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## The Importance of Written Contracts with Trainers

By John Alan Cohan, Attorney at Law

We all know that recordkeeping is important for tax purposes, as well as for keeping track of day-to day developments in one's horse activities – whether in racing or breeding. One area that is often neglected, however, pertains to written contracts with

Written contracts are important with trainers not only to protect the parties from unexpected legal liability, but also to provide documentary evidence in the case of an IRS audit. Auditors will ask to see business records associat ed with the horse venture. and often revenue agents find it incomprehensible that anyone involved in the horse business would not have written contracts with

trainers. The contract should make it clear that the trainer is undertaking the training of the animals listed in the agreement and/or to educate the owner on how to train them. The agreement should specify the terms and conditions of payment and incidental services, like boarding, grooming, labor, transportation, veterinary

expenses, etc. that might involve additional charges. The horses to be trained should be listed, along with the name of the current insurer, if applicable, the insurer's emergency phone number, a disclosure of the horse's vices or unique habits and other pertinent information

Under state laws, the trainer can impose a livestock lien to enforce unpaid boarding costs, and this fact should be mentioned in the contract. Enforcement of a lien for unpaid bills. however, is an undesirable last resort and involves filing a case in court, with associated legal fees and The contract should have

language specifying that services in accordance with generally accepted professional standards, and that the trainer will exercise reasonable care for the protection of the horses and will educate and train the horses and/or owners to the best of his or her ability. There should be a clause pertaining to routine horse care requirements. or special needs.

For the trainer, the contract will set forth an "assumption of risk" clause to make it clear that he or she is not liable for injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting in the inherent risks of equine activities.

To avoid any misunderstanding, the contract should state that the trainer cannot and does not guarantee or predict the success of the training program, since this depends somewhat on the individual physical and mental ability of each horse.

Trainers will always want a statement that each horse will be delivered to the trainer's facility free of transmissible diseases. and must be effectively wormed and have current immunizations prior to arrival.

Trainers usually want the right to terminate the agreement on short notice for any reason, including the animal's poor health or unsoundness, dangerous propensities or other condi tions that make the horse unsuitable for training. Likewise, the agreement should state that the owner

desired by trainers is a

may terminate the agreement for any reason There should be a clause authorizing the trainer to obtain emergency care if the trainer is unable to contact the owner. Another important clause

statement that the trainer will not be liable for any sickness, disease, theft death or injury arising out of the boarding or training of the animal except in the event of willful nealigence. It is important to ascertain whether the trainer has public liability, accidental injury, theft or equine mortality insurance that might perfain to horses boarded at his or her stable. You should retain signed copies of the agreement (not blank copies), because

see them. For racehorse contracts the trainer may be designated as an authorized agent with authority to decide which races to enter, including claiming races, and which iockey shall ride the horse here should be provision for the owner to have the right to require another

f you are audited, the

revenue agent will want to

jockey of his choice, and the option to withdraw the horse from or not enter it in a particular race, or to direct the trainer to enter the

horse in a particular race. For show horses, the contract should make it clear whether the trainer has discretion to have the horse shown at horse shows of his or her choice. or whether this is something to be mutually agreed

According to attorney

Michael Dorazio, Jr., of Rancho Santa Fe, California. "It is important to put into the contract exactly what the specific responsibilities of the trainer are Is he expected to get the horse ready at shows, to cool down the horse and put it away after training sessions?" He adds, "Ho often is the trainer to ride the horse - how many hours/days per week? It's important to have communication between owner and trainer because this can bring issues to the surface before problems

I recommend a clause that obligates the trainer to provide reports (monthly)

on the general well-being of the horse and progress in its training. While many owners do not

have contracts with their trainers, this is something that is very important for the parties think about the



issues and avert conflicts in the future.

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## Black Beauty, Anna Sewell, and wild horses

By Victor Wolf

March 30, 1820, and April 25. 1878, are two dates of significance. They mark the birth and the passing of a woman whose legac is engraved on history and the on the hearts of countless people. Her name was Anna Sewell, and she wrote the classic novel Black Beauty because she had great compassion for the horses of her time. Black Beauty is the story of a horse's life, from colt to working horse and his treatment, to retirement

The book is the only contribution Sewell made to the welfare of horses, but it was enough. It's one of the few novels that can claim to have reduced suf-

fering. Sewell, who said she wanted to raise awareness in regard to animal welfare, intended the book for the people who worked with horses, and she met her goal – repeatedly. It is called the best-selling book of all time, reportedly selling 50 million copies in (Review biography: "Dark Horse" by Adrienne E. Gavin, The Nashua

Telegraph, 3-20-11)
But Sewell lived long enough to see only a bit of the success of her

only published work. She passed on just five months after the book was published.

One cannot imagine how Anna Sewell would respond to the plight of today. The pro-slaughter (they call it "harvesting") people seem to be advancing their agenda, and the pro-preservation group, essentially leaderless, seems too mired in confusion.

The organization Veterinarians for Equine Welfare (VEW) has made the statement that "The Horse Coalition claim to are pro-slaughter, and are advancing a harmful

On their website (www. vetsforequinewelfare.org), VEW organization offers on their website "A Campaign to End Horse Slaughter" animal healthcare profes-

sionals and horse owners. Madeline Pickens is one person who attempted to do what she could to save America's wild horses She bought a 24,000-acre ranch in Nevada, with grazing rights on 540,000 acres of public land. She had planned to move the

being held in governmentfunded holding facilities and pastures (Standard Examiner, 10-8-10). But Pickens' plan failed

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controlling, leading to total

page A12).

Summit and The Unwanted care about horses but both

eradication But John F. Kirkpatrick PhD, and Patricia M. Fazio, PhD. offer another view in their article "The Surprising History of America's Wild Horses" (Nov. 29, 2009). They report that if wild horses are seen as native wildlife, then current management might shift.

the Science and Conservation Center, and Fazio is a research fellow, at Zoo-Montana, Billings.

And there is a forgotter because she lacked the aspect. On one hand, the wild horse population is federal government's participation, about \$15 made up of feral horses million a year, or \$500.00 domesticated horses that per horse - about the same have run away, or have paid to private ranchers been released by irrespon who host wild horses in sible owners who no longer their pastures long-term want the animals. On the under federal contract other hand, there are the (Washington Post 3-7-09 Spanish Mustangs, identified by DNA tests. These Politics is one aspect of horses populate such placthe controversy. Another is es as Blackjack Mountain and Kiamichi Mountain, in the political correctness of words. Can horses really Oklahoma; Corolla, N.C.; be "harvested," as if they and the Kiger Mountains, were an edible crop, such

in Oregon, not to mention as corn or pumpkins? the herds in New Mexico, Federal and state agencies Montana, and California. The struggle to preserve these horses brings us label wild horses "non-native, exotic species," seen to politics, and these few as causing harm to the ecology of the land. Man-

thoughts: Charles Carroll, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, warned. Without morals a republic cannot subsist any length of time. They, therefore, who are decrying the Christian religion, whose morality is sublime and pure, are undermining the solid foundation of morals. the best security for the duration of free governments." (To James Henry 11-4-1800)

Chief Justice John Marshall tells us, "Between a balanced republic and a democracy the difference is like that between order and

John Adams stated. "Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that

did not commit suicide." Bud Falen, an attorney is quoted as saying, "We have to get involved, push the politicians to remember who they represent. Get local governments involved; they can be cooperating agencies with the federal igency to help make the right decisions, and a decision that includes the locals is better than one made in

"Work on a program to file petitions to redress aggrievement. Statutes get broadly written. We have to start writing petitions to support our rights. We have to start doing what they are doing ... If we don't ask, we will never get the answers we need. Start pushing the agencies

Carlos Lopopolo who, with his departed wife Cindy, founded the New Mexico Horse Project to preserve Spanish Mustangs in the state, wrote that "There are only 22,000 to 32,000 wild horses in North America. We should have wild horses in every federal park in the U.S.

No, one cannot imagine how Anna Sewell would have addressed the issue of our wild horses, but one can conclude this about that exceptional woman: She would have stirred people to manifes sympathy, kindness and understanding treatment of horses, for she saw them not as livestock, or as a food crop. Sewell saw them as companion animals and partners for people.

A faithful student of Scripture, Sewell may even have known that in the original Hebrew, the term "nefesh chaya" – living soul – was applied to people throughout the Scriptures, and in Genesis 1:21-24 was applied to animals as

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## Moral Responsibility, Spirituality, and the Horse as an Industry by Katherine Windfeather Thompson

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January of there was an ever 2011, there was an event held in Las Vegas, Nev., called The Summit of the Horse. I was not able to attend due to my duties on the racetrack, but I was keenly interested and kept up on information about the proceedings. The main issue was what to do about the problem created by unwanted and unadoptable horses, as well as excessive numbers of horses being abused, starved, or turned out to fend for themselves. I suspect that much suffering of this sort yet goes unreported, and sadly, will continue until the pendulum begins to swing in the other direction. Caring owners and breeders are faced with and working through difficult issues. Much of the blame for this situation has been attributed to the closing of horse (meat) processi plants in the U.S.A. Initially

slaughter of horses for the export of horsemeat to foreign countries. No one will argue that those involved ncluding those opposed to shutting the plants down, had their hearts in the right place. I'm sure they were not, as a whole, heartless butchers intent solely on profit from other countries with a market for horsemeat. But very often, when you

stop a leak in one place, the pressure will create another, bigger one else where. You cannot solve a problem by treating the symptoms. You have to go to the root cause of the imbalance; a problem has to be addressed on the level that on which it is occurring. That level has to do with what people believe. Often, well-meaning people tend to only see the picture directly in front of them. rather than the "picture under the picture," or what I like to call the quantum view. From that perspective, as I see it, what has to change is for people to begin to take more per-

as usual. sonal responsibility for their choices and actions. This

person who has a horse or for breeding, competition or recreation There is no easy solution at

this time for the symptoms created by over-breeding irresponsible ownership, the downturn in the economy, and the ignorance of well-meaning, (and maybe some not-so-well-meaning people) regarding what it takes tó have and maintain horses. It's time for people to take a more ethical and moral approach to owner ship. Problem-solving has to start at the source, with increased awareness of the consequences. It's no longer "livestock business

I personally stopped breeding race prospects; simply having open mares enough to do so. After do ing the best I could to place the horses I had bred with owners who demonstrated the best potential. I made a conscious commitment to see that the two mares left in my care would live out their lives with me, regardless of the inconvenience or expense. They would

never go to a sale when their usefulness was over, to be shipped across the border for disposal. That was a business decision had been forced to make too many times in the past and for me, it was unthinkable to make it again. Some could not understand why I didn't breed these mares. But why would I, when there are so many other horses needing have an effect. homes? Opinions like that answer to the presmade no sense to me, and still don't. Last year. I had to put one of the horses down, and there was no profit in that. But it was, for me, the right way to go - all the way to the end, and the decision in spite of the expense, brought me a peace never experienced before.

