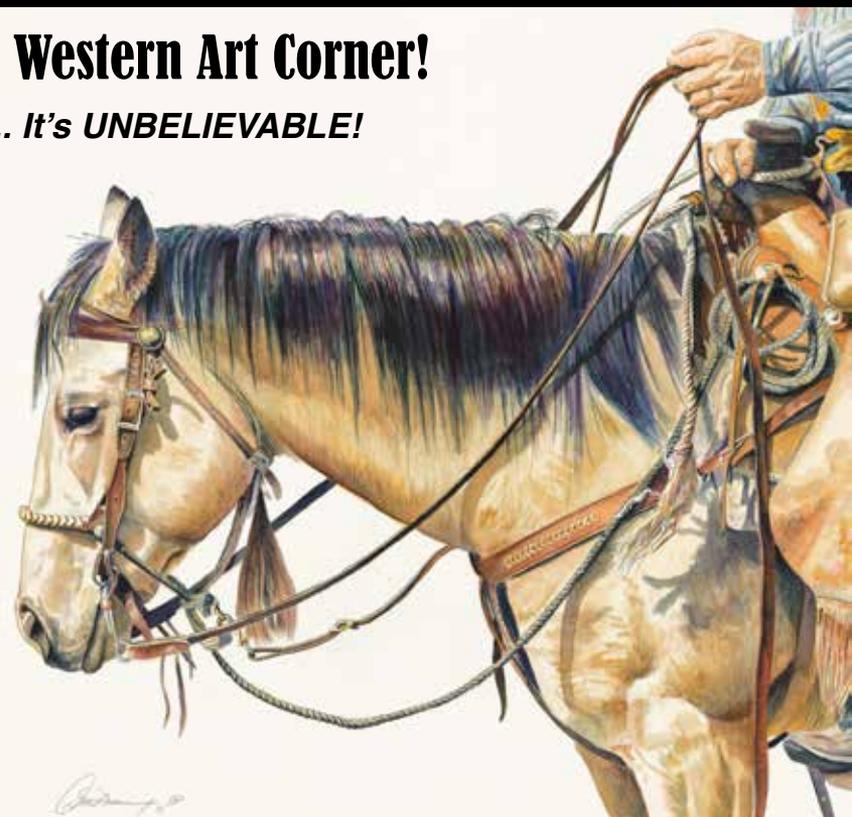


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Hello friends and welcome to our Spring Edition of Better Horses. I was always taught to surround yourself with the best people. Well bringing on Ed Adams and his wife Tara as partners of Better Horses has been a great move for my family and Better Horses. This transaction took place Oct. 1, 2018 and since then we have hit the ground running! We both look forward to seeing you at some of the events this spring and summer.

The Better Horses TV Show continues to be an exciting challenge and we look forward to seeing

where we can take it. Let us know if we can be of any help and help me welcome Ed & Tara Adams to the Better Horses Family!

God Bless and Happy Trails!  
Ernie

Hello everyone and welcome to this year's Spring Edition of Better Horses.



It is with great excitement that I am now a part of Better Horses Media. Developing Better Horses has been rewarding and challenging as the company continues to expand its reach across the Midwest. It's a pleasure and honor to work with Ernie Rodina, a knowledgeable horseman with a passion for the horse industry.

Better Horses is grateful for the outstanding work the Kansas Horse Council has done throughout the years lead by Justine Staten – Executive Director ([www.kansashorsecouncil.com](http://www.kansashorsecouncil.com)). They have been an inspiration and one reason the Missouri Farm Bureau in Jefferson City is bringing back the Missouri Horse Council after a seven-year hiatus. The 2019 officers will be filing for non-profit status and completing its articles of Corporation this month. Congratulations to the state of Missouri for restoring their horse council.

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As Captain of the Jackson County Sheriff's Mounted Posse in Kansas City ([www.jcsmp.org](http://www.jcsmp.org)) we received a notification that the Kansas City Mounted Patrol may be in jeopardy of being disbanded due to a reallocation of resources. The Kansas City community and Mounted Posse members voiced a strong opinion to keep these well trained draft horses patrolling the streets of Kansas City. If you would like to express your view on this subject, please call (816) 234-5055 or email [Bethany.Ruoff@kcpd.org](mailto:Bethany.Ruoff@kcpd.org).

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Ed Adams

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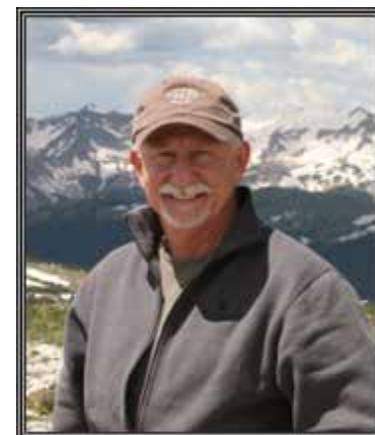
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# Artist Don Dane

Don is a full time, award winning artist whose work has been shown and sold to collectors all over the United States. Favoring a realistic style of painting, he has become well known for his portrayal of the American West. His mediums include watercolor, oil and pencil.

