor and generally lasts one to two hours.

Dr. Elizabeth MacDonald, Clinical Instructor of Equine Medicine "During the first stage of labor, while the mare is up and down or acting restless, the foal is moving into position in the birth canal. The allantoic membranes (white membrane) may become visible in the mare's vulva at this time and when it ruptures there will be a rush of placental fluids".

The second stage of labor is when the foal is born and this should happen relatively quickly. Normal presentation of a foal should be front feet first with one being slightly in front of the other, hooves down and the nose close behind. The mare should make progress within 10-15 minutes after her membranes rupture. You should contact your veterinarian if you notice any abnormal position of the fetus or if the mare is not progressing.

"If red membranes are visible at the vulvar entrance this is referred to as a 'red bag delivery' and is a true foaling emergency." MacDonald explains "This is when there is premature rupture of the chorioallantois and the foal is detached from the blood and oxygen supply. The placenta must be opened immediately and the foal assisted out."

The final stage of labor is the passing of the placenta. The placenta should be passed within 3 hours of foaling. A retained placenta can cause some serious problems, and if has not passed



within 3 hours you should contact your veterinarian immediately. Most mares foal without difficulty and after the birth it is best to leave your mare alone to rest and bond with her foal. Continue to observe the foals breathing and attempts to sit sternal. The mare should show interest in the foal and she will stand up when she is ready.

"The foal should stand within one hour, nurse within two hours and pass meconium within three to four hours." shared MacDonald "If the foal has not started to nurse within three hours - call your veterinarian. They can become weak and may need assistance to nurse. The colostrum (first milk) contains large amounts of antibodies that are essential for providing passive immunity to protect the foal from disease."

Most deliveries go without a hitch, but it is prudent to plan ahead and be well prepared. Put together a foaling kit which might include a digital thermometer, rubber gloves, towels, clean buckets, water, a trash bag (to hold the placenta), an enema, antiseptic naval dip, a pen and paper to record important time intervals, and have contact information for your primary care veterinarian and nearest veterinary hospital.

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Clone of Famous Show-Jumping Stallion Arko Born

Georgia Andrews

An Arko III clone was born in August 2021 following the combined efforts of UK based genetic preservation company, Gemini Genetics, and their partner and world leader in animal cloning, ViaGen Pets and Equine.

The genetic clone of world-famous show jumping stallion Arko was born in August 2021.

A truly remarkable moment for the equine industry, Arko's clone will enable his legacy to continue after his sad passing earlier this year.

By the world famous Argentinus, out of Unika, Arko III was the Number 1 Showjumper in Europe in 2004, 2005 and 2006. His earnings were over £1.2M and in addition to his impressive show jumping achievements, he is also the sire of many world class horses including stallions Argento and Aristio.

Arko's owners, Pat, John and Lisa Hales of Shaw Farm stud, commented: It was an extremely sad day for our family when we lost Arko, he was truly a horse of a life time. The birth of his clone was very emotional. We believe it is not only exciting for our sport worldwide but especially for the future of Great British breeding for years to come. We look forward to breeding many more champions from this wonderful bloodline."

The Hales family are internationally renowned for their successes with Arko III and his influence on equine sport and breeding. They have been awarded numerous accolades over Arko III's career while Arko himself was crowned British Equestrian Showjumper of the Year on an unprecedented five occasions.

Arko's clone was generated from a small skin sample from Arko original that was genetically preserved by UK based genetic preservation company, Gemini Genetics. Once preserved, the valuable tissue sample was shipped to their partner cloning company, ViaGen Pets & Equine, who completed the cloning process.

Founded and sister company to world leading equine semen collection and distribution centre, Stallion AI Services, Gemini Genetics is a newly established animal genetic preservation company, specialised in regenerative genetic banking and partnered with US based cloning company, ViaGen Pets & Equine.

Lucy Morgan, manager of Gemini Genetics, undertook the preservation. We are thrilled at the successful birth of Arko's clone. A much-loved stallion in terms of his outstanding performances and his unique and full of life character, it is brilliant to have enabled his cloning so that his outstanding legacy can continue. Gemini Genetics are thrilled and highly privileged to have facilitated this amazing revival of Arko III via his genetic twin."

Genetic preservation and cloning can enable the revival of once in a lifetime horses and other performance animals, in addition to breeding from geldings and preservation and regeneration of females. Other famous horses to have been cloned include Cruising, gelding Gem Twist and eventing stallion Chilli Morning. The technology can also be used to support rare breed populations as well as being available for cat and dog owners.

Blake Russell, president of ViaGen Pets & Equine, commented: The ability to play a part in reproducing a phenomenal genotype like Arko III is what makes our effort worthwhile. We are very excited to see him grow and develop and make his footprint on the industry. It is a real pleasure to collaborate with great partners like Gemini Genetics and their sister company, Stallion AI Services, to help bring our services to clients around the globe. The relationships that we have developed with partners like Gemini Genetics are what make this venture work for everyone. I hope all can see that cloning technology is a powerful advanced reproductive technology that can bring great opportunity".

Since 2002, Arko III has been available at stud via world leading equine semen collection and distribution centre, Stallion AI Services.

The birth of Arko's clone is a truly historic moment for the equine industry worldwide. A stallion of exceptional performance and breeding potential that ordinarily would have been lost to the performance industry

upon his death has now been reborn to continue his contribution to elite equine sport. We look forward to his coming years.

The clone was generated from a small skin sample taken from Arko and genetically preserved by UK-based genetic preservation company, Gemini Genetics.

For further information on genetic preservation and cloning, available for cats, dogs, horses and ponies, please visit Gemini Genetics via www.geminigenetics.com





Spring Arena Resurfacing?

Equestrian sport professionals, jockeys, and people in the business of horse-riding instruction invest a lot of resources to ensure that their horses are taken care of. But if the horse doesn't perform well, they tend to blame the animal.

However, there's more than meets the eye.

Factors, such as the equestrian arena surface affect a horse's performance and confidence. This factor is often overlooked. Hence, it's critical to install and maintain a comfortable arena surface that prevents injuries in horses and allows optimum performance.

Building an effective and safe equestrian arena is more than just creating a perimeter and erecting fences around it. There's a whole science behind making these spaces safe, durable, and consistent for sports horses.

Let's begin with understanding how the arena surface affects a horse's performance and health.

How Arena Surfaces Impact Sports

Horse's Performance

An arena surface is a place where sports horses spend most of their time. Hence, the surface you opt for should be deformable enough to absorb the energy impact. Further, it should offer enough spring for the horse to move around with ease. To understand the interaction between the arena surface and your equine partner, let's look at the three phases of a horse's footfall.

Landing Phase

During this phase, the hoof touches the ground and comes to a stop, sliding forward and downward into the surface. This causes the bones in the horse's leg to collide, causing shock waves and vibrations (concussions). These shock waves are distributed through the surface and the leg.

Loading Phase

Here, the hoof is carrying the entire weight of the horse and the rider. The fetlock and flexor tendons absorb the shock and the pressure under the frog (the part of a horse's hoof, located on the underside) stimulates blood circulation through the hoof. The loaded weight changes as per the activity like landing from a jump or galloping.

Rollover Phase

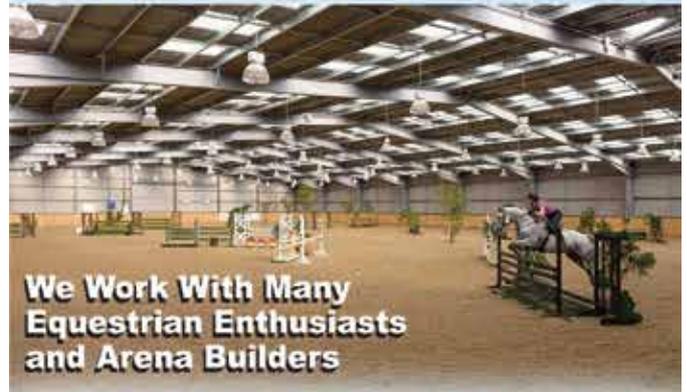
During this phase, the heel rotates off the surface, pushing the horse into the next stride. An ideal arena surfacing will support the horse through these three phases while minimizing concussion, absorbing shock, and returning energy to the horse. Any surface that's too hard, uneven, or loose (dusty or shifting) can steal the horse's confidence in their strides, eventually landing them at a vet's clinic.

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Factors to Consider When Choosing a Horse Arena Surface
Arena surfaces are constantly influenced by surface irregularities, compaction, drainage issues, and climatic conditions.

A surface that's too hard and irregular could injure horses, negatively impacting their performance and health. For instance, an uneven arena surface could lead to tentativeness of footing, thus causing bone, joint, and hoof injuries.

As mentioned earlier, a suitable arena surface should support the horse through all the footfall stages. For this reason, the surface should offer a combination of firmness, cushioning, cupping, rebound, and traction.

1. Firmness

The firmness of a surface determines the level of support and shock absorption it will offer to the horse. A hard and compact surface like packed clay or concrete offers adequate support but will not absorb the shock, causing the horse to modify its stride. Similarly, a soft surface like dry rolling sand lacks support, leading to damage to the supporting tendon, ligaments, and muscles.

2. Cushioning

The ability of a surface to dampen shock during the loading phase is referred to as cushioning. A hard and compact surface lacks adequate cushioning, thus leading to stress when the hoof is loaded with the horse's weight.

On the other hand, soft and loose surfaces offer too much cushioning (but no support!). Thus, the horse's body has to work hard to get support and energy. This results in inflammation and ligament tear.

An ideal arena surface can offer adequate support and cushion, thus providing enough resistance under the hoof and allowing the horse to effortlessly move to the roll-over phase.