The Institute of Range and American Mustang, located in South Dakota, has set an example for other organizations and individuals. They suspended their breeding program last vear, and while not all feral horses' behavior can be predicted or controlled, to

The Black Hills Wild Horse

Sanctuary, also known as

new methods and approaches to training styles date they have only one new foal on the ground. This means that more time n each breed and modality effort, and money can be Many people have become invested to place yearlings keenly aware that we and two-year-olds up for have more than a physical adoption in caring and elationship to our horses; capable situations to give there is an emotional and a them the best possible spiritual connection to them relationship with a human as well, and this mind-More organizations and body-spirit relationship is a ranches need to take note; unified whole it can be done. And it will It will take time to turn the current dilemma But this is not the only around and head in a more positive direction ent dilemma. We must A more thoughtful and recognize that there is a compassionate approach distinction between former is needed – not anothe accepted ways of thinking slaughter facility. We are beginning to and believing, and a new redefine the significance of paradigm of awareness in the present and for the our relationship to all the future. We are literally movcreatures we're connected to on this earth. This is an ing from one reality into nother which is a distinct integral part of the process and obvious process of of experiencing life on this wondrous planet as we know it at this point in take with us those with whom we are in relationtime. And it is the process ship - in this case, our of saving it for the incredible future we have ahead To validate this concept,

one has only to look at the massive changes in our Katherine Windfeatherpersonal experiences and A New Beginning in 2011 relationships interacting with our horses. We are applying groundbreaking

#### Equestrian Federation of Finland Honors George H. Morris with Gold Badge of Merit

Ypäjä, Finland - U.S. show jumping legend George Badge of Merit from the Equestrian Federation of Finland (EFF) on May 5,

pressure by passionate

rights activists brought

animal lovers and animal-

for his work with the Finnish show jumping athletes. Morris, who is the Chef d'Equipe for the U.S. Team, has globally impacted the sport of show jumping.

Tom Gardin, a representative of the Scandinavian country's Federation, awarded the Badge to Morris at the conclusion of a three-day clinic. The presentation took place in Ypäjä, a small village 80 miles northwest of Helsinki best known for horses and its equine college that hosts Finnderby, an international competition that takes place annually

Morris has been making almost annual trips to

1984. He has been highly appreciated by the hundreds of riders and trainers including participants from the Baltic countries, who he has taught and inspired throughout his years of



George H. Morris with his Gold Badge of Merit from the Equestrian Federation of Finland. Photo courtesv of EFF

training and conducting

"I like coming to Finland...I value this badge highly and feel honored," said Morris.

Morris is a well-

known advocate of the light American riding style and classical horsemanship on which the successes of Jumping Team are based. He teaches trainers and riders to give the horse the best possible education to deelop and flourish. He advocates the importance concept at a time a method he beieves is the most

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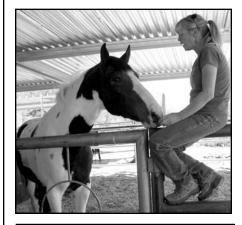
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Ranching is way of life for the Martin Ranch outside of Evanston, Wyo. Eight-year-old Range Martin seems to fit the life. Range has been riding since he was two; roped his first calf at three; and participates as part of the crew for the branding. Friends and family come out for the event early in May where Justin and Lindie and the Crew brand 250 head. Be sure to catch next month's "Family Affair" featuring the Martin Ranch. Cover Photos by Laurie Errington, Scootemnshootem Photography

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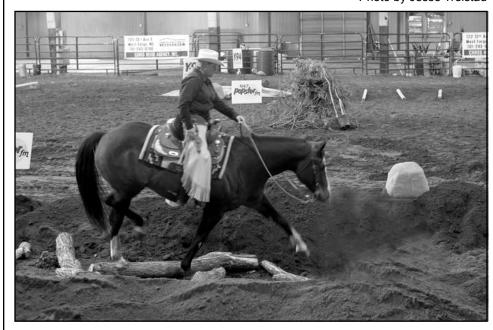
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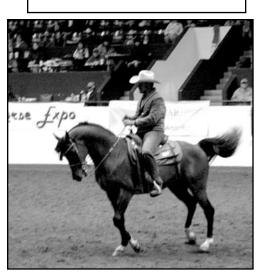
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## Charles Wilhelm: Ultimate Foundation Training from Start to Finish Working with a Young Horse

The best place to work with a young horse is in a round pen. Begin by letting the horse be at liberty to move freely but with the object of getting the horse to go forward. This may be too much for some young horses. My 3-year-old filly felt enough pressure that she wanted to go through the round pen rails instead of around inside them. To ease the stress I put a halter and line on her and worked her this way in the round pen. With a younger horse— a weanling up to one year old— halter training is one of the most important lessons you can do in a round pen. Horses that have not been halter broke may sometimes resist and so learning to work with a halter is actually

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horse follows, mirroring his moves. But, anytime his horses' emotional level goes up and the fellow pulls on the lead, putting pressure on the head, the horse digs his feet in, his hindquarters drop down and he won't budge. He has taught this horse to lead through his body language, which

is important and we want all of our horses to do this. However, this horse has not learned to give to pressure. When you try to tie up a horse like this, this is often when you find the holes in the training program.



It's never.

ever the

horse's fault.

horse can look like a fish out of water on a fishing line, literally flopping around on the end of the line. At

this stage, halter training is a very big event in the horse's life and care needs to be taken that the experience is positive and productive.

Halter training teaches a horse to give to pressure

in all areas of the body, including around the legs and sides. This is a very important part of foundation training. I have had horses come in for training who have barely been halter broke and don't give to pressure, yet their owners want me to get them ready to ride. Training must be one step at a time with each step building on the previous learning. Halter training is basic and must be done first. If you do not have a round pen, which certainly is my preference, you can still do a good job educating the horse mentally, physically, and emotionally with line work

Halter training is also needed to teach the young horse to tie and stand quietly. I know a fellow who gets his horse to follow him when he is at liberty. If he runs, the

horse hasn't learned to give to the pressure of a halter. The horse has

learned to give to pressure but resists when his emotional level is high and the flight instinct kicks in. That s why it is very important

that we do not just use body language to cue a horse but also teach the horse to yield to the halter. Otherwise

when you tie a horse becomes frightened, he himself nulling back. The horse may pull the tie bar apart and run with it causing severe damage or snap the line and flip over backwards Either of these

situations can cause real trauma, physical-

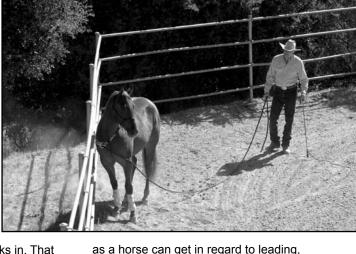
ly and mentally, from which a horse may never recover. This is why we spend time

in the early months teaching the young

My horse Tennison was about as broke

horse to give to the halter and to tie.





as a horse can get in regard to leading, tying and giving to pressure. I had traveled across the country with him many times. Once, in Colorado, when I tied him to the trailer, something startled him. He hit the

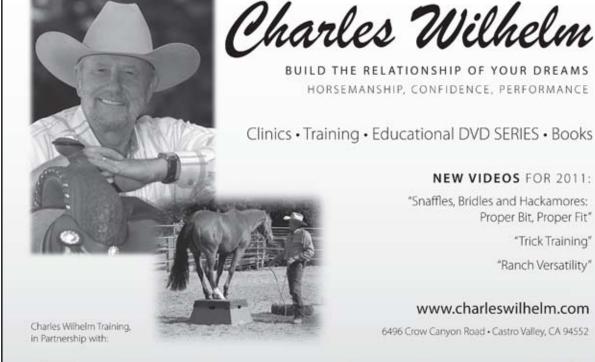
line and this caused him to panic and break the lead rope. This situation caused me to develop the post work exercise because I wanted to change this reaction. I found that after working with Tennison using the post work exercise, when he hit the end of the line, he gave to the pressure instead of panicking and hurting

For the post exercise, use a 25oot line. Thread the line through a tie ring or wrap the line around a solid pipe, post or rail. Attach he other end to the halter. The loop must allow the rope to give or drag, giving the horse some relief without release. Choose a quiet location where your horse is com-fortable. Stand behind your horse out of harm's way and slowly start to bump your horse along his side If he gets nervous, keep bumping until he gets quiet, even for a split second, then quickly release. If the horse pulls back, let the rope slide through your fingers to give elief. Once the horse accepts the bumping on one side, move the rope to the other side. With accepance you can add excitement and energy, always allowing relief but not release.

Horses have a strong flight instinct which we are restraining every ime we tie them. You have to slowly build up your horse's confi dence, trust and comfort. There is no way to guarantee that teaching a horse to tie through leading and the post work exercise will keep him from ever pulling back. However, this training will enable you to change your horse's reaction. There may be a time when your horse hits the end of the line but because of your previous work, the norse won't panic but will instead give to the lead line.

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### COWBOY POETRY WITH ORV ALVESHERE

#### FISH PEDDLER WRAPPED UP HIS SALE

CANADIAN WITH PICKUP FULL OF ICE UNHITCH HORSES & LISTEN UP, BOYS A pickup drove into the driveway one day A 'wooden' house attached to it some way A do-it-yourself, camper-outhouse-cross. He would sell fish, insisting, "You're the boss." It was a shocking concept way back then. Fish peddlers do remind me, time & again; Of how he'd get his selling-point across; By repeatedly saying, "You're the boss."

OUT THINKING US BY REPETITION I'd not seen back then, a covered truck box. Then he opened the odd door as he talks; A motormouth: for words...not a loss He'd pique interest saying, "You're the boss." On those hot days, a sensation so nice; We'd dig frozen fish from a pile of ice. A sale was a profit. No sale was a loss He'd keep us looking saying, "You're the boss."

PERPETUATING A CONCEPT OF CHOICE Mother would point to a family sized meal; Dad found a large 'Pike" and wanted to deal. That put him in a bind, or a criss-cross; He'd wiggle his way out saying, "You're the boss." Could my parents spare that much hard-earned cash? They made a decision that did seem rash. "We'll take both, though close to a budget loss. The fish peddler grinned & said "You're the boss."

HIS POINT BEARS REPEATING, EH? Ten pound 'Northerns' from Canada, again?
Did he have time to catch them? Where & when? His 'hook, line & sinker' to us he'd toss: Perpetuating the concept, "You're the boss." He'd make a couple of visits each year; Like a lesson, or memory held dear. A grinning man who's lips 'gathered no moss'; He made us feel good because, "We're the boss."

CHICKEN COOP OR OUTHOUSE ON WHEELS? What an interesting life on the road; What'd he do when the sun melted his load? That was before the days of tartar sauce; He would sell the idea, "We're the boss." The Mother would bake a wonderful meal Most peddlers should mimic him when they deal. I'll forget him in time from memory loss; But not his curious 'three words', "YOU'RE THE BOSS!"