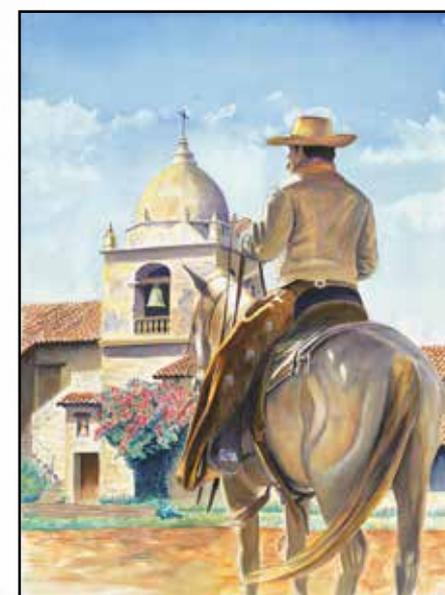
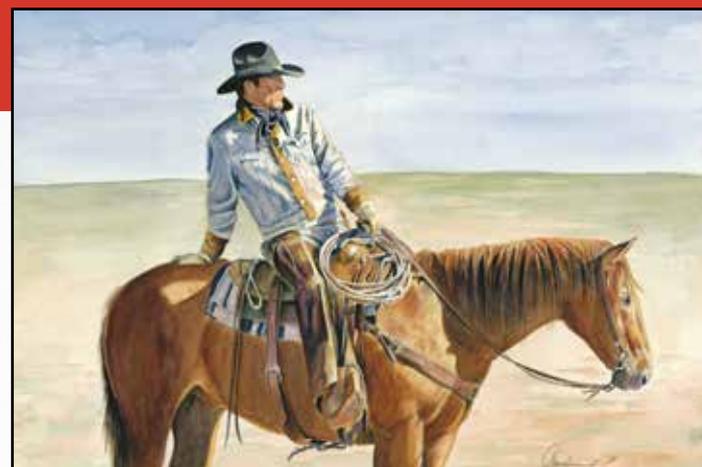
Don's subject matter varies, but he prefers painting subjects that reflect the tradition of the American west, the cowboy and the rural way of life. His artwork has been featured in Western Art Collector, Southwest Art, Western Horseman, Horses in Art, Art of the West and American Cowboy. It has also appeared on over a dozen different western, rodeo and cowboy music/poetry festival posters across the country. Among these, was being featured poster artist at Silver Dollar City's "Salute to the Great American Cowboy" in Branson, MO for over ten years.

In 2011 Don was commissioned by the Kansas State Lotto Commission to paint an original painting to be featured on the state lotto ticket as part of the Kansas 150 year anniversary of statehood. He currently works from his home studio in Greenwood, Missouri.



**Don's work can be viewed at [www.dondane.com](http://www.dondane.com)**

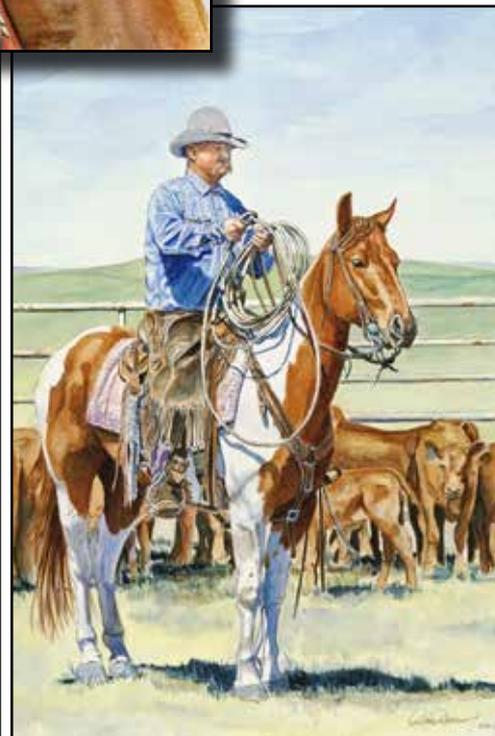
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# WESTERN ART CORNER

Welcome to the new section of Better Horses, Western Art Corner! Each issue will showcase an artist that specializes in anything and everything Western. If you or someone you know would be interested in an upcoming spot email Ernie Rodina at [ernie@betterhorsesradio.com](mailto:ernie@betterhorsesradio.com).