3. Cupping

The frog in the horse's hoof has a big role to play in improving the blood supply to the hoof capsule and up the leg. This process is referred to as the hoof mechanism. The type of arena surface you opt for should support this mechanism.

A hard surface will cause minimal frog contact, affecting the blood supply to the hoof capsule. This causes issues, such as navicular disease and laminitis. A soft surface, on the other hand, will not offer enough resistance to maximize the hoof mechanism. Opt for a surface that cups into the sole and the frog, thus encouraging adequate blood flow through the hoof capsule and the legs.

4. Rebound

Rebound refers to the return of energy to the horse after the weight is applied. A hard surface will return energy too quickly, causing additional shock that will be taken by the horse, causing injuries. A soft surface will return energy too slowly, forcing the horse to use its energy to push ahead. This can strain the horse's respiratory system and injure its muscles, tendons, and ligaments. Hence, you need a springy surface like rubber that rebounds energy at the same rate as it's applied.

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5. Traction

Adequate traction is needed to absorb the shock during the landing phase and get maximum traction during the rollover phase. Too much grip will stop the horse too quickly. It can prevent the toe from rotating on the surface for the rollover phase, straining the leg muscles.

Also, a slippery surface will cause the hoof to slide, lowering the confidence and performance of the horse and increasing the risk of skids. Besides the above-mentioned factors, an ideal arena surface should be durable and easy to clean and maintain.

Rubber Surfacing: An Ideal Choice for Equestrian Arenas

When we consider the features of an ideal equine arena surface, rubber surfacing seems to fit the bill. Here's why rubber surfaces are being increasingly preferred for horse-riding arenas.

Versatility

Rubber surfaces are ideal for a horse arena (regardless of the discipline) as they uphold the horse's health and performance.

For instance, these surfaces offer secure footing (not too deep or too firm) for dressage horses.

They provide a stable surface for jumpers, allowing them to turn quickly without skidding.

Similarly, horses involved in arena polo need a surface that allows swift movement and maximum grip. Rubber surfaces are ideal for these arenas too.

Thus, rubber surfacing is a versatile surface option, well suited for all the disciplines mentioned above.

Excellent Traction

Rubber has a low coefficient of friction and is well-known for the grip it offers. Being active and springy, rubber surfaces allow the hoof to slide and get enough stability. The surface isn't harsh on the bones and joints of the horse as it reduces concussion.

Good Shock-Absorbing Potential

Rubber surfaces provide an optimal level of shock absorption and return adequate energy to the horse. This is key to boosting the equine's performance and reducing the risk of injuries to its bones and joints.

High Durability and Low Maintenance

Rubber surfaces are resilient to heavy hoof traffic and the wear and tear due to everyday riding. Moreover, the surface requires minimum maintenance. In case of damage, you can always get in touch with a local rubber surfacing installer who will refurbish the area within no time. Installing a well-engineered arena surface like rubber surfacing is critical for the health and performance of your equine friends. Since rubber surfaces are durable and offer high traction and adequate cushioning, they reduce injuries and boost the horse's performance.

If you need sand for your arena please contact Shenandoah Sand advertising on page 37.



An advertisement for Joanne Maisano Photography. The top left features the name 'Joanne Maisano PHOTO' in a cursive font, followed by 'Equine Sports, Family, Pet Photography' and the website 'joannemaisano.com'. Below this is the email 'joannefmaisano@gmail.com' and the phone number '(540)660-9876'. The advertisement includes three photographs: a rider on a horse in a field, a small dog sitting on a log, and a rider on a horse jumping over a wooden fence.

Zoetis Reaffirms Its Commitment to Horses and Their Caregivers Through a Horse-First Equine Portfolio Brand Launch

All horse caregivers know that when horses recognize care and dedication, they return it tenfold. The Zoetis U.S. Equine division is by the side of horses and their caregivers every day, helping strengthen those relationships by providing a health care portfolio designed to help horses live happier, healthier lives.

As part of the company's Long Live the Horse campaign introduced at the 2021 American Association of Equine Practitioners Annual Convention & Trade Show, Zoetis Equine has sharpened its core strategic focus. This refined focus recognizes that because horses add so much to the lives of the people who love and care for them, it is imperative that we help give horses the best possible care over their lifetimes in return. "This new initiative embodies our internal mantra, 'Ask not what your horse can do for you, ask what you can do for your horse,'" said Jen Grant, head of marketing, Zoetis U.S. Equine. "It's a bold stance to suggest that our products and services are not about getting more out of the horse, but rather doing more for her. It's this profound sense of purpose that fuels us and fuels the equine veterinarians and owners who represent our customer base."

As a division of the world's leading animal health company, Zoetis Equine is relentlessly committed to the industry, to horses, and to the people who love and care for them. The company fosters the horse-human bond through dedicated teams of equine veterinarians, equine sales specialists and horse-savvy customer service representatives who provide expertise and support to both equine veterinary professionals and horse owners every step of the way. As the U.S. Equine division of Zoetis has aligned its team of professionals to provide great service, it has positioned the elements in its product portfolio to address the needs of both veterinarians and horse owners.

"Veterinarians are familiar with Zoetis products, and horse owners know some of our signature offerings such as QUEST® Gel dewormer, Pro-Stride® APS regenerative therapy device and CORE EQ INNOVATOR® vaccine," said Grant. "Now, Zoetis' revamped marketing is making a stronger connection between its equine portfolio and what horse owners and veterinarians may need to give their horses the right care. Our evolved branding reflects our commitment to always being by the side of horses and their caregivers in providing the products, education and support to help horses live their best lives."

With vaccines that help protect against potentially fatal diseases; diagnostic instruments that offer convenience; medications that facilitate sedation, pain management, respiratory health, and treatment of parasites among other health concerns; trailblazing regenerative medicine devices; and advanced nutritional support, Zoetis demonstrates clearly and confidently that it is a company committed to making horses and their well-being its first priority across the continuum of care and throughout the full journey of a horse's life.

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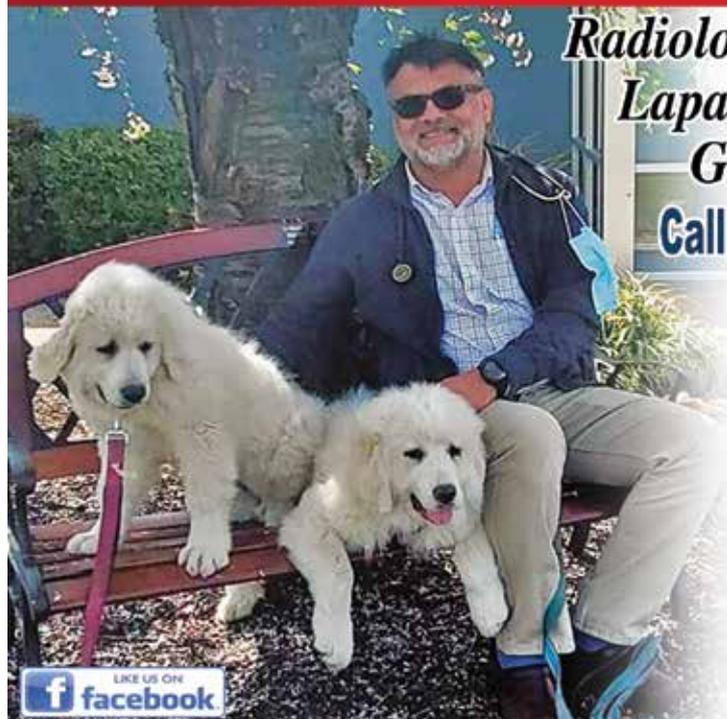
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Landowner Liability

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Your neighbor approaches you and asks if she can ride across your land. While this may be something that you are fine with, it is good to know what you are responsible for and how you protect yourself from any potential liability.

First and foremost, you should have anyone riding on your land sign a waiver of liability and assumption of risk that includes a covenant not to sue. There are several versions of these forms circulating throughout the area but it is best to consult with an attorney to make certain you are using the correct waiver for your particular needs.

So, you have your neighbor sign a waiver, but one day you look out across your land and see your neighbor cantering along with other riders who did not sign a waiver of liability. The question then becomes what are you responsible for within the parameters of your authorized neighbor's riding activities.

Most states have statutes that exempt landowners from liability when they allow their property to be utilized for recreational purposes. In Virginia this potential liability is addressed in Virginia Code § 29.1-509. Duty of care and liability for damages of landowners to hunters, fishermen, sightseers, etc. hereinafter "Landowner Liability Law or LLL".

Virginia has a long history of people utilizing the property of others for sporting and recreational activities. In order to encourage and not frustrate this long tradition, the Commonwealth has exempted landowners from almost all liability for those types of activities. In accordance with the Landowner Liability Law,

"A landowner shall owe no duty of care to keep land or premises safe for entry or use by others for hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, participation in water sports, boating, hiking, rock climbing, sightseeing, hang gliding, skydiving, horseback riding, foxhunting, racing, bicycle riding or collecting, gathering, cutting or removing firewood, for any other recreational use, for ingress and egress over such premises to permit passage to other property used for recreational purposes or for use of an easement granted to the Commonwealth or any agency thereof or any not-for-profit organization granted tax-exempt status under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to permit public passage across such land for access to a public park, historic site, or other public recreational area. No landowner shall be required to give any warning of hazardous conditions or uses of, structures on, or activities on such land or premises to any person entering on the land or premises for such purposes, except as provided in subsection D. The provisions of this subsection apply without regard to whether the landowner has given permission to a person to use their land for recreational purposes."

For purposes of this code section landowner is defined very broadly and includes lessees and even anyone simply occupying the property. It is always a good practice to check with the actual property owner if you are leasing or using someone else's land and get their approval however.