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saddles have a flare

in the front over the

shoulders and also in

the rear over the loin.

horses were losing

and knew from her

By Cordia Pearson, Society of Master Saddlers, Qualified Saddle

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With four million registered Quarter Horses in America, it's surprising that saddle makers haven't done more for their special needs. Granted Western saddles have bars named for the breed. but as often as not. find myself saddling Quarters with Arabian bars. Gaited bars or Walking Horse bars. Why? The animals bred today are powerhouses, with massive hindquarters and deep chests with strong shoulders. Used to be I was always asking if a Quarter was appendix bred. Today, most of the Quarters

that make saddling Quarters a challenge aren't addressed by all makes of saddles When a horse has a massive hindquarter and well-muscled loin the saddler can't just The front of the bars will still be too low and the rider will be jammed up against the swell. This is a geometry issue that must be dealt with in the design of the bars. If it isn't. the result is constant, downward pressure on the shoulders of the horse. Also, the bars of such saddles tend to be to narrow---an effort to keep them behind the shoulders more bad news for the

saddle are more con-

and type.

sistent in conformation

Some of the elements

In an English saddle. the key mistake is too tall a gusset in the rear of the panel (under the cantle) and then, using a narrower tree. once again, trying to keep the whole mess

The solution to these issues is not some new invention. Back in the 1950's, Monty Foreman introduced his "Balanced Ride" saddle to Western Horsemanship. For more about this fascinat-

ing story, go to: http://www.fictionunlimited. com/html/if-Monte-Foreman--Horseman

Monty had discovered that horses ridden in the Western saddles of his day did not move in the same fluid way as the horses he rode in a jump saddle. He took on the task of designwould help the horse. rather than hinder

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The genesis of his saddling philosophy continues today. Fallis Saddlery of Wilder ID is still building saddles on Monty's bars. I had the privilege of evaluating one of these saddles about fifteen years ago and came close to larceny, suggesting the owner look the other way while I got out of Dodge with her horse and saddle. I wrote the company's name down and taped it to a cabinet door, thinking someday I would orde one for myself. Last summer I got to fit another Făllis saddle in Wisconsin The owners had eaten beans and Mac & Cheese for a year in order to afford the saddle. But when it arrived, the local "experts" said it didn't fit any of their horses. When all their other saddles didn't fit the last horse I was evaluating for them, they reluctantly brought out the Fallis saddle. I took one look and asked, "Is this a

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trolled exercise. But I kept up my optimism and told people that "if there were a class for hand walkin selecting and purchasing my new registered Paint mare, I now ing horses, I would surely win!" Penelope finally healed and we have a horse I can't ride and who began to start her under saddle in February. I was filled with the

suffers from a genetic disease called HERDA. It's a situation I wouldn't wish on anyone. Here's our story....
I consider my previous Paint mare Christine to be my "oncein-a-lifetime" horse. But she was approaching retirement at the

early age of 10 due to a worn out

stifle. So we began searching for

Despite 'doing everything right'

By Robin Davison

my next "everything" horse When the trainer sent Penelope's photo and video, I wasn't sure at first. I had always said I would never get another mare with white hind legs, and who would own a bald-faced, blue-eved horse in sunny Colorado? But the more I looked at her picture the more

with the mare who had taken care of me the last five years Then on March 1, tragedy struck - it was confirmed that Christine had developed two increasingly painful post-surgical devastating decision to put her down. I was torn beyond repair and now had to decide if I could move forward through my grief with Penelope More than one person asked if she might be for sale, as she was a wonderful show prospect. But I knew if I

sold her, I would never go back to

excitement of new beginnings,

but was sad not to be working

We decided to continue with Penelope's train ng, and she was showing real promise as a

oleasure horse. But by April she developed saddle sores that did not heal. It was confirmed in May hat Penelope vas afflicted with nereditary equine egional dermal isthenia, or HERDA. Upon etting the DNA est results – and he news that Penelope could never be ridden

again, I was in the two-year-old spoke to me. We shock. How could tragedy strike saw six horses that day, Penelope twice in three months? (registered name: Quality Sensa-Everyone involved in Penelotion) being the last. As soon as I laid my hands on her. I turned to

pe's purchase and breeding was sympathetic, but none of them offered any real help. It became clear that I was on my own to care for her. My initial research on the web provided arim news these horses are usually dead by age four.

But then a friend stepped forward who offered support and a home for Penelope. She sent me contact information for two top HERDA research vets. While nelope's prognosis still calls

for a limited life, these two vets added some badly needed sanity to my outlook.

Although my original plans with Penelope have been shattered, we've been able to discover new adventures together. We've done some very occur in a normal horse's daily life, and these injuries frequently result in disfiguring scars. Due to their persistent wounds, most of these horses cannot be ridden or shown competitively, and are humanely euthanized. Many horses affected with HERDA



light ground driving, taken a trail obstacle clinic (working from the ground), shown in showmanship and have attended a few Halloween events. I have learned about her nutritional needs and we found a few gentle equine companions for her to play with including a goat named Ned. Some people might not understand this, but every day she tells me how grateful she is that we did not put her down - or breed her as some have suggested

I tell people I would have appreciated a break between tragedies, but I know now that I was meant to be with Penelope Together, we've been working to raise awareness of HERDA at various horse events. I have been entrusted with a very precious soul and I intend to give he the best life possible as long as she isn't suffering.

For those of you who are not familiar with it: Hereditary Fourne Regional Dermal Asthe nia is a rapidly emerging genetic disease of Quarter Horses and horses of Quarter Horse lineage (Paints, Appaloosas, and any other breed registry that allows out-crossing to AOHA horses). Affected horses develop severe lesions from minor traumas that

are not diagnosed until they are one or two, but severely affected horses may develop signs shortly after birth. Symptoms include easily stretched

skin that feels mushy or doughy to the touch. Con trary to what the name implies, the disease affects tissues throughou the horse's body. including weak heart valves and ocular issues. Incidence is

high in certain Quarter Horse disciplines such as cutting, where 28.3 percent of elite cutting horses are carriers. In other words, cutting horses that carry HERDA are more prevalent than halter horses that carry HYPP. In fact. 14 of the top 100 cutting sires are carriers whose offspring have earnings in excess of \$116 million dollars. The performance traits of these select carriers bloodlines are highly desired, likely increasing the prevalence of HERDA. Although cutting horses have been the subject of much of the study and press about HERDA, the incidence in pleasure and reining

HERDA is primarily traced

back to Poco Bueno, but to see if

horses is on the rise

your horse is one of his descendants, you usually need to look back seven or eight generations HERDA displays an autosomal recessive mode of inheritance. meaning that if two carrier horses are bred, the resulting foal has a 25 percent chance of being "afected". Affected horses have two copies of the HERDA gene, and develop the full set of symptoms usually condemning them to an early death. Therefore, it is illadvised to breed a carrier horse to another carrier horse. Breeding a normal horse to a carrier will never produce an affected horse, but there's still a 50 percent chance of producing another carrier, A low-cost DNA test is available at the University of California, Davis (http://www.vgl. ucdavis edu/services/horse.php Most of the technical details on HERDA were provided to me by Dr. Rashmir at the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine Michigan State University.

Meanwhile Penelope and keep living life as best we can.



still long for the day when I can challenge my riding skills again. But in the meantime. Penelope and I will continue to educate fel low horse owners while going on as many new adventures as her condition permits.

The University of Michigan accepts tax-deductible donations to support HERDA research. For more info, contact: Dr. Ann Rashmir, Large Animal Clinical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, Michigan State University. G209 Veterinary Medical Center, East Lansing, MI 48824-

### Entries Open for \$30,000 Added 7 & Up Derby in Oklahoma City

Oklahoma City, Okla. – May 6, 2011 – The newest trend in Reining is the addition of aged classes for horses age seven and older. This year the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) is excited to offer its own 7 & Up class at the NRHA Derby, held June 27 - July 2 in Oklahoma City. This exciting new opportunity will showcase the industry's most experienced reining horses. NRHA encourages owners of competing reining horses age seven and older to enter the 7 & Up Derby, which consists of \$15,000 added Open and \$15,000 added Non Pro

my trainer and whispered, "This is

Final negotiations were

complete and Penelope arrived

from Florida in early December

2009. Her right hind leg was badly

my winter was spent hand walking

injured in transport and took two

months to heal. This meant that

two horses, since Christine had

recently undergone stifle surgery and required short periods of con-

my horse.

The NRHA 7 & Up Open Derby will consist of four divi-

sions: Level 4 Open, Level 3 Open, Level 2 Open and Level 1 Open. Entries may enter at any level, but must enter up at least one division. The NRHA 7 & Up Open Derby will be one go round and will be held concurrently with

the ancillary open class.
The NRHA 7 & Up Non Pro Derby will consist of four divisions: Level 4 Non Pro, Level 3 Non Pro. Level 2 Non Pro and Level 1 Non Pro. Entries may enter at any level, but must enter up at least one division. The NRHA 7 & Up Non Pro Derby will be one go round and will be held concurrently with the ancillary Non Pro class.

Pre entries are highly encour-

aged. However, all entries will be accepted without penalty until 5 p.m. the day before the class runs. To get more information on the \$30,000 added 7 & Up Derby visit NRHAderby.com.

Founded in 1966, NRHA is an organization dedicated to promoting the reining horse. encouraging all levels of reining competition and providing worthwhile purses. NRHA takes pride in offering revolutionary programs and top-notch events for its members while providing a fun-filled, family-oriented atmosphere. More information on its shows and programs, like Entry Level Reining, can be found at nrha.com.

#### NRHA Approves FEI Reining World Final

Oklahoma City, Okla. – May 4, 2011 – The National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) has opted to officially recognize the inaugural FEI Reining World Final to be held on May 21 in Bökeberg, just outside of Malmö (SWE). As a service to its members, NRHA leadership agreed it is important to recognize this show and earnings accumulated

Not all FEI events are NRHAapproved because not all of those events seek approval - as was the case for the FEI Reining World Final, a new version of the previously held FEI World Reining Masters, Although no application was submitted for approval, there was some misin formation that the World Reining World Final would automatically be an NRHA-approved event. Therefore, in the best interest of the owners, riders and members involved the NRHA Executive Committee voted to recognize the FEI Reining World Final as a Category 8 event. Approximately 20 nations will

be represented and will field riders all vying for the coveted title of FEI Reining World Champion and the \$100,000 purse. The nations intending to send athletes are Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Great Britain, Israel, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the USA. The definite entries will be announced on May 18.

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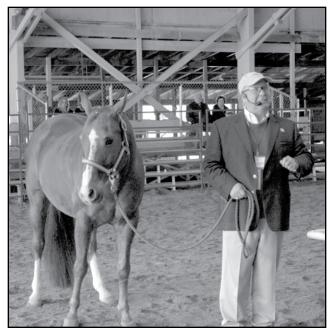
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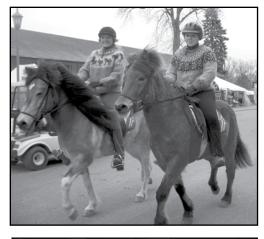
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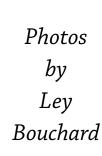






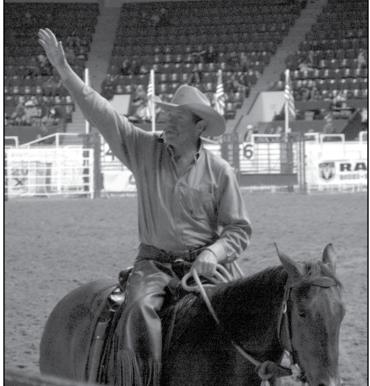




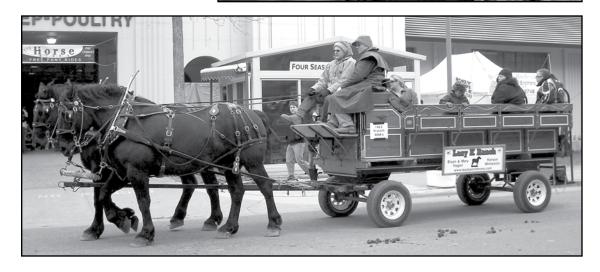




Spectators braved cool temperatures, rain and snow at the MN Horse Expo April 28 to May 1 at the State Fairgrounds in St. Paul, MN, where clinicians keep the show rolling. Clockwise from top left: Richard Shrake; Tommy Garland; Icelandic rider on Judson Ave.; horse fans stop to visit with a Gypsy Vanner and rider; Pat Parelli speaks to the crowd; free wagon rides on Judson Avenue outside the Coliseum; Ruben Villaseñor impresses the crowd in the Coliseum with a graceful ride demonstrating his training skills; Ruben Villaseñor; members of the New Ulm Battery demonstrate Civil War cannon drills; from horseback, Parelli teaches a yearling to bond with him.