# Creating Trust and Respect is as Easy as 1-2-3

By: Brandy Von Holten

Have you ever had someone demand something when you would have gladly done it if they would have asked nicely? Have you ever had a boss that was too bossy? Think about how much more could get done if every request was asked, then told, and then demanded. This is the basis of earning the trust of people and of your horse. Of course there is way more to this than asking, telling, and demanding a cue. You must always ask first, and you must always follow through with your demand. If you are wondering what in the world I am talking about, then read along with me and learn how creating trust and respect can be as easy as 1-2-3.

All training begins on the ground. I ask that my horse back up, demonstrate all gaits from the ground, and yield the hind quarters. Let's start with sending them around. With my lead rope in my left hand, I will raise my left hand, point, and look at my pointing hand. This is me "asking" my horse to read my body language, which I consider a level 1. If the horse does not depart,

I will then cluck or kiss once. It is imperative that you only make the noise for a short amount of time, because if you turn into a kissing machine or clucking machine, you are begging. The verbal cue is a level 2. If your horse has still not budged, it is time for level 3, which is the demand. I will actually make contact on the hind quarters with the extra rope in my right hand. It is crucial that you do not threaten the rope but go ahead and fulfill the demand. When I explain this concept to my students, I discuss children that know that there is a consequence and children that know that there is not any follow through. I would disengage the hindquarters and begin again. The most important part of this training exercise is that I must always present the level 1. No matter how many times you are forced to go to a level 3, you must always start with a level 1. Here's why.

Your horse is trying to learn how to communicate with you. If you are predictable, and always do a level 1, level 2, and then a level 3, then

your horse will understand to start seeking to complete the task at a lower level. Eventually you will be able to get your horse to a level 1 in all commands from the ground and saddle. Your horse will respect you because you fulfill the level 3, but can trust that you will use the lowest level if they comply.

In the saddle, the exact same philosophy can be used. If you wanted to turn your horse to the left, you would first look to the left. Looking without the use of your hands or legs is a level 1. A level 2 would be to squeeze with your right leg. Level 3 is to lift with your left rein. So many people completely leave out level 1 and level 2 when turning and immediately go to using their reins. From the horse's stand point, you are a jerk. He/she had absolutely no idea that you wanted to turn and you went straight to the piece of metal in their mouth that works by pressure on the tongue, the corners of the mouth, the bars of the jaw, and the poll. If you consistently turn by looking and then leg pressure, followed by the use of

your reins, this allows your horse the ability to learn over time that he/she can trust that you will do the levels in order.

Every maneuver I ask my horse to do has a level 1, a level 2, and a level 3. If you are predictable, your horse will learn to comply with the least amount of pressure. They figure out they can rely/trust in your horsemanship. If you always give your horse two options before reaching a level 3, they will respect you and because you always give them cues before you use your level 3. Trust and respect are as easy as 1-2-3, but now forcing yourself is the real problem. I have found that I have to implement change, one maneuver at a time and make a mental effort to always try to remember to use the different levels. Not only do we need help with our horses, but our horses need help with their riders.



## 10 Facts About Equine West Nile Virus

Your horse is part of your family, but unless he is vaccinated, he could be at risk for potentially deadly diseases like West Nile virus (WNV). As we prepare for mosquito season and the heightened risk of disease, be aware of these 10 important WNV facts.

1. Africa, Eastern Europe and West Asia have long experienced the impact of WNV; however, the disease is fairly recent to North America with the first case diagnosed in 1999.

2. West Nile virus is transmitted by mosquitoes - which feed on infected birds - to horses, humans and other mammals.

3. Horses represent 97 percent of all reported non-human mammalian cases of WNV disease.

4. Infected horses begin to show signs of disease as early as three to 15 days.

5. More than 25,000 cases of WNV have been reported in U.S. horses.

6. The disease presents a 33 percent fatality rate to horses.

7. Disease risk increased in 2018, with 384 cases of equine WNV reported - nearly 80 cases more than in 2017.

8. Horses are at the highest risk for contracting WNV during peak mosquito season - July through October.

9. When properly vaccinated, horses have shown to be 30 times less likely to contract WNV.

10. Vaccination provides horses with nearly 100 percent protection against WNV.

Vaccinate your horse in Spring, before the onset of mosquito season, to offer your horse the best protection available against West Nile virus. The vaccines, regardless of brand, will booster the protection. Remember, vaccination in conjunction with established mosquito management techniques are key to helping keep animals safe from this dangerous disease.