Therefore, in accordance with this section of the code, you owe no duty of care and, therefore, should not be held liable for most injuries that may befall anyone riding across the property, whether you have given them permission or not. Often times however, if you actually give permission to others to use your property for a specific purpose, a duty to keep that property fit for that purpose will attach. In this particular instance, however, the Virginia statute goes on to provide that:

"Any landowner who gives permission, express or implied, to another person to hunt, fish, launch and retrieve boats, swim, ride, foxhunt, trap, camp, hike, rock climb, hang glide, skydive, sightsee, engage in races, to collect, gather, cut or remove forest products upon land or premises for the personal use of such person, or for the use of an easement as set forth in subsection B does not thereby:

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1. Impliedly or expressly represent that the premises are safe for such purposes; or
2. Constitute the person to whom such permission has been granted an invitee to whom a duty of care is owed; or
3. Assume responsibility for or incur liability for any intentional or negligent acts of such person or any other person, except as provided in subsection D.”

Subsection D is the ever-important section in almost every liability statute that says the code will not and does not exempt you from gross negligence. In accordance with this subsection, “Nothing contained in this section, except as provided in subsection E, shall limit the liability of a landowner which may otherwise arise or exist by reason of his gross negligence or willful or malicious failure to guard or warn against a dangerous condition, use, structure, or activity.”

Therefore, if giving organizations or individuals permission to ride on your property you should have that entity sign a waiver of liability that includes a provision holding you harmless from any liability regarding the injury of the property or person of that individual and that individual’s invitees. Always ask any attorney preparing these waivers to include a covenant not to sue and a waiver of ALL liability to include gross negligence. It is unlikely that any waiver including a waiver of intentional acts on the part of a landowner would be enforceable so that language would not be advisable.

Finally, no one wants anyone to be injured so be sure to warn anyone riding on your property of potentially dangerous conditions. Putting up signs is a lost cost-effective and proven way to provide warnings. Also, if you also allow hunting on your property, please let the riders know when you open it up to hunters to avoid the possibility of a tragic accident.

Allowing riders on your property can open you up to the community of horses, provide friends with a safe place to ride, and give you one of the best views as you gaze upon horses going across your property. By protecting yourself from potential liability you can enjoy these benefits for years to come.

If you have questions about your legal rights you may want to contact the law offices of Victoria Stoner advertising on page 15.



An advertisement for a horse named Belle. The background is pink with a large heart shape. At the top left, there is a horseshoe icon with the text "ADOPT A HORSE" in pink. To the right is a close-up photo of Belle's head. Below the heart, there is a smaller red heart with the text "WILL YOU ADOPT ME?". The name "Belle" is written in large, white, bold letters. Below that, there is a large pink heart containing handwritten-style text: "Belle (TB) is in her teens and has been looking for love in all the wrong places. Belle is ready to settle down once and for all in a home where she will be able to live as the diva she is. Belle enjoys being with whoever is near, she isn't at all picky with her companionship. Belle does it all, but she has had some time off, and is looking for that special person to get her to her former glory." At the bottom, there is a full-body photo of Belle, a brown horse, standing. Below the photo, the text "SHENANDOAH VALLEY EQUINE RESCUE NETWORK" is written in pink, and "SVERN.ORG" is written in large, bold, pink letters.

Olympic Equestrian Great Loses Training License For Hitting Horse

Mark Todd is seen repeatedly striking a horse that was refusing to jump into the water in a video that was shared on social media and prompted an investigation.

LONDON (AP) — Mark Todd, a two-time Olympic champion in equestrian and now a notable racehorse trainer, has temporarily lost his training license pending an investigation into a video showing him striking a horse with a branch.

The British Horseracing Authority imposed the interim suspension on the 65-year-old New Zealander on Wednesday, saying it prevents him from racing horses in Britain or internationally.

In a video posted on social media, Todd is seen repeatedly striking a horse that was refusing to jump into water during a training clinic in 2020.

Todd has accepted the suspension, the BHA said, having already admitted to being the individual in the footage and apologized.

“One of the main things I preach is about establishing a mutual respect between horse and rider and that patience and kindness is the best way to get results,” Todd said in his own statement. “I believe this is one of the main attributes along with a great empathy with animals that has enabled me to have a long and successful career in eventing.

“I am very disappointed in myself that I did not adhere to that in this case.”

Todd is one of New Zealand’s most famous Olympians. He competed in seven Summer Games from 1984-2016, winning gold medals in eventing in 1984 and ’88 as well as three bronze medals.

He was given a knighthood in New Zealand’s New Year’s Honors in 2013 and has since become a racehorse trainer. Todd has stepped down from his role as a patron for World Horse Welfare because of the incident, which comes a week after Premier League footballer Kurt Zouma was fined and lost a sponsorship deal with Adidas for animal abuse. Zouma was filmed kicking and slapping his cat.



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Spring Grass Safety

As Benign as It Might Seem, Fresh Forage Can Cause More Harm Than Good

Shannon Pratt-Phillips, MSc, PhD



Not all pasture grass is created equal. Although this forage cornerstone of the equine diet offers excellent nutrition, provides fiber to keep the horse's digestive tract healthy, and allows the horse to satisfy his innate need to graze, come spring it is also notorious for causing problems. This is particularly true in horses at risk for digestive or metabolic disorders.

"Spring pasture grasses are capable of accumulating high amounts of nonstructural carbohydrates (NSCs), which are implicated in acute equine digestive diseases associated with rapid fermentation, and chronic metabolic disorders," says equine nutritionist Bridgett

McIntosh, MS, PhD. The types of NSCs found in grasses fall into three categories: sugars (glucose, fructose, sucrose), starches, and fructans.

"The NSC content of grass varies widely depending on environmental conditions, plant species, and stage of growth,"

McIntosh continues. "Through photosynthesis, grasses use light to produce sugars from carbon dioxide. When sugars are produced in excess of the plant's energy needs for growth and development, they are converted into storage, or 'reserve,' carbohydrates."

Grasses are classified as either warm-season or cool-season, based partly on their growing cycle throughout the year and also on how and when they metabolize and photosynthesize sunlight to produce carbohydrates.

"Fructans are the primary storage carbohydrate in cool-season grasses (tall fescue, orchardgrass, and timothy), while starches are the primary storage carbohydrate in legumes (clover and alfalfa) and warm-season grasses (Bermuda grass, crabgrass, bahiagrass)," McIntosh says.

Cool-season grasses can accumulate higher amounts of carbohydrates because they store their fructans outside of the chloroplast (the part of plant cells that conducts photosynthesis) in vacuoles that don't limit their storage. In warm-season grasses, starch production and storage is limited to within the chloroplast where it is synthesized.

"In the spring, cool-season grasses are the main concern for horses because the grass is growing rapidly and environmental conditions favor NSC production," McIntosh explains. "Warm-season grasses grow best during the hot summer months and typically produce lower amounts of NSC."

The Trouble with NSCs

Photosynthesis occurs during the daylight hours to produce NSCs, which fuel plant growth overnight. Therefore, NSC levels in grasses tend to increase throughout the day, peaking at about 3 or 4 p.m., and decrease overnight to lows in the very early morning hours. In the spring, cool-season grasses are in an early and active growth stage, resulting in high NSC production and turnover. However, spring evenings can be quite cool, and if the temperature drops below 40 degrees F, the plant is unable to use NSCs for growth, causing sugars and fructans to accumulate.

"In general, monitoring NSC is difficult because of fluctuations throughout the day (peaking in the later afternoon), across the season (with peaks in the spring and fall where days are sunny but evenings are cool), and depending on environmental conditions (drought, frost, soil fertility, moisture, etc.)," says McIntosh.

So why are nonstructural carbohydrates in spring grass problematic for horses? Well, turn a horse out that has been kept on hay (or sparse pasture) all winter, and he suddenly has an opportunity to consume large amounts of delicious, lush NSC-rich grass. It doesn't help that these young plant leaves have lower amounts of fiber (think about long stemmy grass in the late fall vs. the short pliable grass in the spring), making spring grass particularly palatable. Consuming such large amounts of NSC, particularly if introduced suddenly, can play havoc with the horse's digestive system and metabolism.

When a horse consumes starch and sugars, his digestive tract's enzymes digest them to simple sugars, such as glucose, that the body then absorbs. When blood glucose concentrations rise, the body releases the hormone insulin, which facilitates the movement of glucose from the bloodstream into other tissues, such as muscle and adipose (fat) tissue. Fluctuations in blood glucose and insulin concentrations can contribute to the development of insulin resistance, which involves the tissues becoming less sensitive to insulin's activity and results in uncontrolled blood glucose concentrations. Horses with insulin resistance might also have elevated insulin concentrations from the body overproducing the hormone in an attempt to overcome its lowered efficacy. Researchers have shown this can directly cause the hoof disease laminitis, in which the Velcro-like laminae that suspend the coffin bone inside the hoof wall fail. Elevated glucose concentrations might also trigger laminitis.

Another concern owners should have when eager horses consume large quantities of spring grass is the risk of overwhelming the digestive tract's ability to digest NSCs. In such situations, the NSCs will spill over into the horse's large intestine, disrupting the normal fermentative activity of the microbial organisms residing in the cecum and colon (this situation is similar to grain overload).

"The rapid fermentation of the increased starches results in a series of negative biochemical reactions, ultimately breaking down the basement membrane which then triggers the separation of the laminae that connect the hoof to the coffin bone," says Richard A. Mansmann, VMD, PhD, Hon Dipl. ACVIM-LA, clinical professor emeritus at North Carolina State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, past founding director of the College of Veterinary Medicine's Equine Health Program, and current owner of the Equine Podiatry and Rehabilitation Practice, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. "The amount of negative reactions (i.e., laminar separation) dictates the level of severity of the laminitis. With every subsequent bout of laminitis there is a geometric amount of damage and, thus, a poorer prognosis and greater recovery time."