## Equine Herpesvirus Confirmed in Two Colorado Horses

LAKEWOOD, Colo. - The Colorado Department of Agriculture is investigating two confirmed cases of Equine Herpesvirus (EHV-1) within the state. Two guarantines have been placed on two Weld

One horse was euthanized after showing severe neurological signs associated with the disease and the second horse is currently under observation in a biosecure

"The Department is taking quick and appropriate actions to control and mitigate this disease," said State Veterinarian, Dr. Keith Roehr. "We will continue to trace the movement of these horses

and those horses they came into contact with in order to protect Colorado's equine industry.

Both diagnosed horses had recently attended the National Cutting Horse Association's Western National Championships in Ogden, Utah. The Colorado De partment of Agriculture is working with the Utah State Veterinarian to investigate the location as a point of interest for the infection

EHV-1 is not transmissible to people: it can be a serious disease of horses that can cause respiratory, neurologic disease and death. The most common way for EHV-1 to spread is by direct horse-to-horse contact. The

virus can also spread through the air, contaminated equipment, clothing and hands.

Symptoms include fever, decreased coordination, nasal discharge, urine dribbling, loss of tail tone, hind limb weakness leaning against a wall or fence to maintain balance, lethargy, and the inability to rise. While there is no cure, the symptoms of the ease may be treatable.

Additional Resources: A Guide To Understanding the Neurologic Form of EHV

USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service Resources American Assoc. of Equine **Practitioners Fact Sheet** 

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### Neighbors Helping Neighbors -Equestrians Helping Equestrians

April 27th, 2011 brought devastating tornadoes to Alabama and neighboring states. The destruction is extremely wide spread and has left many areas a wasteland.

Families have lost loved ones, their homes, and their basic way of life and are now faced with the daunting task of starting over completely from scratch. They have lost many beloved pets, horses, and farm animals and have no way of caring for the ones that remain. As members of the equestrian community, we feel we must do what we can to help those that are in so much

The Birmingham Dressage & Combined Training Association is teaming up with Rhonda Johnson-Bowles from Land O'Lakes Purina Feeds, The Alabama Horse Council, Cahaba Pony Club, and the US Pony Club South Region to help the equine and pet victims of these destructive tornados.

BDCTA requests your donations of basic horse & pet supplies, such as buckets, water troughs, fencing materials, veterinary supplies, fly spray, halters and leads, shavings, dog runs, dog and cat crates, feed bowls... any thing horse or pet care related.

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### The VEN Honors: The Oldest Horse



Bessie, age 32, and Carolyn Duncan, age 57, of Albert Lea, Minn. As the saying goes, "When we are old, we will wear purple and a red hat that doėsn't match." Carolyn says, "Bessie is purebred Morgan. I feed her HS35 every day, mixed grain and hay and grass in summer. I have a new 5-vear old Appaloosa mare who has a 6-week-old filly. So now I have three whinnyers, two of which are watchdog mares, and the filly who hasn't decided what she is going to do in the herd. She just follows mama around. And Bessie is THE ALPHA MARE. She iust stands around and tells



Ruben Villaseñor rears his horse for the crowd of the MN Horse Expo at the St. Paul Fairgrounds Saturday, April 30 in St. Paul, MN. More expo photos may be found on page 9 and on our Facebook page: The Valley Equestrian Newspaper.

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## Four horses killed near Cooperstown, ND

By Ley Bouchard

e North Dakota ciation has set up a \$5,000. cash reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the killing of the livestock," said Griggs County Chief Sheriff Deputy Terry Gray late Monday

were found shot dead in the head at close range at Schmidt Performance Horses at Hannaford, N.D. about ten miles southeast of Cooperstown. Two of the horses killed were mares in foal and two were yearlings. Reports indicate the ranchers left the property at 2 p.m. and a friend found the horses dead at 5 p.m. Other property has been damaged by gunshot recently within miles of the slaughters.

Late Thursday, May 12, 4 horses

Three young cattle were shot in the same style with a similar weapon about a half mile from where the horses were shot. Gray said a .22 caliber gun was used for both shootings. "We were out again today using

area, looking for any bullets or shell casings, things like that. We are working with the Brand Inspector (BI) from the Stockman's Association and he's doing some work with us. The NDSA BI is doing some follow-up work for us. We are following up on stuff and trying to get the time lines down.' Dallas and DeLayne Schmidt, owners of North Dakota ranch where the horses were found dead, are avoiding contact with the media and don't want to make any statements to the

The quarter horses killed are esti mated to have a \$4000 to \$5000 value each.

Comments are coming in from all over the country to the Schmidt Performance Horse Facebook page after word spread through the equine community and media where the AP picked up the story Lindsay says, "So sorry to hear about this! What people do to these horses is absolutely disgusting! Hope everything starts to look up for you guys! Melinda said: What horrid news to hear about the horses! I sincerely hope that justice is done in this case." Shawna said: "Can't believe this happened in our area

makes me lose a little faith in people. My heart goes out to you guys.

Kav Elvrum told GoHorse-Show.com that she was the owner of a Thoroughbred mare that was shot "What makes it even sadder to us, is that it appeared she went up to the fence to greet the assailant and was shot in the head. She was found next to the fence and was very friendly. Griggs County Sheriff's Office asks that anyone with information call (701) 797-



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## Minnesota EquiFest plans Fall Festival of Horses

Preparation is well underway for the 5th Annual Minnesota EquiFest to be held at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, October

The Extreme Cowboy Horsemanship Challenge is back by popular demand. Watch cowboys and cowgirls maneuver through a series of 13 obstacles while demonstrating both speed and horsemanship. These obstacles, sanctioned by the North Central Region of the Extreme Cowboy Association (NCR EXCA), are typical of what you will routinely encounter while on the trail or at home on a ranch. The Challenge is specifically designed to interest riders of all levels who want to compete and enjoy the "fastest growing equine sport, the Extreme Cowboy Challenge. Sign up to show off your partnership and skill with your horse. For entry information please contact Chris Vinson at 715-928-018 or chris@3SRanch.com.

Dan Grunewald, a judge, clinician and lifelong horseman, will present his series called "Through the Judge's Eyes," including tips about what a judge looks for in the show ring. Don't miss this opportunity to be in the Winner's Circle as you gain knowledge about showing. Those who attend will be given the opportunity to sign up for one or more classes with Dan. Classes include "From the Ground Up," "Collection and Establishing a Headset. "Exhibitor Strategies" and "Advanced Horseshow Maneuvers." Dan offers a vast amount of knowledge and expertise in the show world, based on his experience as an exhibitor, clinician and judge. Dan was ecently chosen to be a featured clinician at the 2010 Alltech Equestrian Games in Lexinaton, Kv.

Dressage will be represented by two excellent clinicians, Karen Lee and Suzette Sontag. Karen Lee, Hay River Equestrian from Boyceville, Wis., will present Musical Dressage. Lee is a United States Dressage Federation Bronze and Silver Medalist. She has been involved with horse training for over 30 years. A horse she bred and trained earned second in the nation for 3rd Level Musical Freestyle for American Warmbloods She is an L Judge with distinction with the United States Equestrian Federation and has shown through Intermediate I. One of Lee's demo horses was rescued as an adult, never having been haltered or touched before arriving at Lee's barn. For the demo. I ee and several other riders will demonstrate musical rides and how to

Suzette Sontag, Rick Schmitt and Kari Augustine of Smart Start Stable, Somerset, Wis., help people understand how to ride and train Dressage from the horse's point of view. At their stable, the team applies basic exercises to the different movements required for dressage, or whatever discipline people want to do with their horse, bringing together all the pieces

Top left Dennis Auslam Takes Roger around ar obstacle while Tra cy Kurtz observes: Johnson River Val ley Horse Fair May 15 in West

in the right combination to show and win. Smart Start has competed nationally in the Arabian Sport World, winning three National Championships, two Reserve National Championships and many Top Tens on several different horses. Smart Start shows Arabians, Half Arabians, Warmbloods and Friesian Crosses, and trains nearly every breed: Icelandics, Morgans Paints, Quarter Horses, Tennessee Walkers, Missouri Foxtrotters, Halflingers, and a few more.

With carriage driving becoming more popular, the EquiFest will again focus on driving aspects. Marc Johnson, Wenham, Mass., will be the featured driving clinician. Johnson started in the world of driving in 1978 at the end of his senior year in high school, working for Deidre Pirie, a true pioneer in American Combined Driving. Over the years, he has navigated for three World Four-in-Hand World Championships, one World Pair Championship and one World Single Driving Championship. For the past 16 years, Johnson has dedicated his time to training driving animals and drivers, organizing competitions course design and being an ADS Technical

Returning this year will be Werner Thiedemann of Thiedemann Performance Horses. Thiedemann will again offer four Horsemanship Workshops, each on a different topic. Participants can choose an individual workshop or ride in all four. Preregistration is required. Thiedemann was born in Germany and is a 4th-generation equestrian. He currently conducts educational clinics and seminars on a variety of topics from horse equipment to horsemanship, with the focus on creating better communication and understanding between horse and rider. This is done in a positive manner to achieve the results you want with your horse. With over 35 years in the horse industry. Thiedemann has shown a variety of breeds, with his main background in Reining and Ranch Horse His training experience ranges from starting colts to working performance horses. Tom Tweeten, ATH Science, Prior Lake, Minn., will add some learning and fun for this year's program. Tweeten will present a Grooming Competition with horses in hand. Participates will have the opportunity to prepare their horse for the show ring and will be judged on it. Spectators will be able to watch and gain valuable knowledge as to what is expected from judges

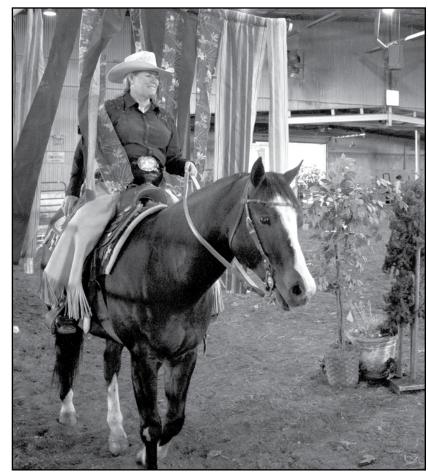
You won't want to miss the Festival of Horses, which includes a daily Parade of Breeds, a Stallion Row and the newly added Equine Extravaganza, a Saturday afternoon show featuring horse presen tations. Some of the presentations will include a Roy Rogers 100th Birthday Tribute. 4H Drill teams. Carriage Driving, minicart driving teams and more. The Parade of Breeds will be held each day at noon in Warner Coliseum. In the horse barn, check out the breed horses, stallions, horses for sale, commercial horse businesses, booths and a demo area.

Don't forget your Christmas shopping list, and take advantage of some great bar-gains at the Tack Sale and vendor booths! Minnesota EquiFest is a great place to come and get your last-minute horse needs squared away before winter and to pick up new ideas to work with you horse doing the colder months. Other clinicians at the Minnesota

EquiFest will include the Minnesota Farriers Association, presenting shoeing demonstrations: Jeanie Klien, HowerPower: Dr. Tracy Turner, Anoka Equine Veterinary Services, discussing Pre-Purchase Exams and Lameness in horses: Renee Hogendorf, Equine Defined, demonstrating Equine Touch, Aromatherapy & Reiki and Dale Froyum, judge, talking about Bits and Bitting. During the latter, horse owners will be able to bring in their bits to discuss with Dale why they are or are not the best choice for the horse. Karen Clark of Rainbow's End will head up a panel discussion to include trainers. Ginny Pomije, Big Black Horse, will demonstrate harnessing the carriage horse. Chuck Wagon Cooking, Cowboy Church and other opportunities are vet to be announced.