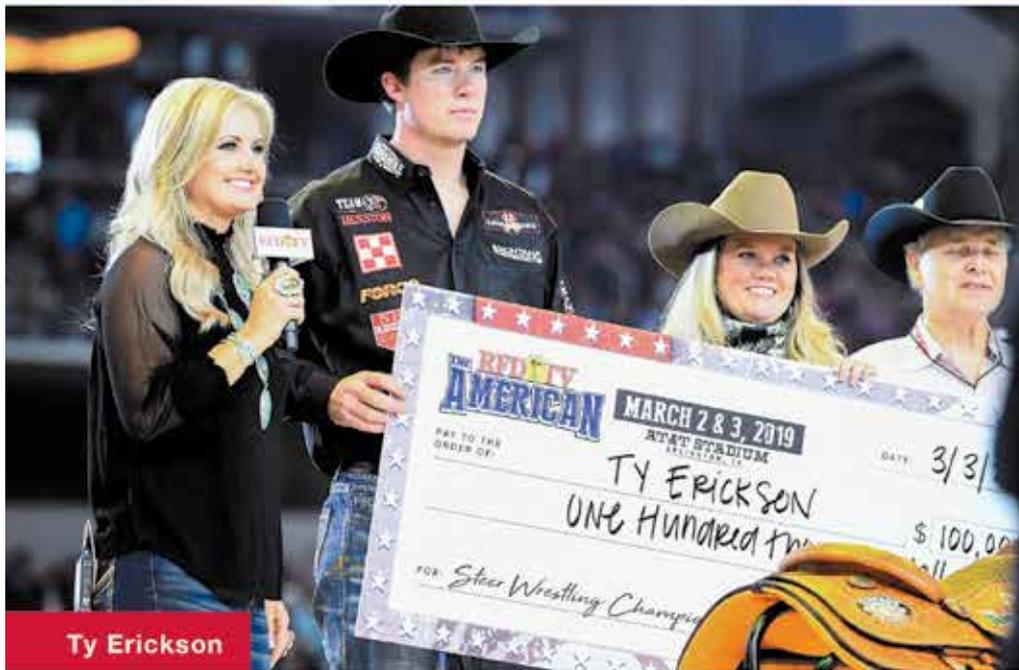
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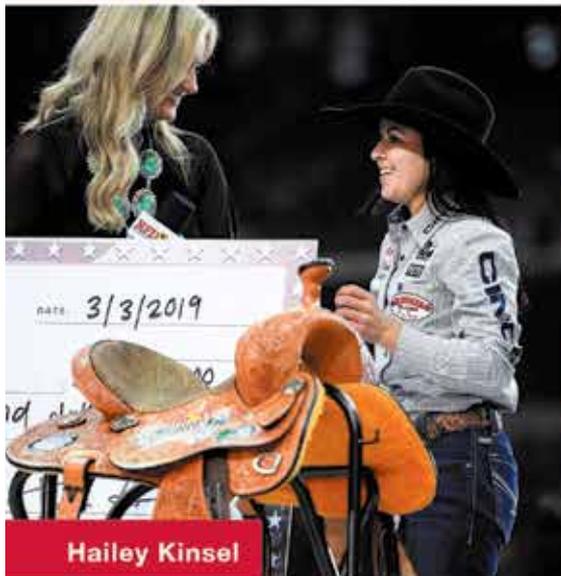
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# Understanding Equine Respiratory Disease to Help Keep Horses Healthy

*Laurie Beard, DVM, MS, DACVIM and Beth Davis, DVM, PhD, DACVIM  
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Horse owners and equine enthusiasts alike love using their horses in athletic endeavors. Certainly there are some of us that enjoy having our horses at home, and have a “closed herd situation.” However, most of us who ride and own horses, want to take our horses to other places. We like to take our horses to horse shows, rodeos, barrel races, and even just trail riding with other horse owners. This is why we own horses, so we can interact with other horses and horse owners! However, exposure of our horses to other horses carries the risk of transmission of infectious diseases. The question is how do we limit the spread of infectious diseases, while still enjoying our horses? Prevention of infectious disease(s) requires several approaches which include vaccination and identifying sick horses early and isolating them. Collectively, vaccination provides protection while isolation of sick from healthy horses is an important component of implementing effective biosecurity. Some infectious diseases, such as influenza, resolve completely following the acute phase of infection. Once recovered from influenza, horses no longer shed the infectious agent. In contrast, recent studies have shown that some infectious diseases such as Strangles, which is a serious bacterial infection, can result in horses that have apparently recovered from disease, but can still shed the bacteria and infect other horses, even after the horse appears

outwardly healthy.