Something else to be concerned about in the spring—and fall, for that matter—are fructans. These are chains of fructose molecules that are indigestible by mammalian enzymes (similar to cellulose or other fibers) but readily fermented by the microbes in the horse's large intestine. Therefore, they cause a response that's similar to what happens when starch reaches the hindgut; they trigger acid production, a drop in pH, and a chain-reaction that might result in laminitis. Fructans appear to cause increases in blood insulin and, thus, might also potentially trigger laminitis.

"Monitoring fructan intake is difficult because it varies depending on environmental conditions, and there are no standard laboratory methods for its analysis," McIntosh says.

Scientists have conducted several research studies to examine NSC and/or fructan fluctuations in cool-season pasture grasses and resulting glucose and insulin concentrations in horses at various times of the day and year. Researchers in Virginia and North Carolina that have examined these variations throughout the year have found that both NSC and fructan levels are highest in early spring (April and May) and lower in summer, fall, and winter. Glucose and insulin concentrations coincide with the NSC increases in the spring, and they are lower in the summer and fall.

Daily fluctuations in pasture NSCs also influence blood glucose and insulin concentrations in grazing horses. Researchers conducting studies in the fall and spring showed that NSC concentrations peak later in the afternoon/early evening (between 4 and 8 p.m.) and reach their lowest levels in the early morning hours (between 4 and 8 a.m.; see chart on page 54 of the March 2014 issue). Again, glucose and insulin concentrations in grazing horses tend to follow those patterns throughout the day, with elevated concentrations near times of peak NSC concentration.

Managing Grass Intake

Based on the above-mentioned and other research studies, there are several management strategies owners can employ to reduce the laminitis risks associated with spring pasture consumption, especially in horses that have had previous bouts of laminitis attributed to grass intake, or those with insulin resistance or other metabolic conditions (such as obesity or equine Cushing's disease).

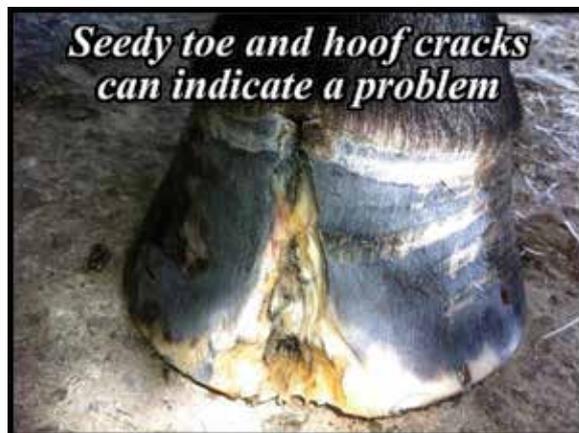
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"Individuals at risk for NSC-related diseases and disorders should be housed on drylots and fed hay that is low in NSC (less than 10% NSC on a dry matter basis), along with a ration balancer concentrate to meet nutrient requirements," McIntosh suggests.

If you do not have access to a drylot, then turn these horses out on pasture only in the very early morning hours (when NSC

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concentrations are lowest) while wearing grazing muzzles. Mansmann suggests owners of at-risk horses have their veterinarians take lateral radiographs of each of the horses' feet twice annually to monitor any subclinical changes in coffin bone position before pain/lameness occurs.

Introduce horses that have chowed down on hay all winter to spring grass slowly, to allow their digestive tracts to adapt to the higher NSC concentrations and reduce the risk of microbial upset. Turn them out only for short periods of time (starting at one hour) during those early morning hours, increasing by 30-minute increments every few days. Horses that have been kept on pasture 24/7 all winter generally adapt and adjust naturally to the changing grass composition and quantity.

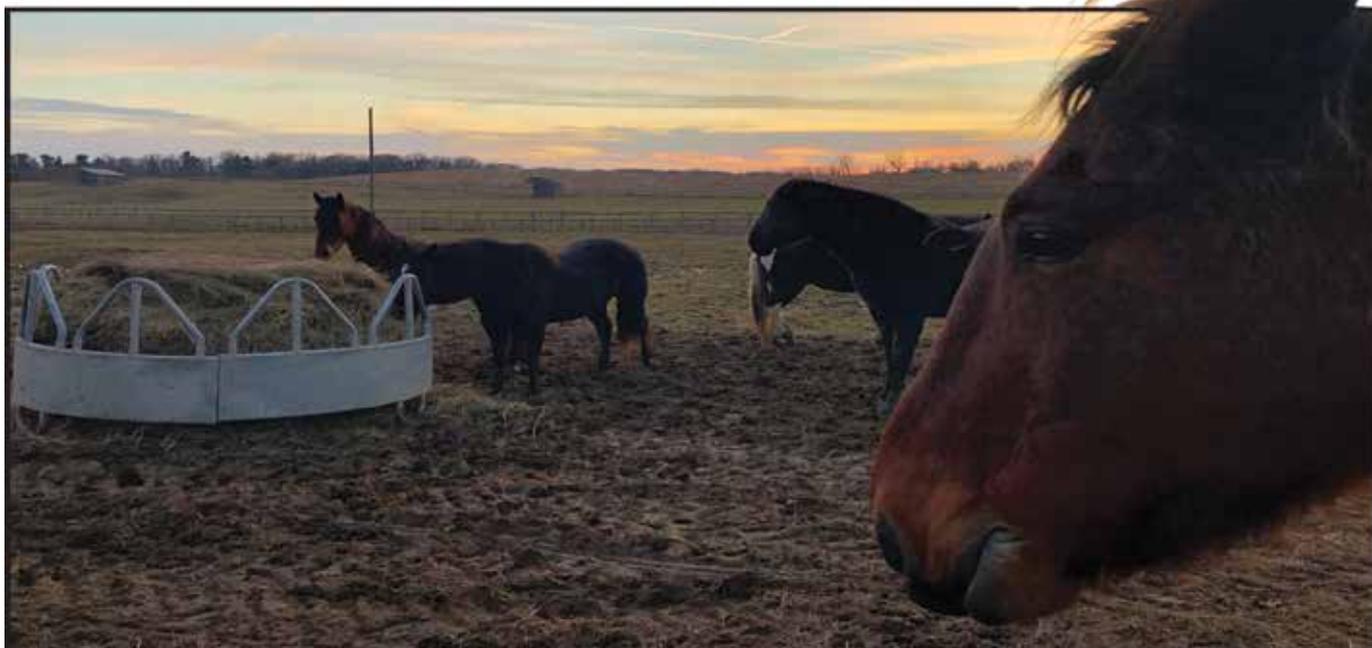
But owners should monitor their horses closely and, perhaps, bring them in off pasture later in the day (or apply grazing muzzles) when NSC concentrations peak. Even if a horse is well-adapted to spring grass, it might be prudent to restrict grazing after cool overnight temperatures or a frost. Remember, these temperatures render the plant incapable of using NSCs for growth and result in their accumulation and higher concentrations the following day.

Also note that when horses have limited or restricted pasture turnout time, their consumption rate and, therefore, NSC intake during that limited time might actually increase, compared to a horse that grazes continually. In one study researchers determined that horses turned out 24 hours per day had lower peak insulin concentrations than horses turned out for 10 hours at 9 p.m. on the same pasture, likely because the latter group ate the higher NSC more rapidly and in greater quantities. Also, horses turned out continuously had higher (less acidic) overall fecal pH than horses turned out either in the evening (9 p.m.-7 a.m.) or daytime hours (10 a.m.-6 p.m.).

General good grazing practices also help reduce pasture NSC levels. McIntosh suggests that "managing pastures so that they remain vegetative (in growth stage) reduces storage carbohydrates (fructans) by encouraging utilization by the plant.

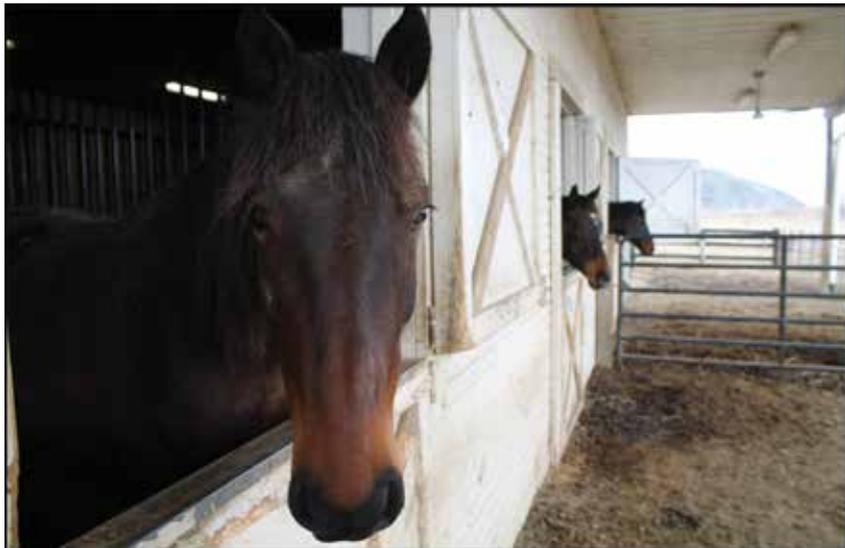
Overgrazing can also increase fructan intake because it forces a horse to consume the plant stem closer to the ground, where fructan is stored. Rotational grazing should be implemented, where horses are removed from pastures to allow for rest and regrowth when the forage is grazed down to 3 to 4 inches, and horses can be returned to graze when it reaches 6 to 8 inches." Selecting warm-season or low-NSC cool-season grasses when seeding pastures can also minimize risk of NSC overconsumption. "NSC accumulation is still possible in the afternoon hours for all forage species during periods of peak growth and sunny days," McIntosh adds.