For more information regarding booths, horses, volunteering or sponsorships, please go to www.MinnesotaEquiFest com or call the EquiFest office at 763-421-5750. Join us on Facebook and invite your friends to join. For advertising information. contact Linda Dahl, Dahl Graphics and Printing, at 651-353-8188





#### SD Mini Horse Club Alliance "Spring Extravaganza Show"

South Dakota Miniature Horse Club Alliance held its "Spring Extravaganza" Friday and Satŭrday, May 13 and 14th, 2011 at the Sioux Empire Fairgrounds Expo Building in Sioux Falls, SD. Both shows were sanctioned by AMHR

SD Miniature Horse Club Alliance was started seven years ago by four families. Taking a huge risk they donated their money and time and have had outstanding results!

Wonderful door prizes given away all day Saturday and Sunday for youth and adults. Door prizes were donated by Tibbs Family Miniatures (Time and Linda Tibbs) out of Ft. Pierre SD. Silent Auction was held and winners announced Sunday.



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### The Valley Equestrian News Page 13 HEART OF TUCSON RESCUE SAVES DYNA KING

he Arizona desert is not kind to an abandoned horse: starving, dehydrated, with abscesses on his feet hindering him from walking to a place where he could find food and water if even he had the energy to survive.

His mother would not recognize Dyna King, a son of Dynaformer out of the mare Re-kindled and brother to Barbaro, i she had happened upon Dog-patch with Judy Glore Dec. 12, 2010. But a brief three months later, after gaining a few hundred pounds and abscesses nearly healed, Dyna King, aka Gifted. is rolling in the dirt and kicking up his heels in delight with the energy he once again feels.

Dyna King, or Gifted, as Judy named him before discovering his true identity, was abandoned in the Sonoran Desert near Sahuarita, Arizona in a place called Dogpatch. It is a sometime dumping ground; a dumping ground for unwanted animals, alive and dead, a dumping ground for trash, and

by illegals.
Gifted came to Dogpatch af-

ter a successful racing career: 56 starts, 8 wins, 6 places, 6 shows with career earnings of \$34.113. Not bad for a son of

When Judy Glore got the call from the Livestock Board she had no idea what she would find. Glore had started Heart of Tucson: Happy Equine Acres Rescue & Therapy.

Heart of Tucson's mission is two-fold: to rescue horses of all breeds that are in urgent need of care and to instruct and raise the awareness of the general public to what it takes to own a horse in order to stress responsibility so the unwanted horse situation will no longer be an issue. Heart rehabilitates, provides the best care for their rescues, educates the public through on-site, hands-on seminars and workshops.

See the entire story about Dyna King on Heart's web site: vw.HeartofTucson.org.

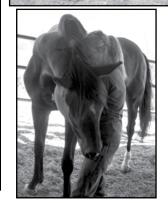


Adopt-A-Horse

For adoption from the Heart of Tucson: Dante, a 7 year old Thoroughbred bay geld ng. Excellent in the arena for dressage, wants to please oving, respectful personality Adoption fee: \$2500

Requirements for adoption: homė inspection, 30 day tria period, adoption contract.

**Heart of Tucson** 520.445.1510



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Dyna King, above. Judy Glore, founde of the Heart of Tucson near spends a little guality time vith the horses Kawlinga, right s her personal



#### NEW TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSES TRAVELING TO COLORADO DUE TO THE SPREAD OF EQUINE HERPESVIRUS (EHV-1)

LAKEWOOD, Colo. - The Colorado Department of Agriculture has implemented new travel require ments for horses entering the state due to the spread of Equine Herpesvirus (EHV-1

"We are considering all of our options for protecting Colorado's horse industry. At this point, we do not believe it's necessary to stop horses from entering the state but we need to be able to know where those horses are coming from and where they are going traceback is a vital part of disease control." said State Veterinarian, Dr. Keith

#### New Travel Requirements for Horses Entering Colorado

Standard requirements for horses entering Colorado include a health issued certificate within 30 days of their arrival and a negative Coggins test within 12 months. The new requirement consists of a permit to enter the state. Horse owners who wish to bring their horse into Colorado must first call their

narian can then contact the Colorado Department of Agriculture's State Vetinarian's Office at (303) 239-4161 and request a permit number. That numr would then be included

#### Additional Travel Tips for Horse Owners Traveling To or From Colorado

on the health certificate.

- 1. Consider the disease risk before transporting
- 2. Contact the State Veterinarian's Office of the destination state to find out if travel requirements have changed for that state.
- 3. Call organizers of the event to see if they have new health requiréments or if it has been cancelled.
- 4. If traveling, practice appropriate biosecurity measures. Biosecurity tips may be found at www. colorado.gov/ag.
- Isolate any new animals and those returning to the home premises for

6. Use separate water, feed supplies and equip-

Continue to monitor the CDA webpage at www. colorado.gov/ag for further information to aid in the decision making for transporting horses.

If your horse attended the Ogden, Utah event:

CDA encourages all horse owners who attended the Oaden, UT, event should notify their veterinarian and isolate and monitor their horses for clinical signs of the disease. These horses should have their temperature taken twice a day. Horses with elevated temperature can be sampled by a veterinarian to analyze whether their horse is shedding EHV-1. Individual horse and barn bio-security is very important. Some horses may not show signs of the diséase but may still be a carrier. Those owners are also encouraged to restrict movement of their horses.

#### General Disease

FHV-1 is not transmissible to people; it can be a serious equine disease that can cause respiratory, neurologic disease and death The most common way for EHV-1 to spread is by direct horse-to-horse contact. It can also be spread by contaminated tack, equipment, and people's clothing. In addition, the virus can be spread through

aerosols (airborne) for a limited distance Symptoms include fever, decreased coordination, nasal discharge, urine dribbling, loss of tail tone, hind limb weakness leaning against a wall or fence to maintain balance lethargy, and the inability to rise. While there is no cure, the symptoms of the

disease may be treatable. Horse owners should isolate any sick horses and immediately contact their veterinarian. Any individual horse with clinical signs consistent with neurologi cal EHV-1 infection should from the area and placed in a separate enclosure for

The Department has received numerous calls from veterinarians, horse owners and media. To help facilitate a timely responsė, please see the following

- If you want to get your horse tested: contact your local veterinarian.
- 2. If you are a horse owner and have questions about the disease, testing, or other aspects of the investi-
- a. Contact your local vet-
- b. Dr. Kate Anderson, 303-239-4161, Kate.anderson@ag.state.co.us
- c. Dr. Carl Heckendorf, 303-239-4161, Carl.Heckendorf@ag.state.co.us
- 3. If you are a media outlet and would like an interview contact Christi Lightcap, 303-239-4190, Christi. lightcap@ag.state.co.us
- Additional Resources: A Guide To Understanding the Neurologic Form of

**USDA Animal Plant** Health Inspection Service Resources

· American Assoc. of Equine Practitioners Fact

CSU EVH-1 Fact Sheet

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#### May 21: Thermopolis, WY, WYO Quarter Horse Sale, Hot Springs Fairgrounds, Contact Carole Smith, 307-864-5671, www.wyo-

May 21-22: Salina, KS Spring Spectacular Catalog Horse Sale Farmers & Rancher's Livestock Commission Co. Inc. 785-825-0211 www.famersandrancher-

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May 27-29: Cruel Girl Barrel race, East Pavillion, Cam-Plex, Call Carey: 307-680-4105

May 28-30: MN Pinto Horse Assoc. Horse Show at 8 a.m. at Winona, MN, MN Equestrian Car call 763-478-8842 May 29: Sunset Riders Saddle Club Pleasure Show. Little Falls.

May 29-30: MN Valley Riders Saddle Club Pleasure Show, 8a.m. Scott County Fairgrounds Jordan, MN, 612-770-0998; Rachel 612-251-5913

MN, call 320-266-5555

May 29-30: 3rd Annual Grand Forks Fair Board Summer UBRA Series, email Pam: pmarback@ vahoo.com

May 29: Country Side Saddle Club Game Show, 8a.m. Barnum. MN Fairgrounds, 218-591-2118 Jackpot classes Overnight camping; stalls avail-

May 29: Lakes and Pines Saddle Club Game Show, 8a.m. Crow Wing County Fairgrounds Brainerd, MN 218-330-7355

May 29: Sandstone Riders Horse Show at 8 a.m. Sandstone, MN Riders Arena, 320-233-7154

May 29: Team Penning Hi Circle Vee Ranch at 1 p.m. Isanti, MN 612-803-5950; 3 people teams, \$10/person; 50% pay-

May 30: Boot Jack Saddle Club Horse Show, 8a.m. Anoka Fair grounds Anoka, MN 763-241-1440 Halter, English/Western performance,

games May 30: WSCA MN Palomino Open Horse Show, 8a.m. Win-

dom Arena, Windom, MN 507-236-5579 WSCA Qualifying Show

May 30: Houck Horse Company, Houck Arena 11 a.m. North Branch, MN, 651-277-1095 \$20 for entire day

Plex Wrangler arena contact:

June 3: Dalles Saddle Club, 7

June 3: FOSH Walking Horse

Clinic, 8 a.m. Dirt Floor Arena

p.m. Polk County Fairgrounds, St Croix Falls, WI 715-381-0407

Proctor, MN; 218-389-6302 4Day

High Point awards June 2 - June 5: North Central 657-2317 Reinina. Horse Assoc. Red Horse Ranch, Fergus Falls, MN

http://www.ncrha.com/showcaler June 4: Wright Saddle Club, 9 a.m. Maple Lake, MN, 612-991dar.html June 2: Crook County Cowgirls/ Cowboys Series NWBHA, Cam-

June 4: Line Riders Saddle Club. SEMSCA Horse Show, 8 a.m. 9 a m Mower County Fair-

June 4: MQHRA Youth day, 8 a.m. Canterbury Park, Shakopee, MN, 763-444-6121 Clinic, Application and

## **Upcoming Events**

St Louis County Fairgrounds.

sic; Barrel Race, Sweet Water Event Ctr in Rock Spring, WY,

kpendleton@sweetwaterevents.

June 4: Happy Horseman Saddle

Club. 8:30 a.m. Houck Horse

Co. Arena, North Branch, MN

Watch for Show Bill

June 3: Extravaganza Red Horse Ranch at 8 a.m. Fergus Falls, MN; 218-736-3000 3Day 715-928-0816, Judged on Event June 3-5 Horsemanship while, Perform St Louis County Fairgrounds. June 3- June 4: Red Desert Clas-

> June 4: Bit & Spurs Open O-Mok-See Show, 10 a.m. Bit & Spurs Arena, Delano, MN

June 4-5: Bismarck Barrel Bonanza, Open 4D, Walt Neuens Memorial Arena; www.saddleupe



June 4: Rocking D' Acres Horse Show, 9 a.m. Rocking D' Acres, Clarisa, MN 218-756-2576 Pleasure/Games UBRA Certified

June 4: Pine Creek Saddle Club Fun Show, 10 a.m. Rutledge, MN 320-233-0010, Pleasure and Games Games will not start

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June 4: Itasca Sunset Saddle Club at 8 a.m. Itasca County Fairgrounds Grand Rapids, MN 218-327-0317

Arrowhead SC Asso Show Stalls Avail. \$20/weekend inc. 2 bales of shavings.