Many horse owners recognize the importance of vaccinating their horses to prevent infectious diseases. Diseases such as tetanus, Eastern and Western Equine Encephalitis virus, west Nile virus, and rabies are among “core vaccines” that are recommended by the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) to be administered once a year ([www.aaep.org](http://www.aaep.org)). The recommendation for core vaccines to be administered to all horses is based on the fact that these diseases are severe, can be fatal, and in the case of rabies can cause disease in people (zoonotic). Core vaccines are carefully tested and proven to be safe and effective, and for this reason the AAEP recommends that horses are vaccinated for these diseases once a year. Influenza and equine herpes virus (EHV-1/4) are viral diseases that result in respiratory infections. Vaccines for influenza and EHV-1/4 are among AAEP recommended “risk-based” vaccines. Classification is based on the fact that horses exposed to other horses, such as at a horse show or rodeo, are at risk for these diseases. Current recommendations to maintain optimal immunity recommend that EHV-1/4 and EIV vaccines are administered every 6 months. Most horse owners will often vaccinate using “spring vaccines” which often include the core vaccines and influenza and EHV-1/4. However,

many horse owners may not be aware that immunity induced by these risk-based respiratory vaccines decreases after 6 months. Therefore, if you are routinely taking your horse(s) to other facilities/competitions in addition to spring vaccination, you should also vaccinate your horse in the fall for influenza and EHV-1/4. The Manhattan, KS area had a small outbreak of influenza early in the spring of 2019. All of the horses that were positively diagnosed with influenza had not been vaccinated for influenza for over 6 months. The majority of these horses were vaccinated once a year, which in this case was in the spring of 2018.

Prevention of infectious diseases with the implementation of effective biosecurity can be accomplished by identifying sick horses early and isolating these horses from healthy horses. Relying on vaccination may not always be possible to prevent spread of infectious diseases. For example, EHV is a challenging virus that includes two different viral strains (EHV-1 and 4). The EHV-4 strain results in respiratory disease, while EHV-1 may result in respiratory disease, abortion or neurological disease. USDA licensed EHV vaccines effectively prevent or reduce the severity of respiratory disease and abortion. However, no licensed vaccine protects against the neurological form of EHV-1 associated disease,

called equine herpes myelitis. Among horses that develop EHV-1 associated respiratory disease approximately 10% may develop equine herpes myelitis. Outbreaks of EHV-1 associated disease have been reported at horse shows, racetracks and large boarding facilities ([www.equinediseasecc.org](http://www.equinediseasecc.org)). Prevention of equine herpes myelitis is focused on identification of possible cases and prompt quarantine of these horses and those that were potentially exposed to the virus. When considering whether a horse is suffering from EHV-1 associated disease, the initial clinical sign is a fever (> 101.5 F). Although non-specific, the presence of a fever is an initial clinical sign of any infectious disease in any animal. Therefore, once a fever is identified, it is important to call your veterinarian. Ideally the horse should be relocated to a separate area of the facility or put in a stall isolated from other horses. It is important to prevent spread of infectious agents by washing hands, use of different clothing when handling sick horses, and prevent sharing of equipment. Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests provide a rapid and accurate diagnosis for identification of what is causing the illness in a sick horse. A nasal swab (and sometimes whole blood) can be submitted for many of these diseases with test results available within 24-48 hours from the time of sampling. An effective way to

determine if infectious disease may be impacting your horse is to monitor your horse's temperature twice daily when at any horse event (normal temperature = 99-101.5 F). If the majority of horse owners used this protocol while at sporting events, this could help reduce the likelihood of infectious diseases being spread among horses.

Strangles, caused by *Streptococcus equi* subsp. *equi*, is the bacterial infection that results in abscess formation in lymph nodes of the upper respiratory tract. The most common clinical signs of strangles initially includes fever, followed in 2-3 days by swollen lymph nodes most commonly beneath the mandible (jaw) or in throat latch. Lymph node-associated abscesses can rupture externally or in some cases into the guttural pouch within the upper portion of the respiratory tract. The

typical duration of clinical signs is about 7-14 days. However, did you know that if your horse had strangles (and has recovered) he/she can still harbor the bacteria in the upper respiratory tract and then pass it on to other horses? We now understand that this is likely how strangles is spread from barn to barn, by "carrier horses." Prevention of this disease can be challenging. Following an outbreak your veterinarian can test your horse to make sure he/she is not a carrier, either through a nasopharyngeal lavage or endoscopic examination of the guttural pouches with a lavage. The sample is tested for strangles using both a culture and PCR. When considering how to protect horses from Strangles, there are vaccines available to help protect against disease. However, regardless of the vaccine selected, vaccination alone does

not completely eliminate the chance of a horse developing Strangles, but it may reduce clinical signs. Another important consideration regarding whether to vaccinate against Strangles is that this vaccine (regardless of type) has more risk of complication when compared to other vaccines. For these reasons, it is important to consult with your veterinarian to determine if Strangles vaccination is an ideal prevention strategy for your horse.

In summary, horses are a great way to get outdoors and enjoy beautiful spring and summer weather. Regardless of whether you like to ride trails or compete at events, biosecurity and vaccination can help keep horses healthy. It is important that all horses receive core vaccines annually. Risk-based vaccines should be considered for horses that travel and interact with other horses; working with your

veterinarian can help you determine what vaccines are ideal to help keep your horse healthy. We hope you get to enjoy happy riding all through 2019!