While horses might look longingly over a drylot fence or disappointedly beyond the nose of their grazing muzzle at lush spring pasture, remember that their suffering with laminitis or another disease would be far worse. Managing your horses and your pasture properly will help keep both healthy and productive.



5 Horse Handling Hacks to Improve Safety in the Barn

Nikki Alvin-Smith



The care, custody and control responsibilities of working with horses usually includes handling the noble beasts in confined spaces. Daily duties often include leading the horses to and from pastures to the shelter of a stable or horse barn. Whatever the design or style of horse housing utilized, there are many opportunities for accidents to happen that can result in minor or major injuries to horse or human.

Accidents are defined as unexpected events that are not intended but that cause damage or injury. Horses are large, unpredictable creatures of flight so horse trainers/owners/handlers should truly learn to 'expect the unexpected' and be proactive in accident prevention. Sadly, every year many injuries occur that could easily have been prevented with the use of a few simple training techniques

for horse and handler. It is not just the neophyte horse owners or caregivers that cause preventable injuries. Often knowledgeable and experienced horse people are lulled into bad practices and become casual in their handling habits regarding their equine charges. Remember every time you are in a horse's presence you are teaching it something. Make sure it is something you want it to learn. The practice of opening the

pasture gate and allowing horses to move freely to their barn stalls either 'en masse' or individually may seem fun and be quicker to do than taking the time to halter the horse(s) and lead them to the barn, but such actions can also result in horses becoming injured. Arguments can occur between horses as to who has which stall, inadvertent kicks can cause injury to horses/humans and damage to property, horses can hit their hips entering the stall in a rush etc.

Additionally haltering and leading a horse is a valuable training opportunity.

Here are 5 horse handling hacks that when consistently implemented may help mitigate the risk for injury to horse and human:

The Simple Stop

It may seem simple but the 'stop' offers a significant safety benefit when leading the horse in and out of the barn. Teaching your horse to halt when being led on a halter with the rope is easy to do. Safety caveats include:

- Never wrap the rope around the hand or fingers or drape it over your shoulder as a sudden movement from the horse could cause significant injury.
- The habit of throwing the lead rope over the horse's back as it enters the stall alone while the handler stands back can cause injuries such as rope burns to the horse should the rope fall to the floor and the horse step on it.
- Ensure the horse's halter is properly fitted. The noseband should be placed 1" below the cheek bone. Both the noseband and the throat latch should be a snug enough fit to ensure the halter won't come forward and over the horse's ears should he back up or come off under the horse's chin if he rears up or pulls back.
- If a lead shank is used instead of a rope, it should not be looped through the halter and clipped back to itself. This could result on a horse stepping a hoof through the loop in the chain if grazing or dropping its head and cause the horse to panic and thus result in serious injury.

Training Tips:

- Voice commands should always be used in addition to rope tugs that exert pressure on the noseband of the halter.
- The use of the word halt, or whoa, given in a commanding voice in a low tone combined with a light pull and release of the rope is all that should be needed to halt the horse. Remember it is the release that teaches the horse not the application of pressure.
- The handler is at the shoulder of the horse and stops alongside the horse at the same time. The horse can be rewarded with praise and a pat on the shoulder and then asked to 'step up' or 'walk on'.
- After training test the horse's understanding of this very basic task by using just the verbal command i.e., the handler walks forward a few steps after issuing the halt command and stands still while asking the horse to step up or walk on.
- Eye contact made at the time of the halt and then released when asking the horse to step forward can also be employed.
- Should the horse not understand or respond to the halt command it is important not to start a tug of war on the rope. Simply walk forward a few steps and ask again. Eventually the horse will ascertain how easy it is to comply and seek the positive reinforcement reward.

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The horse should always be halted before being led into a barn, before being led into or out of a stall or through a doorway to an indoor arena. This gives the handler the opportunity to ensure there are no obstacles such as tack boxes, skips etc. other horses, pets, children, adults or vehicles blocking or impeding the safe passage of both horse and handler through the door, along an aisleway, or in the stall space.

Horses' vision is not the same as human vision and does not adapt from light to dark in seconds. It can take more than 30 minutes for a horse to transition to full vision when going from bright outdoor light to the relative darkness of a barn.

During snowy winter months, halting a horse before entering the barn also gives the handler time to garner help to pick snow from the horse's hooves that may have balled up during cold weather.

Removal of these 'snow angels' on barefoot horses or ice/snow packed in shod horses' feet before attempting to traverse a rubber matted or concrete aisleway will help prevent the horse slipping thus minimizing the chance for soft tissue injury that is especially likely when making a sharp turn into a stall. This precaution may even prevent a horse from going down altogether and fracturing bones such as the pelvis.

Handling Hack: As a seasoned horse trainer I additionally train my horses to mimic my 'walk like a penguin' action inside and outside the barn when a covering of snow or ice is on the ground. Taking these 'little steps' lessens the likelihood of the horse and myself skating around.

The use of the halt also enables the handler to ensure they are safely placed in optimal position just in front of the horse's shoulder to step into a stall in advance of the horse and guide the animal through the center of the door entrance. This will help ensure the horse does not bang his hip on a side post which can cause injury or even permanent damage and reduces the risk of a blanket catching on a door frame or stall door latch.



Take The Time to Turn Around

When leading a horse into a stall or paddock it is always wise to take the time to turn the horse around so that it is facing the entrance with the handler at its head. Not only does this eliminate the opportunity for the horse to duck through a door or gate and escape the pasture or stall, but it also minimizes the risk of injury for the handler at the time the horse is released.

It is usual to remain on the inside of the horse and turn him around the handler keeping his head toward the handler as this swings his hind legs away from the human and makes it easier to maintain control. Remember wherever a horse's head is pointed he will most likely follow.

Horses may also be taught to turn around or move over in the stall when the stall is being mucked out. The use of an intermittent tap on the horse's girth area together with a verbal cue of 'move over' and praise reward when the horse complies, (especially when the horse may be eating), should be trained in the horse from an early age. Move the horse's feet to control its mind.

Halter Head Drop

Horses of many breeds tower above humans particularly when they are excited such as when being turned out, feed times etc. Whenever the horse is to be released either by unclipping the rope and leaving the halter on the horse or by removing the halter, it is more easily and certainly more safely completed if the horse is taught to drop its head for the process and to wait for a verbal cue before turning away or leaving.

Safety note: Always remove halters for turnout if equine hay feeders are present in the pasture to prevent the halter becoming hung up on unnoticed protrusions. Water buckets and hooks in a stall and blanket hardware incorrectly adjusted with the outer edges of clips facing outward, can pose a similar hazard.

Handling Hack:

Food rewards should be carefully used in training so as not to teach the horse to nip or search for treats every time he is handled. I use carrots as a healthy treat whenever placing a halter on a horse or removing it. The carrot is easy to see and smell from the horse's perspective and is unlikely to be dropped. For safety, if it does end up on the ground don't reach down to get it, let the horse pick it up.

I give the thinner half of the carrot as a reward for dropping the head after the horse has patiently waited for me to buckle up the halter and clip on the rope, and the second half after the halter is safely removed. The time it takes the horse to chow down on the carrot allows extra time for the handler to leave the paddock or stall safely and its size minimizes the risk of the horse finding my fingers instead of the treat if it is excited.



Bubbles and Backing Up

All horses should be taught to respect the 'bubble' or immediate space around their human handlers. A horse should also be trained to back up on command. The latter facilitates more control for all sorts of life events, such as trailering and transport, extricating a horse from a hazardous situation such as entanglement in a fence or gateway etc.

Backing up a horse is also used to instill in the horse who is in charge. Horses in a herd will back up away from the leader if challenged, and similarly the human handler can use backing up to teach the horse who is 'the boss' without ever needing to touch the horse.

Whenever a caregiver enters a stall, the resident equine should immediately turn to face them and then back away on a verbal cue to allow space for the handler to enter the stall.

Training Tips:

- Use of a whip acts as an extension of the handler's arm when training. Train the horse to be unafraid of the whip before beginning, by passing it along his shoulders and flanks. The additional distance from the horse that a whip provides offers more safety to the handler during the exercise.
- As with all training cues keep them consistent and allow time for the horse to comply. Begin with a physical touch to the horse's nose pushing it back toward its chest with the hand and tapping the point of the horse's shoulder with the whip asking it to 'step back.' Reward compliance with a praise reward.
- Rhythm is important in all horse training. Taps given in a predictable rhythm will relax the horse. If the horse overreacts then the impact of the tap was too much, if he does not react at all then the tap was not hard enough. Don't be aggressive, be assertive.
- Stop tapping and offer the praise reward immediately the horse positively responds, but don't stop tapping until some effort in the right direction has been made.
- Reward even the tiniest of movements or efforts from the horse in the right direction. Backing up is a hard task for a horse to accept as he cannot see directly behind him.
- If the horse doesn't immediately comply you can tap the near front hoof with your foot to tell it to move the hoof back.
- Always stand to the side of the front of the horse, not directly in front when training unless you are an experienced professional.
- Once the horse understands the instruction, you can migrate the cue to holding your hand up as a 'stop' sign while still using the verbal cue and moving your hand toward the horse as if pushing an invisible wall, or you can simply use your arm to point and direct the horse using it like a whip.

Tying and Cross Ties

There are many different methods utilized to teach the horse to stand tied up or on cross ties. Whichever method is chosen, it all begins with teaching the horse to stand still.

During a horse's life it is inevitable that it will need to be restrained at some juncture by being tied up. Trailer transport, cross ties utilized for tacking up and grooming, standing tied to a trailer at a horse show etc. Horses that pull back when tied can easily panic and injure themselves or others. It is important that the horse has been trained to step forward when pressure is applied to the halter rather than step back, before teaching the horse to tie up.