June 4: Double Bit Riders Saddle Club, 8 a.m. Isanti County Fairgrounds Cambridge, MN 763-389-2812 Game Show

June 4: Tri-County Riders of Watertown, 8 a.m. 4220 County Rd 10N, Watertown, MN 952-

0534 Horse Show

grounds, Austin, MN 507-438-0456

Written essay due May 21. \$1000

June 4: Midwest Equine Agility/ Extreme. Cowboy ace, fun show Boyceville,WI 10 a.m. 3S-Ranch Obstacles 2 Runs for \$30 sliding fee for subsequent runs.

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June 5: Wild Bill's Riders Horse

Show, 8 a.m. WBR Saddle Club Grounds, Elk Mound, WI 715-

WSCA Qualifying Show. Games not before 1 PM

June 5: Houck Summer Barrel

Arena, North Branch, MN

June 5: Northwest Double

Arena, North Branch, MN

Racing Series, 10:30 a.m. Houck

651-277-1095 \$250 added, Year-

Judged Show, 10:30 a.m. Houck

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June 5: Itasca Sunset Saddle

Club, 10:30 a.m. Itasca County

Fair Grounds, Grand Rapids, MN

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Saddle Club at 8:30 a.m. Waseca

June 5: Sunnyside Saddle Club

8 a.m. Sunnyside Stable Rosemount, MN 952-220-5708

June 6- June 9: Ridin' on Faith

Bible Camp at Red Horse Ranch,

218-736-3000 Ext 2 Liz Hinrichs.

liz@RedHorseRanchArena.com

June 7-June 18: Pinto World

Championship Horse Show,

Tulsa, OK, Tulsa State Fair

http://www.pintoworld.com/

June 7: Buffalo Barrel Blast

Youth \$15, 2nd Open \$15

Buffalo Rodeo Grounds, Buffalo, MN, 320-237-0506, 7:00 1st

June 5: Wilton River Riders

County Fairgrounds Waseca, MN 507-835-3604

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June 11: JJ Arena Saddle Club, 11 a.m. JJ Arena, Balsam Lake, WI, 715-554-3460 Barrels not

June 9: Mark Rashid Horseman-

ship Clinic, 8 a.m. So St Louis

County Fairgrounds Duluth, MN 218-348-2291 Dirt

June 9: Crook County Cowgirls/

Cowboys Series NWBHA, Cam-

Plex Wrangler arena contact: 307-687-0566

June 10: Lake Trail Blazers

WSCA/CMHIA, 9 a.m. 24300

County Rd 149, Detroit Lakes,

Game Show, UBRA jackpot bar-

MN 701-306-6431 Pleasure/

June 11: Wild River Riders Saddle Club, 9 a.m. Chisago County Fairgrounds, 651-248-0264, 651 491-2725 Rush City, MN WSCA Horse Show High Points

June 11: State FFA and Open WSCA Show, 9 a.m. Renville County Fairgrounds 320-583-5056 Bird Island, MN

June 11: Bit and Spur Pleasure Show, 8:30 a.m .Showgrounds, 715-222-1368 Eau Claire, WI

June 11: Minnesota North Star, Paint Horse Club 8:30 a.m. at the R&I Arena 651-464-6165 Verndale, MN National Paint Horse Show earn points on Paint Horses ONLY

June 11: Northernlights Versatility Ranch Horse Assn. 8: a.m Windom, MN 763-479-4052, Certified NVHS Clinicians & Judges Tom Bjorklund and Mary Leonhart

June 11: Midstate North Star Saddle Club, 7:30 a.m. Isanti County Fairgrounds, 763-444-5232 Cambridge, MN

June 11: Root River Saddle Club, 9 a.m. Ukkestad Arena, Rushford, MN 507-273-6126 Overnight

June 11: Mark Rashid Horsemanship Clinic at 8 a.m. So St Louis County Fairgrounds Duluth, MN 218-348-2291 Dirt Floor

June 11: Trail Dusters of Hamel at 9 a.m. TDOH Grounds, Hamel, MN; 763 458-2087 Game Show

June 11: Northwest WI Fouine Club at 9 a m Hayward, WI, 715-558-4621, 6 miles S of Hayward on HWY63 715-635-3095-Jane; Pleasure Show

June 11: Northwest SC Quarter; Horse Show 8:30 a.m. 651-674-4174 at Northbranch, MN 58th Annual QHS, Awards: Novice Youth & Novice Amateur Belt Buckles Open, Amateur, Youth

June 11: Newcastle, WY, Full House Elite Per

formance Horse Sale, Weston County Fairgrounds. For more info contact Craig Deveraux 307 746-2317 or Jill Pischke 307-746-

June 11: Rocky Riders Saddle Club, at 8:30 a.m. Sauk Centre Fairgrounds in Sauk Centre, MN 320-333-4964

June 11: Saddlelite Riders Saddle Club at 8: a.m. Rainbow Arena, Northfield, MN

June 11: Balkan Saddle Club at 8: a.m.St Louis Fairgrounds in Chisholm, MN 218-403-0362 Friday night Jack Pot game event, Sunday ASCA show, Stall & Camping available; Shower & Bathroom: Horse wash stalls

June 11: Shadow Creek Renegades Saddle Club/WWSCA, 715-698-3803 at 8 a.m. Shadow Creek Ranch Arena Woodville, WI Pleasure &

June 12: T & S Barrel Race at Red Horse Ranch in Fergus Falls, MN 218-343-7036 Todd

http://redhorserancharena.com

June 13- June 16: Ridin' on Faith Bible Camp at Red Horse Ranch. Fergus Falls, MN, 218-736-3000 Ext 2 Liz Hinrichs liz@RedHorseRanchArena.com

June 16: Crook County Cowgirls/ Cowboys Series NWBHA, Cam-Plex Wrangler arena contact:

June 23: Crook County Cowgirls/ Cowboys Series NWBHA, Cam-Plex Wrangler arena contact: 307-687-0566

June 30: Crook County Cowgirls/ Cowboys Series NWBHA, Cam-Plex Wrangler arena contact: 307-687-0566



### Challenge of the Unwanted Horse

By Cassie Sprenger

The applications were sent in, the trainers were selected and the horses had been assigned to trainers. In mid-April, all trainers picked up their horses and began their 100-day training journey.

The trainers are located all over the state of Minnesota, from Duluth to Lakeville. Each has his or her unique style and will showcase what they have taught these "Unwanted Horses" at the University of Minnesota's Leatherdale Center on August

Every horse has its own story of how it came to the Minnesota Hooved Animal Rescue Foundation (MHARF). Some have been with the rescue for only a few months, and others for years. No matter the story, no matter the time, MHARF believes each deserves a loving home

The horses range in age, size, color and breed, and there is a horse for every preference: trail riding, English, Dressage Western or the all-around family horse. Each trainer has a blog on the MHARF website (www MnHooyedAnimalRescue org) to keep everyone informed on their progress. Along with the blog is contact information so you can contact a trainer to view a specific horse. The rescue asks

that if you are interested in adopting any of the horses listed in the Challenge, you contact the trainer and MHARF before

On August 13, 2011, the ultimate showdown between the various horse-trainer pairs will take place. You will get to see the horses perform with their trainers in the following classes: halter, pleasure, trail, freestyle and vet/farrier. During the showdowr a silent auction will be held to adopt these horses. After the show, the ribbons and prizes are handed out to the trainers. The Reserve Champion trainer will win \$1500, and the Champion, \$3000.

Then the winners of the silent auction will be announced. Each silent auction winner gets a chance to meet with their horse, and the horse's trainer before everyone packs up.

After the Challenge Showdown, each

horse returns home with the trainer, and the silent action winner/new owner has the chance to go visit and learn with the trainer and their new equine friend. Hopefully from there, a long-lasting partnership will

Look for personalized stories from MHARF and the trainers in the upcoming months of VEN!

## Special Features Planned for Mandan Rodeo Days 2011

Mandan Rodeo Days has been inspiring fans to holler "Yeeeee Hawwww!" since 1879 with its celebration of western culture over the Fourth of July. This tradition of rip-roaring entertainment continues in 2011 with Professional Rodeo Cowbovs Association (PRCA)-sanctioned competitions scheduled for July 2, 3 and 4 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Dacotah Centennial Park.

The rodeo will feature award-winning bucking stock from Frontier Rodeo Company out of Winnie, Texas, and Freedom, Okla. Frontier had 19 head of bareback horses, saddle broncs and bulls selected to buck at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in 2010 including top WNFR saddle bronc horse "Medicine Woman" and second runner-up bareback horse "Delta

Chuck wagon races return by popular demand. Änother highlight will be performances with horses, mules, longhorn cattle or buffalo by Amanda Payne of The One Armed Bandit and Company, Shidler Okla., 10-time pro rodeo specialty act of the year. Other attractions include clown and barrel man Justin Rumford of Ponca City, Okla., with his wild ride, crocodile hunting and gorilla taming, cheerleading and motorcycle stunts; and Miss Rodeo Mandan queen and princess pageants. Professional rodeo announcer Tim Fuller

of Claremore, Okla., returns to keep fans informed of every buck, kick and jump.

Mandan Rodeo contestants again compete for nearly \$42,000 in added money, \$6,000 per event, thanks to support from many generous sponsors. This purse attracts top professional cowboys and cowgirls from the Badlands Circuit of North and South Dakota and across the nation including many Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (WNFR) qualifiers.

Rodeo tickets go on sale June 1. Advance tickets are \$16 for adults and \$8 for kids for July 4. Advance tickets for other nights are \$14 and \$8, respectively Reserved seat tickets are \$20 through July 1. Tickets will be sold at the gate before each rodeo performance, \$18 for adults and \$9 for kids on July 4, and \$16 for adults on the other nights. A discount will be provided for the July 2 Family Night of \$2 off each child's ticket with purchase of an adult ticket. Children under age six are admitted free of charge

Stay tuned to www.mandanrodeo.com for ticket sales locations, a schedule of events, and more information about Mandan Rodeo Days including Art-in-the-Park and the 4th of July Parade

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The American Horse Council is pleased to announce that the new, up-to-date 2011 Horse Owners and Breeders Tax Handbook is hot off the presses! No one involved with the horse industry should be without the Horse Owners and Breeders Tax Handbook

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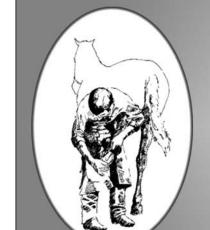
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Spotted Quarter Horses can be the result of an unknown past generation that had spots. Surprisingly, it is possible that inherited spots could be attributed to Arabians that were used to improve most saddle horses early in America before records of Quarter Horses were kept. Some purebred, superb-quality Arabians from the famous Crabbet Stud in England had spots and were known to pass them on, Other Crabbet and Babson Arabian lines did the same. Their spots were commonly called "bloody shoulder." referring to the red hairs appearing in splotchy patches on one or both shoulders and usually seen on gray Arabians. Another common term was "Kellogg spotted," after the owner who bred such horses extensively in the United States during the éarly 20th century.

Certainly, Arabians are the foundation of Thoroughbreds, which were also popular for breeding to saddle horses in the early American colonies; many

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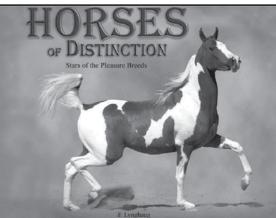
## Spotted Quarter Horses?

by Fran Lynghaug

of them also had spots. Some famous Thoroughbreds known today that had spots were Bend Or. Mán O' War and Candy Spots. However, most horses with spots in those early years were more likely Spanish and Indian horses which were crossed with the colonists' horses. Breeding was determined by the use of the horse, not the color.