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# Tearney Inducted into KQHA Hall of Fame

By Carolyn Kaberline

Sherri Tearney's earliest horse memories are of going to the boarding stables where her mother boarded her Arab gelding.

"My mom Jody [Doepke] loved horses her entire life," Tearney said, "but having grown up in the Depression era, it was not to be. In her early twenties, after having been married to my dad Bud and having three children under the age of 5, she finally got a horse."

Sherri noted that the horse she got probably wasn't the best choice since it was a freshly gelded six year-old Arabian, but she did take the kids with her to the boarding stable where she kept him.

"She would have an enjoyable ride on her crazy horse with the little kids cheering her on outside the arena," Tearney said.

The stable owner soon helped find a kids' horse for the youngsters who promptly named him Mike Magoo.

"I loved him more than anything, that beautiful half-saddlebred, half-whatever big horse," Sherri said. "He was gentle and tolerant and sometimes all three of us kids rode him together."

It didn't take long for the show bug to bite, and Sherri soon entered her first show at Indian Valley Stables, 45 minutes away over trails and through a creek. There she earned her first ribbon; she was very proud of it—even if it was only for fifth place.

The family soon moved on to quarter type horses, and purchased a gray horse out of the Kansas City Star for Sherri. Although Smokey wasn't the best choice for a rookie

novice rider, she worked her hardest and loved him a lot—even if she never could get him to lower his head.

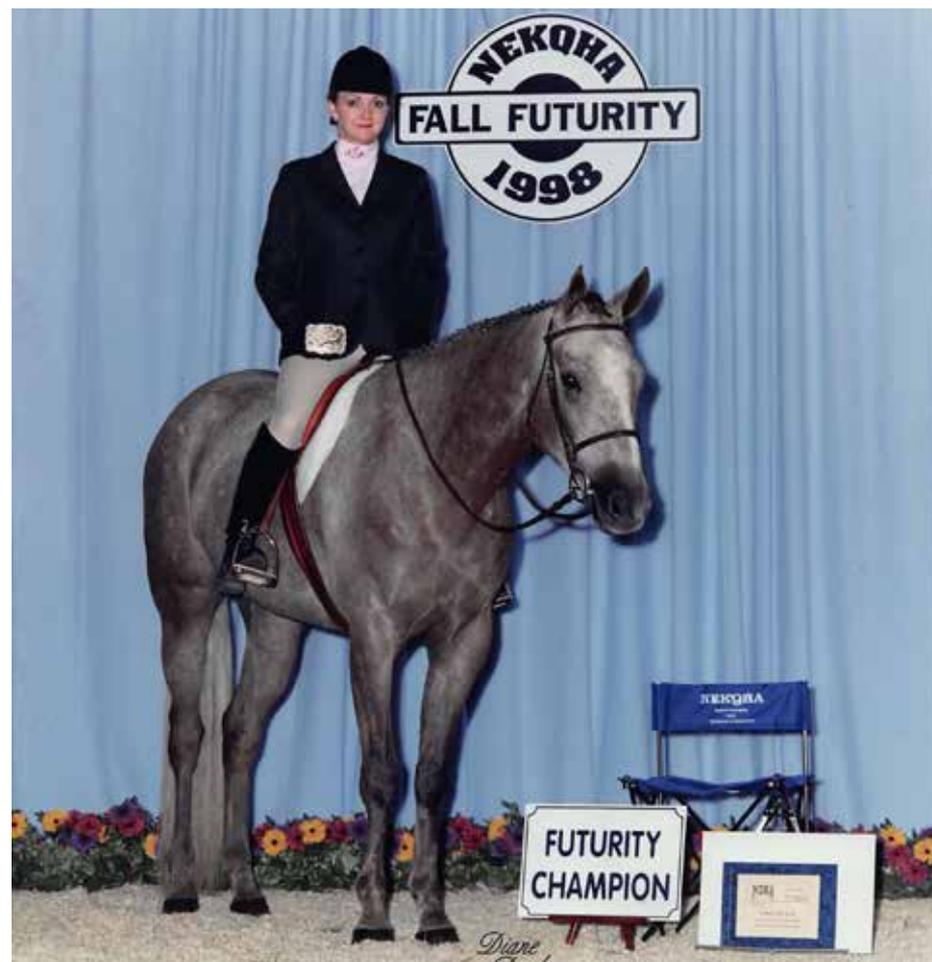
As Quarter Horse Shows became more popular, another horse was purchased out of the paper with no professional help. That horse, Skipper Reno, was bred by local youth dad and race horse enthusiast Clyde Hamilton. Sherri and Skipper's first show was the American Royal where the duo earned a second place out of 80 in youth western pleasure.