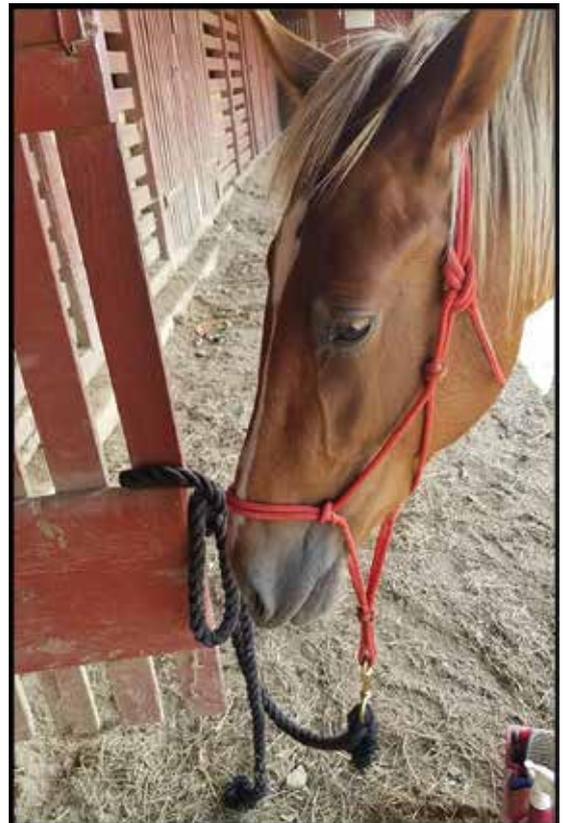
As with any other training of the horse it is the release of pressure that teaches the horse the best course of action, not its application.

Be aware that foals are particularly prone to damage to the cervical area of their spines (this is one of the reasons most horse breeders choose to use pressure from a rope behind the foal as well as a halter rope in front when teaching them to lead), so special care should be taken to train the foal.

Tying up is one of the last things to teach a foal, and it should not be done until the horse is at least 6 months old and weaned.

Patience poles/snubbing posts are mostly used as a punishment, and I do not personally advocate their use. Whatever method is employed, opt for ones that are kind, safe and offer a positive experience for the horse. Remember to always stay out of the kick zone when training a horse to any task.

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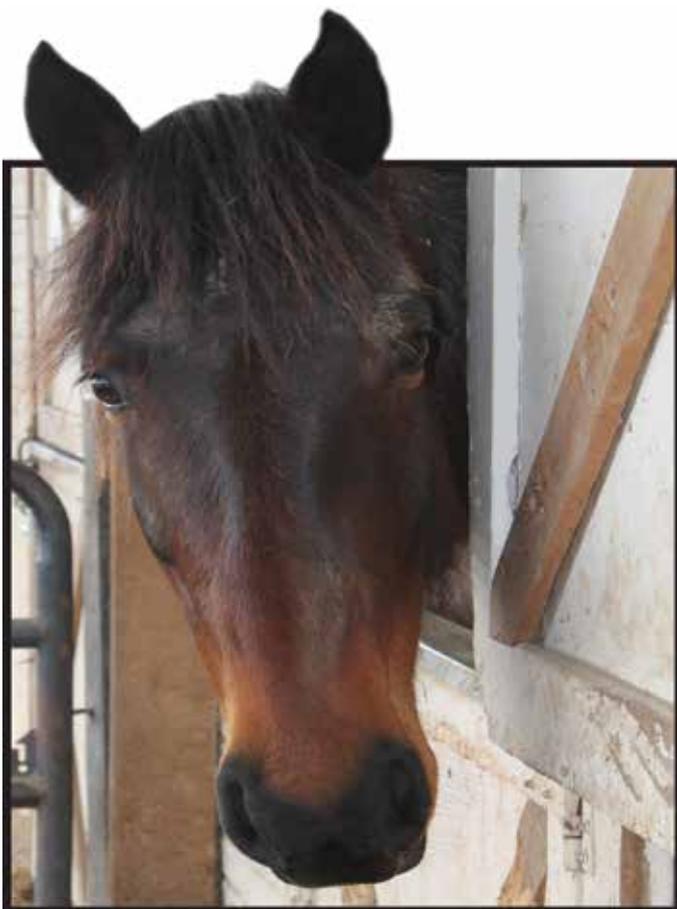
Take Home Message

Horses are amazing creatures. Their noble natures and smart intellects make them great partners in life. Keeping both horses and humans as happy and safe from injury and damage as possible is always the goal.

The horse's amiable disposition allows it to trust its human counterpart, but this also exposes it to risk of abuse. Always honor the bond of trust and do everything to ensure it is built upon every day.

To quote one of my husband Paul's (who is also a GP trainer/clinician/competitor) favorite expressions when teaching students to train their horses:

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Duffy “Good Times” Banks

Duffy is a Shenandoah Valley native born and raised in Winchester, Virginia. He is currently head maintenance and grounds keeper for White’s Lake Properties. Duffy has been volunteering with the SVERN rescue for the last four years at least a few days a week. Through every move, every season, mud, snow, you name it... Duffy has remained a fixture helping to take care of all of these horses needs.

Throughout the summer seasons, Duffy loves to help out with the mowing and farm maintenance. During the winter months he is always available to assist in getting round bales out or moving hay between barns.

Duffy did not grow up around horses and his love and knowledge of them has continued to grow. Duffy has put in more hours than any other volunteer, by far. But volunteering is in his nature. When he isn’t found volunteering for SVERN he is volunteering as an Assistant Coach with the youth basketball team Winchester Rising Stars.

His fixing skills have come in handy too many times to count. His knowledge of horses and their crazy ways continues to grow. This summer we hope to have him up on the back of, one of the farm’s Irish Sport Horses. Taking the next step in his equine journey.

To every Volunteer out there like Duffy. We salute you. Volunteer you are proud of and would like to make them blush. Please send over a picture and story. So we can include them in an upcoming issue.

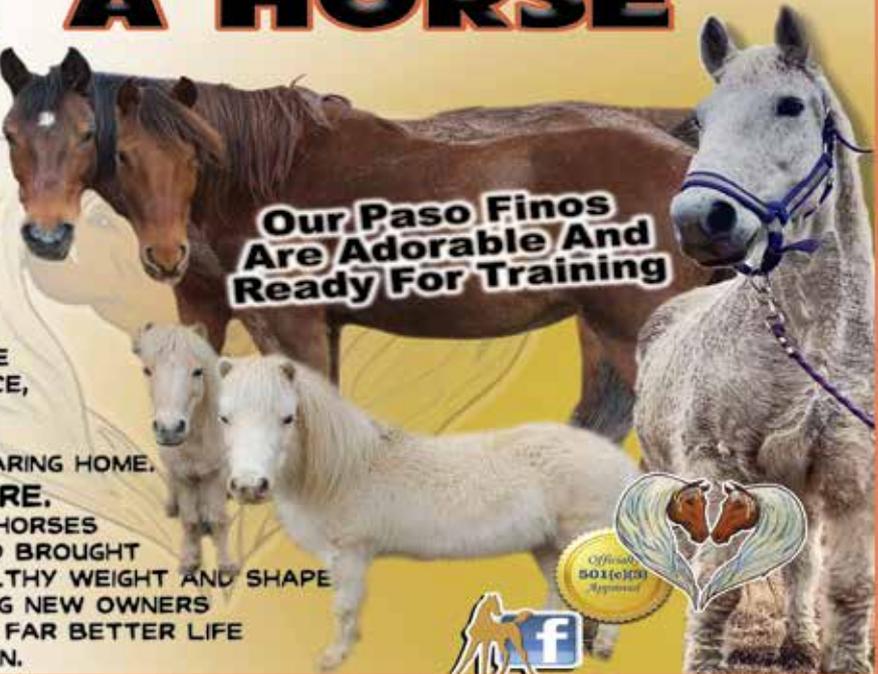
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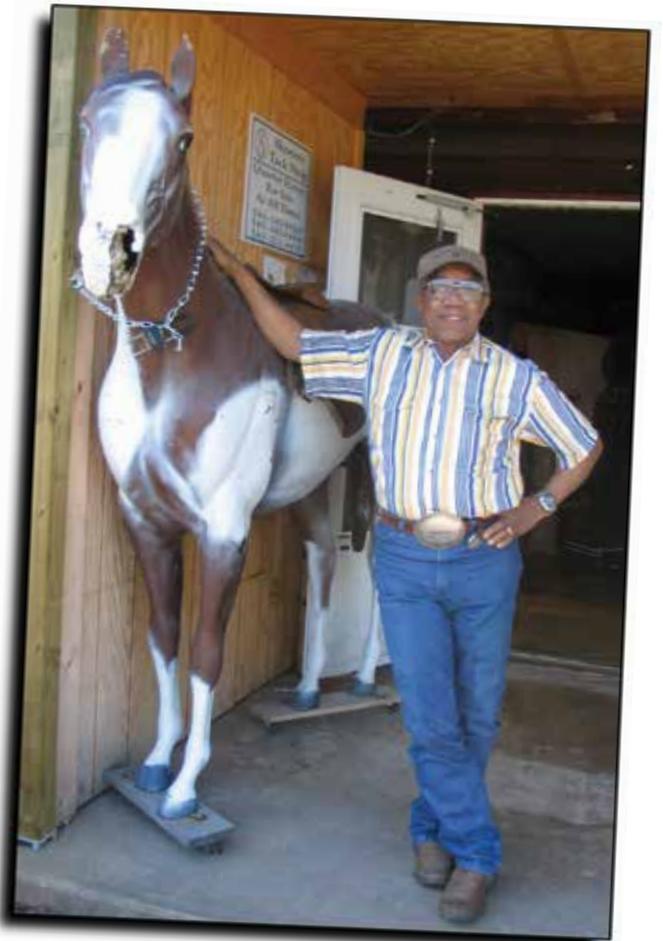




OBITUARY

Edward “Skeeter” Hembry

82, passed away peacefully with close friends by his side on November 4th at Fauquier Hospital after a courageous battle with blood cancer. Born and raised in Herndon, Virginia, Skeeter has been a well-known member of the Warrenton community since 1978. He touched the lives of many throughout the horse community and beyond. He will be fondly remembered for his warm, welcoming smile and friendly demeanor. Skeeter owned and operated Skeeter’s Custom Leather & Tack Shop, first in Fairfax and then in New Baltimore, for more than 50 years where he custom made Western saddles, repaired tack and horse blankets, and much more. He started training horses at age 15. A lifelong horseman and member of the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), Skeeter judged AQHA horse shows throughout the United States and Canada for more than 25 years. His stallions sired AQHA champions for decades. Skeeter was preceded in death by his parents Edward and Frankie Marie Hembry, brother Eugene Hembry, and sister Margaret Hembry. He is survived by his sisters Linda Mae Hembry and Judy A. Robinson, his brother James F. Hembry, numerous nieces and nephews, and many dear friends. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Skeeter’s memory to the Equine Rescue League, equinerescueleague.org/donate or call 540.822.4577.