In the late 1930s and early 1940s, a breeder named Miké Ruby used two leonard-spotted stallions to build his herd in Colorado. They were quality horses based on Arabian bloodlines, and they passed on their spots. Many ranches in Colorado and other western states, including those that were breeding toward the Quarter Horse type, added his breeding to their herds. The majority of Ruby's horses were much ouder-colored or -patterned than other early Appaloosas, which were mostly roans. Those with spotted patterns were accepted into the Appaloosa Horse Club Registry. Ruby often leased his horses to Appaloosa breeders, and later the same group of horses would be leased to ranches

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horses to back pastures so no one would see them, or resorted to putting them down or other-

Since it began in 1940, the

AQHA had stated that Quarter Horses are recognized, identified and promoted as solidcolored horses. It held the stand that spotted markings located anywhere other than the normal white areas on an American Quarter Horse indicated mixed ancestry, and it wouldn't registe such horses. But in 2004, the rule about registering a horse with excessive white changed AQHA now acknowledges that Quarter Horses can and do occasionally produce offspring with paint characteristics, and though solid colors are the norm and are preferred, all cropout horses are allowed into the registry as long as all registration requirements

Spots and registration. Now there is no limit of white that an American Quarter Horse can have to qualify for registration with AQHA as long as both its parents are registered with AQHA and the foal is parentage-verified. However, white spots are still considered uncharacteristic of the breed and continue to remain

There are also stipulations that apply for a Quarter Horse cropout. Its registration and show career will depend on where the spots are located.

Foals with excessive white spots must be parentage-verified through DNA testing of the foal, its sire and its dam. There will be a notation on the registration certificate that states, "This horse has white markings designated under AQHA rules as an undesirable trait and uncharacteristic of the breed.'

This doesn't prevent the horse from participating in AQHA-approved events or from being used for breeding, but it can't compete in halter classes because the ideal Quarter Horse is solid colored.

To determine if a horse will be registered as having undesirable white markings, AQHA defines excessive white markings as one or more spots located on any part of the body outside the areas considered normal for an American Quarter Horse to have white color. These areas are higher-than-normal leg stockings, and not located anywhere on the horse's head. The areas

An exception to the diagram would be a single white area no bigger than one inch in diameter located on any part of the body or within two inches on either side of the ventral midline (belly area), beginning between the front legs and extending to and including the sheath and udder area. This white can cover the length of that area as long as it doesn't extend more than two inches either side of the ventral midline. A spot within this area isn't considered an excessive white area and, therefore. wouldn't carry the notice on the egistration certificate. White

pink or mottled skin located anywhere inside the hind leg area or the armpits of the horse are also not considered excessive white markings.

Complications to overo spots. One type of spots a Quarter Horse can have is "overo" spots Such horses are best described as solid-colored with white spots on the central part(s) of the body This is opposite of the "tobiano' pattern, which is a white horse with colored spots on the central part of its body (usually, the white crosses the back, and the legs are white).

Overo spotting typically has the colored part running along the outline of the horse's body except for the bald face that generally seems to go with this pattern. White doesn't usually go over the back of the horse. The other pinto pattern, "tovero," is a combination of overo and tobiano.

It is possible to have a horse with overo spotting capabilities and not know it until the horse produces spots. This is because an overo-spotted horse doesn't need to show much white. It can be as subtle as a small spot on its belly or anywhere else on the horse. If there is any pinto spotting on a Quarter Horse, a small spot or two is probably the most common. Horses can also show no spots and yet carry the gene for it and produce a foal with white spots. The breeder may be surprised when this happens.

Because of this difficulty in recognizing an overo horsé or not knowing that a solid-colored horse carries the gene for overo spots, there is a danger of breeding two overos together or an

overo to a carrier, which can result in what is called a lethal white foal. It is all white and usually doesn't live much past birth due to its intestinal abnormalities. There have been instances in which Quarter Horse mares that were unknown carriers of overo spotting (they had no spots) were bred to Paint stallions and produced lethal white foals. This is a heartbreaking conclusion to an otherwise healthy pregnancy.

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To safeguard against this, the University of California–Davis does testing to see if a horse is a carrier. If an overo carrier is bred to an unaffected horse, there is no possibility of producing a lethal white foal.

The only conclusion to all of this is not to breed for spots if you want to show the foal in AQHA halter classes or if you don't want to run the risk of getting a lethal white foal. If there is doubt about excessive white markings on a potential breeding horse, AQHA can look up that particular horse and advise whether or not it has the excessive white paragraph on its papers. If you have a quality Quarter Horse, it's probably best to keep breeding for that exquisite look of excellence on a solid-colored body.

The Official Horse Breeds Stan-The AQHA Handbook, Rule #205.

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The story leapt out at me like a brandished weapon. The information was not only lethal to horses and but a threat to all of us, and the weapon seemed directed at our U.S. Constitution: "Last November 20, Senator

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Conrad Burns (R-MT) slipped an eleventh hour amendment into the 2005 Consolidated Appropriations Bill to allow the sale of wild horses for processing into commercial products, opening the door for long-protected wild horses to be slaughtered for human consumption overseas.

"The measure, secretly tucked in the massive, 3300-page omnibus bill to avoid public hearings, undermined the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act by allowing wild horses to be sold at auction without limitation. (www.habitatforhorses.org/join campaigns/burnsamendment. html). When President George Bush signed the omnibus bill, the Burns Amendment automatically became law, and the sacrifices, hard work, and legacy of Velma B. Johnston, a.k.a. "Wild Horse Annie," were erased.

But this wasn't the first time her work was pushed aside.

The Wild Horse Annie Act (Public Law 86-234, 9-8-59) was also bypassed by the Federal

which allowed the Secretaries of the Interior and of Agriculture to contract for the use of helicopte and motorized vehicles to manage wild horses and burros on

And who owns the nearly 650 million acres of public land which nake up our National Parks, Natural Forests and National Wildlife Refuges?

The Federal Government does, and though federal agencies are responsible for managing the nation's natural sources, the land is held for all Americans.

The debate over what to do with the land began when, in 1889, the Oklahoma Territory was opened for settlement. In 1890 the Director of the Census announced that the American Frontier no longer existed. Two camps were

established. One argued that resources should be exploited to the fullest and the other, that development should be balanced with conserving supply and preserving

President Theodore Roosevelt belonged to the latter group, and

Conservationist. Along with Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot, he preserved more than 170 million acres of mostly western land.

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Wild horses and public lands make one picture. It is obvious that conservation does not make up the background in the view. however. Western cattlemen use public land to feed their stock. and they see wild horses as a nuisance. It is estimated that there are less than 35,000 wild horses in 10 western states, but

> about 4.5 million cattle occupying the same land. he General Accounting Ofice showed that the overgrazing oroblem was actually caused by poorly managed domestic cattle herds Yet, pressure is Bureau of Land Management to remove the wild

horses so cattle can graze on the Which brings us back to the

It may surprise many, but

Lest We Forget Wild Horse Annie By Victor Wolf me like a (Public Law 94-579, 10-21-76), he became known as the Great America is not a democracy. Democracy When the struggle was over and the Constitutional Convention of 1787 was closed, Benjamin Franklin was reportedly asked, "Well Doctor what have we got a republic or a monarchy?" Dr. Franklin replied, "A republic, if you can keep it."

The U.S. Constitution is the document we look to for certain protections and for righting wrongs. It provides for the must be submitted and discussed, debated by the public,

Senator Burns made an end run around the document that is central to the American way of life and government. As a result, the Wild Horse Annie law, established by the People, was

How could this be? How could one man ignore the U.S. Constitution and act in such a manner? I submitted the question to Senator Michael Bennett (R-CO) by email, and to a staff member of Sen. Mark Udall (R-CO) by telephone. Except for promises of a response, neither representative responded to my query.
So the question is put to the

Democracies, and the special interest groups that form them, define themselves by their actions. We are warned by their behavior, and by history, that democracies eventually lead to

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And why should you be concerned?

I am a believer in God, deriving peace from communion with the Creator, and peace, too, from those who also believe.

One of my heroes is William Penn, who fled government persecution, came to the New World and founded Pennsylvania. He said, "Those people who will not be ruled by God, will be ruled by tyrants.

The Bible tells us that God gave man rule, or dominion, ove every living creature on the earth (Genesis 1:28). This authority, in the original language of the Scriptures, includes a meaning seldom mentioned. The words include love as an essential par of the meaning: love for all living creatures (or, in the original lan-

guage, "living souls").

Is this what we have to learn from the plight of our nation's wild horses? Must they have to die to awaken us to Wild Horse Annie's gift and to the reality of things

## Shawn Flarida Wins First-Ever CRI 5\* Kentucky Reining Cup

By Brian Sosby Lexington, KY - For the first time in the history of the Western saddle sport of reining, a collection of the world's best reining athletes slid into the Alltech Arena at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY, to contest the inaugural five-star reining competition known as the CRI5\* - the Ariat Kentucky Reining Cup. When the dirt in the arena settled, it was Shawn Flarida and KL Lil Conquistador who laid down a spectacular pattern to take the title on a score of 226.5 in this the highest level of reining competition in the world.

From a country music icon to the current USEF Equestrian of the Year to the four-member U.S. Team that rocked the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games with their Team Gold and two Individual medals to a threemember family show down, this was a night of reining that won't soon be forgotten. Reiners from three nations (United States, Canada and Mexico) took part at the event which was held concurrent with the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event sponsored by Bridgestone. In addition to the Ariat Kentucky Reining Cup CRI5\*, which offered \$50,000 in prize money and is this year's only five-stár reining evént in the Western hemisphere, there will be the first-ever World Championship Freestyle competition on

Saturday.
The level of competition was expert, and performances these Western horses and riders put in thrilled the crowd. In fact, three of the four members of the Goldmedal WEG team were the top four riders.

Flarida, who missed out on a possible medal at the 2010 FEI Alltech World Equestrian Games when his saddle strap broke during his round was happy with his first-place finish tonight aboard. Tonight's win was a sort of birthday present as Saturday was his

birthday.
"There were a couple of places where tonight could have been better," he said. "That horse has been absolutely great for me just to have the opportunity to ride him. This horse looks forward to showing and he's so much fun to ride. He continued, "Anytime you

can go and compete against guys that are this talented, it's fun."

ond aboard Miss Lil Addy Tude (owned by KC Performance Horses) on a

time I've been on the a tough little mare, she's really cute and horse on a score of

224.5, Mister Montana Nic (the 14-year-old bay Quarter Horse stallion who he rode to an Individual Bronze-medal at the 2010 WEG). chmersal came to superlatives

like that in my barn."