"As you can imagine, we were thrilled," Tearney said, adding that the mare was out of Rusty Reno, a race-bred mare and by Skipper Bar by Bar Mount, who had just earned his AQHA Championship at three years of age, and was owned by AQHA Past President Al Becker.

Despite that win, Tearney noted that success in the ring didn't go on for long.

"Even with guidance, and a great horse, a young horse-young rider combination is not a recipe for success," she said. "In time I got to go have lessons from a local trainer Denny Hassett. He taught Skipper to change leads and gave us a few lessons. In that era not too many people had trainers like today.

"At the first AQHYA Finals we won the western riding and were 6th in trail," Tearney said. "Amarillo was a long way away from Kansas City to drive when your furthest horse show has been Rose Hill, Kansas! My Mom, sister Cass and I barely had enough money for gas to get home because we bought



*Sherri Tearney earns a buckle at the Northeast Kansas Quarter Horse Association's Fall Futuroty.*

'Indian jewelry' which we had never seen before. Next stop was the All American Quarter Horse Congress, another long drive from home. We won western riding again and were presented our trophy by the AQHYA President Scott Stubblefield--- what a thrill!"

That was the beginning of a successful show career that included wins at the youth finals, the American Quarter Horse Congress and others as she moved on to amateur and open divisions.

The family's well-known breeding program began at about the same time and has continued to today.

"My dad had promised me that if I won the Congress I could breed to Two Eyed Jack, imagining that would never happen," Sherri explained. "So we signed up on Stallion Avenue that

year and our small time, backyard breeding operation began.

"So anxious for that foal to arrive in a whole year, we decided to purchase another horse from Clyde Hamilton," Sherri said. "She was a race mare that was injured in the starting gates and was in foal to a son of Top Moon named Moons Copy. She was a beautiful mare by a son of Sugar Bars and an appendix daughter. The resulting baby was a black mare named She's A Saucy Bar. We thought she was the greatest baby ever."

They soon found that one mare wasn't enough.

"When my Dad was on the 3R, Round up Riders of the Rockies, trail ride, he became friends with Bill Mooney, a pretty prominent breeder in that day and owner of

Coys Bonanza,” she said. “After experiencing Dad’s enthusiasm, he sold us a broodmare sight unseen. She was fabulously bred mare, with King and Tamo on her papers, all horses with P before their registration numbers. She had a broken knee and was already 15 and only foaled every other year but we were the perfect home for her! She had already produced honor roll champion Beau Bonanza. Her first filly for us was by a local horse by Three Bars, named Baruendo we called Tiffany. Madam Tiffany and She’s A Saucy Bar became the foundation of our backyard breeding program.”

Since then the names of the horses Sherri and her family have bred to over the years are like reading a list of Quarter Horse Who’s Who and include Two Eyed Jack, Zippo Pine Bar, and Sonny’s Hot Jazz to name just a few. Their get—many shown by Sherri and her family-- have gone on to outstanding careers. Most had western and

hunt seat bloodlines, but after her marriage to Phil Tearney, roping bred horses were added to the mix, and horses with bloodlines sporting Freckles Playboy and Doc Olena were soon winning awards too.

Sherri also became a trainer and AQHA judge. In addition, she became a member of the KQHA Board of Directors and later served as KQHA president for two terms. She has served as a National AQHA Director since 2005.

Because of her service to the Quarter Horse industry and dedication to the American Quarter Horse, Sherri Tearney is the 2019 inductee into the Kansas Quarter Horse Association Hall of Fame..

“I’m so proud to have been awarded this honor of the Kansas Quarter Horse Hall of Fame,” she said. “I really owe it all to my family and the wonderful AQHA friends who got us started.”



*One of Sherri’s favorite show horses was Stockings and Lace by Dun Lucky Dee who she showed in hunter under saddle classes.*



## A Cowboy’s Faith

By Frank J. Buchman

### Old Ways Still Best

“Just a newspaper.”

That simple phrase brought ire from a dedicated reader when writing about checking the mailbox and finding “just a newspaper.”

“Oh Frank. How could you write it?” she questioned.

“Having spent my entire adult life in the company of print journalists, my heart sinks at the words: Just a newspaper,” the lady continued.

At first alarmed, the sting quickly left realizing that ‘off the cuff’ comment could be taken offensively. Even more so emphatic for “a print journalist myself from time to time.”

Clarifying her point, she added, “I’ve seen your stories in other newspapers, so I know you have respect for an audience of readers.”

Guilty as charged, an immediate apology was in order seeking reprieve for wrongdoing.

“Oooooops. You are right. As a lifetime dedicated writer, newspapers are always important mail. Subscribing to nearly two dozen daily, weekly and monthly print publications; it’s only disappointing when one doesn’t arrive.”