William Gaines “Billy” Christmas

William Gaines “Billy” Christmas, who was recalled as a colorful member of the Maryland thoroughbred racing industry, died November 14, 2021 of old-age complications at his Idle Miss Farm in Monkton. He was several days short of his 96th birthday.

He was hailed as a lifelong stalwart of the Maryland industry as an owner and breeder, head of the Maryland Thoroughbred Breeders’ Association, founder of a sales company, and proprietor of the family’s Idle Miss Farm in Baltimore County. He was sending out runners well into his 80s before retiring in the fall of 2013.

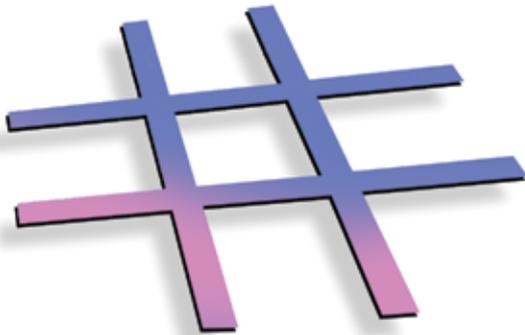
“He still drove himself to the grocery store until mid-August,” said Biff Christmas, Billy’s son. “He ended up getting a summer cold that turned into pneumonia. He recovered enough to get out of the hospital, but it just really wracked his lungs, and he went downhill from there.”

“Billy was one of the last of the great characters of the horse breeding industry in Maryland,” said Cricket Goodall, executive director of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association and the Maryland Million. “He loved the politics behind the scenes of racing and he personally had a colorful history.

“He came from an important family — the Christmas family has a deep legacy in racing and breeding, and yet I could never get him to sit down for a formal interview for an article. He would just tell great stories.” Christmas was active in Maryland thoroughbred racing from 1947 until his death. He had his last winner in 2019.

PONY TIMES

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The horse is about to jump the first fence and needs to find the next fence.
Draw the path starting at 1 and counting by 1s up to 100.

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Horse Word Search Puzzle

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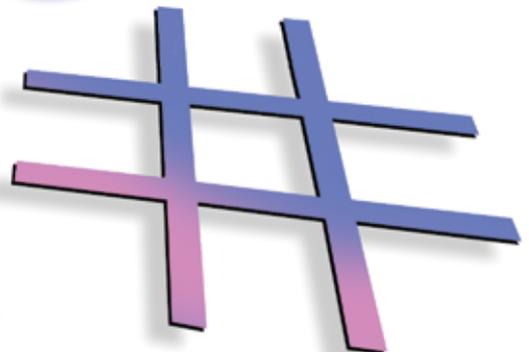
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Quick Game Of Tic Tac Toe?

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March 5-6	TWA Winter Hunter/Jumper	H/E/J	Herndon, VA
March 6	Middleburg Barn at Fox Chase Farm Horse Show	H/E	Middleburg, VA
March 6	Stonehouse Stables Winter Series	H/E	Toano, VA
March 6	Hazelwild Farm	H/E	Fredericksburg, VA
March 12	NOVA Equestrian Center Series	H	Aldie, VA
March 12	Mane Event 4H Benefit Show	H/E/J	Currituck, NC
March 12-13	TWA Winter Hunter/Jumper	H/E/J	Herndon, VA
March 19-20	Middleburg Barn at Fox Chase Farm Pony Show	H/E/M	Middleburg, VA
March 19	Fox Pointe Farm	H/E	Quinton, VA
March 19	The Barracks	H/E	Charlottesville, VA
March 19	Hidden Haven	H/E/M	Doswell, VA
March 19-20	Trimble's Ridge	H/E/J	Lexington, VA
March 19-20	TWA Winter Hunter/Jumper	H/E/J	Herndon, VA
March 26	Autumn Olive Farm	H/E	Goochland, VA
March 27	EKG Stables @ Hill Valley Farm	H/E/M	Spotsylvania, VA
April 2	Topline Horse Center	H/E/J/M	Yorktown, VA
April 2	Silver Lining Farm	H/E	Manakin-Sabot, VA
April 2	Hidden Haven	H/E/M	Doswell, VA
April 3	Red Gate Farm Hunter Series	H/E/M	Bluemont, VA
April 3	Hazelwild Farm	H/E	Fredericksburg, VA
April 3	Haverhill Farm Jumper Show	J	Ashland, VA
April 3	Sandstone Farm	J	Millwood, VA
April 9	Autumn Olive Farm	H/E	Goochland, VA
April 9	Whitestone Farm	H/E	Fredericksburg, VA
April 9	Fox Ridge Farm	H/E	Smithfield, VA
April 9	Turner Farm Events	H	Great Falls VA
April 9	Hanover Heritage Horse Show	H/E	Hanover, VA
April 9-10	Gray Horse Farm	H/E/J	Powhatan, VA
April 10	CVSJA Spring Premier	Reg Class	Manakin-Sabot, VA
April 10	Southern Heritage Farm	H/E	Midland, VA
April 10	Sandstone Farm	J	Millwood, VA
April 16	Morven Park	H/E/J/M	Leesburg, VA
April 16	Topline Horse Center	H/E/J/M	Yorktown, VA
April 16	Randolph Macon Equestrian Center	H/E	Ashland, VA
April 23	VPBA Benefit Horse Show	H/E/M	Warrenton, VA
April 23	Silver Lining Farm	H/E	Manakin-Sabot, VA
April 23	Topline Horse Center	H/E/J/M	Yorktown, VA
April 23	Roseoldian Farm	H/E	Virginia Beach, VA
April 24	Fox Pointe Farm	H/E	Quinton, VA
April 24	Brookhill Horse Show Series	H/E	Charlottesville, VA
April 24	EKG Stables @ Hill Valley Farm	H/E/M	Spotsylvania, VA
April 24	Summerduck Run Farm	H/E	Culpeper, VA
April 28	Washington County H/J		Boonsboro, MD
April 30	Four Oaks Farm	H/E	Palmyra, VA
April 30	Sandstone Farm	H/E/M	Millwood, VA
May 1	Red Gate Farm Hunter Series	H/E/M	Bluemont, VA
May 1	Lake of the Woods	H/E	Locust Grove, VA
May 1	Brookhill Horse Show Series	H/E	Charlottesville, VA
May 7	Topline Horse Center	H/E/J/M	Yorktown, VA
May 7	Autumn Olive Farm	H/E	Goochland, VA
May 7	Kinnach Equestrian LLC	H/E	Chesapeake, VA
May 7	Whitestone Farm Forrest Linton Classic	H/E	Fredericksburg, VA
May 7	Randolph Macon Equestrian Center	H/E	Ashland, VA
May 7	Hidden Haven	H/E/M	Doswell, VA



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May 7-9	TWA Summer Hunter/Jumper	H/E/J/M	Warrenton, VA
May 8	CVSJA Spring Classic	Cross Rails	Manakin-Sabot, VA
May 14	Four Oaks Farm	H/E	Palmyra, VA
May 14	Turner Farm Events	H	Great Falls VA
May 14	Hanover Heritage Horse Show	H/E	Hanover, VA
May 15	EKG Stables @ Hill Valley Farm	H/E/M	Spotsylvania, VA
May 15	Brandywine Farm @ Hunter Lane Stables	H/E	Chester, VA
May 15	Sandstone Farm	H/E/M	Millwood, VA
May 15	Bull Run Hunt Horse Show	H/E	Locust Dale, VA
May 15	CVSJA Spring Spectacular	\$1000 Stakes	Manakin-Sabot, VA
May 21	Morven Park	H/E/J/M	Leesburg, VA
May 21	Sprouse's Corner Ranch Open House Show Series	H/E	Buckingham, VA
May 21	West Neck Creek Equestrian Center	H/E	Virginia Beach, VA
May 21-22	Gray Horse Farm	H/E/J	Powhatan, VA
May 22	Haverhill Farm Jumper Show	H/E	Ashland, VA
May 22	Southern Heritage Farm	H/E	Midland, VA
May 22	Sandstone Farm Jumper Show	J	Millwood, VA
May 27	Oakland Heights Farm	H/E	Gordonsville, VA
May 28	Autumn Olive Farm	H/E	Goochland, VA
May 29	Hazelwild Farm	H/E	Fredericksburg, VA
May 29	Summerduck Run Farm	H/E	Culpeper, VA
May 30	Orange County Fair Horse Show	H/E	Orange, VA



Please Note: Every effort is made to supply accurate information. HT is not responsible for inaccuracies and changes. Please double check calendar dates with venue when making plans.