Tom McCutcheon, who was

medalist at the 2010 WEG, has taken reining to new heights. was in fourth, but happy for his scores tonight

Inc.'s Chic Olena Starbuck (a seven-vear-old, sorrel Quarter Horse mare) through the pattern to end on a score of 222.5 and a

fourth-place finish "It was a great crowd here, and

Craig Schmersal finished sec-

score of score of 225. This was the fifth

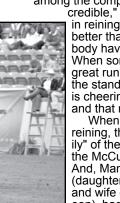
mare," he said. "She's she's like a little motor scooter out there and zips around and does her job. She's a lot of With his third-place

"I don't know what else I can say about him. He never lets me down and hangs with those little six-year-olds and just keeps on knocking them out," he said. "I'm very, very lucky to have a horse

the only American double-Gold over the past year. Tonight, he fellow WFG teammates and their

He guided Turnabout Farm,

the ground was great, and it was just fun to come here," McCutcheon said. "My horse felt really good, but she's not a really big turner, but a good thick stop-per and she circles good. She went out and did all that stuff for me. She didn't turn as good as I would have liked, but she went out there and did what she could



Shawn Flarida and KL Lil Conquistador. (Photo by StockImageServices.com)

> McCutcheon also spoke of the importance of tonight's event. "I think the diversity that this event brings to our sport following up behind the WEG Games is a great opportunity for us to showcase our sport. Right now, I think we are in a spot of growth...we are getting out to a new group of people, and it's important that we go out and put on a great show." Competing as one of the Non-

Pro competitors was Grammy winner and country music star Lyle Lovett piloted his Smart and Shiney (a seven-year-old Palomino Quarter Horse stallion co-owned with Tim McQuay) through the pattern to an excite

audience. He finished admirably in his first ever five-star competi-"Just to ride in this arena with

so many fans is an incredible feeling," said Lovett, who compared the sport of reining to his career in music.

"It's very similar, because even though it's a competition and the top reiners in the world are here, you watch them helping one another, and they are all associates and the team spirit among the competitors is just incredible," he said. "Nobody

in reining likes anything better than to see some body have a great run. When someone has a great run, everybody in the stands and in the barn is cheering for that rider and that run."

When it comes to reining, the "Royal Family" of the sport has to be the McCutcheon clan And, Mandy McCutcheon daughter of Tim McQuay and wife of Tom McCutch eon), had to be feeling a bit of a divide while rooting for her father and her husband, all the while doing her best to throw down the gauntlet and show the men

iust how it's done. Contesting two mounts -Don Julio Whiz (a nine-year-old chestnut Quarter Horse stallion owned by Rosanne Sternberg and Chexy Dun It (a 10-yearold. Palomino Quarter Horse mare owned by Turnabout Farm, Inc.) - Mandy had her work cut out for the night. In the end, she finished in fifth with 222 and tied for 11th on 218.5, respectively Team Sponsor's Competition

Event organizer, Brad Ettelman of HorsePower, Inc explained the importance of the Team Sponsor event. He applauded them for coming on in a big way and said that the even wouldn't have happened without them. He went on to explain the Team Sponsor concept.

"At World Championships like the World Equestrian Games you have national teams ride r your nation. We thought, 'Wouldn't it be cool if we got some sponsors because this is a five-star and a big event.' We wanted to recreate the team atmosphere, and the sponsors you heard called out tonight helped to support us in that effort. We had a team structure under sponsor banners rather than national

flags."

Among the various sponsors SmartPak, Purina, Ariat, ProEquine Equipment, Clark Oil - the sponsor team with the highest combined score was Team Clark Oil with 662, followed by Team Purina with 660.5. Team Clark Oil consisted of Sam Smith aboard Paid by Corona; Mandy Mc-Cutcheon aboard Don Julio Whiz and Tim McQuay aboard Rudy Dun It. The second place team was sponsored by Purina (Lyle Lovett aboard Smart and Shiney Lisa Coulter aboard Western Whiz: and Shawn Flarida aboard KR Lil Conquistador). The Inaugural Wórld Champi

onship Freestyle The Inaugural World Championship Freestyle winner will be named at the Alltech Arena. The Freestyle Championship will award \$25,000 in prize money the world's largest purse for a reining freestyle to date.

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## From the Horse Industry's Mouth

#### AAEP Foundation to Host 10th International Equine Colic Research Symposium

The American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) Foundation will host the 10th International Equipe Colic Research Symposium, July 26-28, 2011, in Indianapolis, Ind., at the Indianapolis Downtown

The symposium, held every three years, alternating between Europe and North America, is designed to bring together leading researchers, practitioners, residents and graduate students to share knowledge about equine colic, the leading cause of premature death in horses. The two-day symposium will take place at the same location immediately following the AAEP Focus on Colic and Business Education: Practices in Transitions, Transitions in Practice meetings, which will be held at the same location.

As with previous symposiums, the presentations this year will accelerate the exchange of new information about colic among investigators while stimulating new collaborations and research projects. This year's symposium has attracted top researchers from around the world to pres ent the newest information on a variety of colic-related topics. More than 40 oral presentations and more than 75 poster presentations will be presented during the

"Equine practitioners and researchers remain committed in to solving the puzzle of equine colic." said Nat White. DVM. MS Diplomate ACVS, Symposium Chairman. "We look forward to sharing the knowledge that we've gathered over the past three years and applying new solutions to this

The meeting format will be similar to previous Colic Research Symposia. Fifteenminute oral presentations will be followed by a five-minute period for questions and discussion will take place in sessions throughout the symposium.

Attendees will have the opportunity to view research posters each evening during receptions. Poster sessions on the 26th and

tions, giving attendees the opportunity to review and discuss the posters with the various presenters.

27th will expand beyond the oral presenta-

A limited number of travel scholarships are available to assist graduate students residents or researchers wishing to attend the Colic Research Symposium. Five travel awards of \$650 (£400) will be made to help cover the cost of travel and lodging. The scholarships are intended to help graduate students, residents and scientists who would be unable to attend the meeting without financial assistance.

The complete program, registration, lodging, travel scholarship information and sponsor information is available online at www.aaepfoundation.org.

"This important research meeting would not be possible without the support from industry partners," said Wayne McIlwraith BVSc, Ph.D, Diplomate ACVS, AAEP Foundation Chairman. "We can't thank our partners and the other equine and research funding organizations enough for their support.

The symposium is presented by AAEP Educational Partner Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc.

Additional sponsorship support is being provided by; American Quarter Horse Foundation, Gravson-Jockey Club Research Foundation, Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health, Morris Animal Foundation, North American Equine Ranching Information Council, Nutrena and Platinum Performance.

The AAEP Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, was created in 1994 as the charitable arm of the American Association of Equine Practitioners. The AAEP Foundation's mission is to improve the health and welfare of the horse through support of research, education, benevolence and the equine community. Since its inception, the Foundation has allocated more than \$1.8 million to support its mission

## **American Youth Horse Council**

It's hard to find someone who would say horses are not good for kids or that kids aren't good for the horse industry, but as rewarding as it can be, serving as a youth leader can be a lonely calling. That's where the American Youth Horse Council fits in, working to unite the youth horse industry and support its leaders by offering a wide array of goods and services designed to help leaders help kids connect through horses. In fact, helping is AYHC's second

How can AYHC help you?
• Networking with fellow youth horse industry leaders from across the country

- Resource materials such as the comprehensive AYHC Horse Industry Handbook and the AYHC Youth Leaders Manual, with lesson plans and follow up exercises at three different progress levels
- Research documentation, such as the "Impact of Equine Activities on Youth Development"—invaluable statistics for fund-raising efforts
- · Quarterly newsletter and bi-monthly e-news featuring industry news and useful
- Annual AYHC Symposium featuring a rich schedule of educational presentations and activities; in 2012 the Symposium will

be held at Herndon, VA, for a 35th anniversarv celebration

- Free Listing in Youth Horse Leaders' Program Directory
  • Grant and Scholarship Program Eligibil-
- Leadership Excellence Recognition Program Eligibility
- Contagious excitement about working with vibrant, energized, engaged kids, who are connecting through horses and creating "magic"

Membership rates are modest, and may include discounts on AYHC products and events. Categories include: Student (age 14-18) or Collegiate (age

- 19-25) enrolled in an accredited school Adult Leader - \$25
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#### WOMEN'S HORSE INDUSTRY PARTNERS WITH EQUESTRIAN AID FOUNDATION FOR GLOBAL BREAST CANCER CAMPAIGN

The Women's Horse Industry Association (WHIA) has announced a global partnership with the Equestrian Aid Foundation to raise funds for women affected by breast cancer. The Equestrian Aid Foundation is a 501(c)3 providing financial assistance to equestrians, horsemen and equine profes sionals who are suffering from catastrophic illnesses or injuries. Funding is provided for medical, rehabilitation and other basic needs, such as food and housing.

Called "Ponie Express for Breast", the campaign consists of trail rides and hikes around the world. The events are open to everyone who wants to support this cause and all proceeds will go directly to women in the equine industry who have been or who are currently dealing with breast

Two events are already scheduled for this campaign. The first will be held June 25 at the Settlement At Thomas Divide in Bryon City, North Carolina. The second event will be held July 23 at Mid West Trail Rides in Norman, Indiana. Other events are in the process of being scheduled by the WHIA and interested sites should contact the office to be considered.

"This is a great cause and one that we know many people who have been affected by this disease will support. Plus, it's a fun way to meet other equestrians and at the same time support women in our industry. The Equestrian Aid Foundation helps many people in the equine industry and we are looking forward to helping them raise more funds for their efforts." states WHIA Executive Director Catherine Masters.

'We're thrilled to partner with the Women's Horse Industry Association to raise funds for those coping with breast cancer.

says Sheryl Kursar, managing director of the Equestrian Aid Foundation. "Ponie Express for Breast' will be a fun way for anyone in the horse community, on horse or foot, to have a great time while creating support for our friends in need.'

The Women's Horse Industry Association is a business networking group with over 700 members around the world. For additional information on the Women's Horse Industry and the Ponie Express For Breast Campaign, please visit www. womenshorseindustry.com or call 615-

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#### **Unwanted Horse Coalition's Operation** Gelding Clinics Help Over 245 Stallions

xWASHINGTON, DC - April 20, 2011 The Unwanted Horse Coalition's [UHC] Operation Gelding program has aided in gelding 246 stallions to date. The program, which was launched in late August 2010 with the help of seed money from the Ameri-can Association of Equine Practitioners Foundation and the UHC, is designed to offer funding assistance to organizations, associations, and events that wish to conduct a public gelding clinic under the name and guidelines of Operation Gelding. An organization that has completed an Opera tion Gelding clinic will receive funding of \$50 per horse, \$1,000 maximum, to aid in the costs associated with the clinic.

Organizations continue to express interest in hosting and conducting Operation Gelding clinics. As of April 18th, 2011, 246 stallions have been castrated with the help of UHC's Operation Gelding funding The nationwide program has sponsored 23 Operation Gelding clinics and offered a total of \$12,300 in seed money. UHC sponsored clinics have been offered in 20 states: California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, North Dakota, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington. Virginia.

Nadia Lane of High Sierra Wild Horse Sanctuary hosted an Operation Gelding clinic in California. With her efforts, she and a team of vets were able to help castrate 10 stallions. "I would like to thank you for your help in getting the Operation Gelding seed money check processed for us. The extra effort you made on our behalf really means a lot to me. Our organization is very grateful for the financial help the UHC has afforded toward the gelding of colts and stallions", said Lane.

The Tacoma Equine Hospital, of Tacoma Washington, was able to host a successful Operation Gelding clinic under the tutelage of Dr. Meg deGravelles. With seed money provided by the UHC, they were able to castrate seven horses. "Operation Gelding was a success! We ended up castrating seven horses. The community has been extremely supportive and grateful, and this was a fabulous opportunity you allowed us to pursue," said Dr. deGravelles.

Ericka Caslin, UHC Director, said, "We are thrilled with the success of the Operation Gelding program thus far. It is very encouraging to see the amount of interest and participation in the program. Participating organizations have helped hundreds of horses and horse owners in need and have done a wonderful job working together to help with the issue of unwanted

For more information on Operation Gelding, how to conduct a clinic, or the schedule and location of Operation Gelding clinics, please contact Éricka Caslin, UHC director, at ecaslin@horsecouncil.org or 2022964031.

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