REGULAR (RATED)

March 11-13	The Barracks "A"	H/M	Charlottesville, VA
March 17-20	Raleigh Indoor Springs H/J Classic "A"	H/J	Raleigh, NC
March 18-20	Mcdonogh Spring Classic "A"	H/J/M	Owings Mills, MD
March 24-27	Tryon Welcome 1 "A"	H/J	Mill Spring, NC
March 31-April 3	Tryon Welcome 2 "A"	H/J	Mill Spring, NC
April 7-10	Tryon Welcome 3 "A"	H/J	Mill Spring, NC
April 12-16	Rosemount Farm "AA"	H/M	Spotsylvania, VA
April 13-17	Tryon Welcome 4 "AA"	H/J	Mill Spring, NC
April 27-May 1	Lexington Spring Premiere "AA"	H/J/M	Lexington, VA
May 4-8	Lexington Spring Encore "AA"	H/J/M	Lexington, VA
May 4-8	Tryon Spring 1 "AA"	H/J	Mill Spring, NC
May 11-15	Tryon Spring 2 "A"	H/J	Mill Spring, NC
May 18-22	Tryon Spring 3 "AA"	H/J	Mill Spring, NC
May 19-22	Triangle Sandhills Spring Classic "A"	H/J	Raleigh, NC
May 25-29	Tryon Spring 4 "AA"	H/J	Mill Spring, NC
May 28-29	Maryland Summer Classic "A"	H/J/M	Owings Mills, MD
June 1-5	Tryon Spring 5 "AA"	H/J	Mill Spring, NC
June 6-12	Upperville Colt & Horse Show "AA"	H/J/M	Upperville, VA
June 6-12	Tryon Spring 6 "AA"	H/J	Mill Spring, NC
June 17-19	Tryon Summer 1 "B"	H/J	Mill Spring, NC
June 22-26	Deep Run Horse Show "AA"	H/M	Manakin-Sabot, VA
June 24-26	Tryon Summer 2 "B"	H/J	Mill Spring, NC
June 29-July 3	Warrenton Pony Show "A"	PB/H/M	Warrenton, VA
June 29-July 3	Tryon Summer 3 "AA"	H/J	Mill Spring, NC

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MARYLAND HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION
REGIONAL SHOWS

March 5 - 6	Autumn Grove Stables	Berlin, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LL, LS, SS; T
March 26	BEST Horse Shows March I	Upper Marlboro, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LS, SS; T
March 27	BEST Horse Shows March II	Upper Marlboro, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LS, SS; T
April 3	Belfield Regional Series Spring I	Upper Marlboro, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LL, LS, SS; T
April 9 - 10	CESHS @ Autumn Grove I	Berlin, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LL, LS, SS; T
April 10	Belfield Regional Series Spring II	Upper Marlboro, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LL, LS, SS; T
April 15 - 16	Country Hill Farm	Westminster, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LL, LS, SS; T
April 23 - 24	St. Timothy's School Spring Fling	Stevenson, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LL, LS, SS; T
April 23	BEST Horse Shows April I	Upper Marlboro, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LS, SS; T
April 24	BEST Horse Shows April II	Upper Marlboro, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LS, SS; T
April 30	Belfield Regional Series Spring III	Owings Mills, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LL, LS, SS; T
May 1	McDonogh Spring Regional Show	Owings Mills, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LL, LS, SS; T
May 7	BEST Horse Shows May I	Upper Marlboro, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LS, SS; T
May 8	BEST Horse Shows May II	Upper Marlboro, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LS, SS; T
May 14	BEST Horse Shows May III	Upper Marlboro, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LS, SS; T
May 14 - 15	St. Timothy's School Summer	Stevenson, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LL, LS, SS; T
May 15	BEST Horse Shows May IV	Upper Marlboro, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LS, SS; T

R - Regular Member Show and Highest Rating: A, B, C
 MHSA Hunter Seat Equitation:
 H - Horse A - Adult P - Pony G - Gittings Horsemanship C - Children's Pony
 Other Divisions:
 J - Jumpers HB - Hunter Breeding T - Thoroughbred L - Low Child/Adult /Pony

RATED SHOWS

March 3 - 6	The Spring Welcome	Lexington, VA	R - A; MHSA - HPCG; L; T
March 11 - 13	The Barracks	Charlottesville, VA	R - A; MHSA - HCG; T
March 17 - 20	Raleigh Indoors Spring H/J Classic	Raleigh, NC	R - A
March 18 - 20	McDonogh Spring Classic	Owings Mills, MD	R - A; MHSA - HPCAG; L; T; J
March 31 - April 3	Showplace Spring Festival	Owings Mills, MD	R - A; MHSA - HPCAG; L; T; J
April 7 - 10	Maryland National Horse Show	Owings Mills, MD	R - A; MHSA - HPCAG; L; T; J
April 27 - May 1	The Lexington Spring Premiere	Lexington, VA	R - A; MHSA - HPCAG; L; T; J; HB
May 4 - 8	The Lexington Spring Encore	Lexington, VA	R - A; MHSA - HPCAG; L; T; J; HB
May 19 - 22	Triangle Sandhills Spring Classic	Raleigh, NC	R - A
May 28 - 29	Maryland Summer Classic	Owings Mills, MD	R - A; MHSA - HPCAG; L; T; J

Maryland & Virginia Dressage Schooling Shows

April 10	Baltimore Co Ag. Center	Cockeysville, MD
April 28	Washington County Pleasure	Boonsboro, MD
May 1	Harford Co. Equestrian Center	Bel Air, MD
June 5	Olney Farm-Spring	Joppa, MD
July 15-17	Va Horse Center	Lexington, VA
July 17	Harford Co. Equestrian Center	Bel Air, MD
August 28	Harford Co. Equestrian Center	Bel Air, MD
Sept 11	Olney Farm-Fall	Joppa, MD
Sept 25	Harford Co. Equestrian Center	Bel Air, MD
Oct 6-9	Great American IG/USDF Dressage Championships and Virginia Dressage Association Fall Competition	Lexington, VA



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- April 16-17
- May 21-22
- June 10th (Novice)
- June 11-12
- June 30
- July 1-3
- July 21-24
- September 17-18

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RATED HORSE SHOWS

March 12	Heritage Acres Spring 1	Dillsburg	B
March 13	March Regional	Littlestown	C
March 24	Swan Lake Winter Finale	Littlestown	A
April 2	Heritage Acres Spring 2	Dillsburg	B
April 10	CJL Inc. Horse Shows	Cochranville	C
April 16	Swan Lake Stables April	Littlestown	B
April 17	Heritage Acres Spring 3	Dillsburg	B
April 23	HollyHurst	Carlisle	B
April 24	HollyHurst	Carlisle	B
April 30	Heritage Acres	Dillsburg	C
April 30	WyndSOR Farm Horse Show	Elverson	C
May 1	Kimberton Hunt Horse Show	Glenmoore	C
May 7	Halcyon Farm May	Dillsburg	C
May 11-15	St. Christopher's H/J	Littlestown	AA
May 18-22	Blue Rock	Littlestown	AA
May 26-June 5	CJL Inc	Glenmoore	C
May 26-June 5	Devon	Devon	AA
May 29	HollyHurst	Carlisle	B

RATED BREEDING HORSE SHOWS

April 10	CJL Inc. Horse Shows	Cochranville	C
April 16	Magic Hill Spring Festival 1	Honey Brook	C
April 23	Magic Hill Spring Festival 2	Honey Brook	C
April 30	WyndSOR Farm Horse Show	Elverson	C
May 7	Magic Hill Spring Festival 3	Honey Brook	C
May 11	St. Christopher's H/c	Littlestown	AA
May 14	Magic Hill Spring Festival 4	Honey Brook	C
May 15	Magic Hill Spring Festival 5	Honey Brook	C
May 18-22	Blue Rock	Littlestown	AA
May 21	Magic Hill Spring Festival 6	Honey Brook	C
May 22	Magic Hill Spring Festival 7	Honey Brook	C
May 26-June 5	Devon	Devon	AA

NON-USEF HORSE SHOWS

March 13	Heaven's Gate Farm	Pipersville
April 9	Silver Moon Show Series	Reinholds
April 10	Heaven's Gate Farm	Pipersville
April 10	Brass Ring Jump Into Spring	Elverson
April 30	Silver Moon Show Series	Reinholds
May 21	Silver Moon Show Series	Reinholds

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Aug. 1-5	Day	8:30-3:00	AGES 6-14	\$500
Aug. 8-12	Day	8:30-3:00	AGES 6-14	\$500
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Aug. 15-19	Day	8:30-3:00	AGES 6-14	\$500



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•July 4-8 9am-3pm
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•July 11-15 9am-3pm
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•July 19-22 9am-12pm
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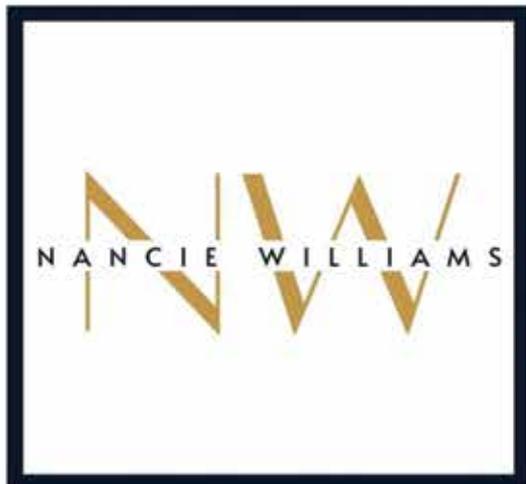
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