Briefly relating a newspaper career spanning high school, college and 46 years professionally, my apology insisted. “I’m sorry for my bad stepping across the line. In modern times, seldom does anybody edit stories. Had a smart knowledgeable person like you critiqued the piece, suggestions could have been made to change that offensive terminology. Unquestionably, there is room for improvement of most writings.”

Fortunately, the concerned

reader, a member of the Society of Professional Journalists, accepted the cowboy’s penitence.

“Thank you so much for your response to my rant. My late husband had a lifelong career with The Kansas City Star and Times. Big urban newspapers have shrunk drastically in recent years, but smaller papers continue providing news that is the lifeblood of small communities.”

Importantly for any writer, the nice lady assured: “I will continue to be a reader.”

It’s been weeks since that congenial correspondence, but the meaningfulness of the conversation becomes more important.

Reading at least three newspapers daily, they are “thin,” important news intact, but little more. Circulation is down with few advertisers paying the bills.

“It is a fast changing time,” repeating forefathers. Sadly for a cowboy newspaperman, social media is impacting every form of traditional news and entertainment.

Not “just the newspaper,” but serious editorial concern; frightening. “Harmful to the future,” more-in-the-know opinioned.

Reminded of Luke 5:39: “After drinking old wine, no one wishes for new. The old is fine.”

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1 cup chopped onion

1/2 cup chopped bell pepper

1 cup chopped button mushrooms

1/2 cup sliced black olives

2 tbs Italian herbs

2 to 4 cups mozzarella cheese  
salt and pepper

### For the sauce:

1 pint jar of your favorite pizza  
sauce

2 tbs olive oil

1/2 cup finely chopped onions

1/2 cup chopped bell peppers

1/2 cup chopped mushrooms

1/4 cup red wine

2 tbs finely chopped garlic

(or 1 tbs garlic powder )

2 tbs dried Italian herbs

3 tbs sugar

salt and pepper

### Make the sauce first:

In sauce pan add the olive oil and everything except the jar of sauce and the red wine. Cook over medium heat until the veggies are tender and then add the red wine and cook for a few minutes until about 1/2 the wine is reduced.

Add the jarred sauce and simmer at least 1/2 hour.

Brown the beef then add the veggies and herbs, cook until the veggies are tender crisp with salt and pepper.

Slightly brown the english muffins first and place the muffins on a sheet pan (line it with foil to help with clean up).

Put some sauce on the browned muffins then the beef and add the black olives (optional of course) and top with the mozzarella cheese.

Bake on 350 degrees until the cheese is melted.



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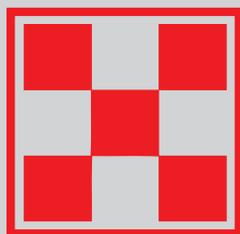
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# Advocating for Horse Land Protection in Your Community with ELCR

By Denise Y. O'Meara

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## Recognizing Open Land Loss Before it Happens

That cattle farm that you have passed every day for years on route to your boarding stable has had a 'for sale' sign attached to the fence for just as long. You take it for granted that the property will never sell. But today there's a new sign – announcing a zoning change, Ag-1 to R-1, or something similar. What does that mean? It is a request to the municipality for a change from agricultural use to residential development. But it doesn't affect you directly. Your boarding stable is a healthy business, an active place.

Fast forward a few years. Your boarding facility is surrounded by subdivisions and commercial buildings. The increase in traffic and complaints from new residents about odors, etc. spell trouble. The owner is considering closing the doors, moving on. After all, a developer has offered a good sum for the land. And local trails, part of your daily routine are quickly disappearing.

Perhaps a local show facility, fairground or equestrian center is about to close. Its future purpose is unknown. Now you can no longer practice, train or show locally, and will have to drive several more miles, or even hours, to carry out your equine activities.

In yet another scenario, you have been riding a circuit of twenty miles for years. Suddenly a section located on private land has been blocked off. The property has a new owner, and a sign says No Horses Allowed. There is no other way to connect the trail except by busy roadways. Another section through public land that is managed by a government agency, has been closed due to the agency's perception that horses will disturb



wildlife and sensitive land.

Horsemen and women must understand some basic facts about their neighbors and their community:

- Public Input about property rezoning must be made at an early stage. It is probably too late to effect change in favor of keeping open land for agriculture or horse activities once a property has been rezoned, as changes have already been approved for development. Your opportunity to voice your needs has likely passed.

- When private property changes hands or is sold, it may be purchased by someone who thinks equestrians will disturb their privacy, ruin their land or get hurt while riding, creating liability on their part. Their reaction will be to close off an existing trail that may be an integral part of an overall trail system.

- Government agencies may rescind access to lands they manage for many reasons. They may not be familiar enough with horses and may overestimate their impact on trails surfaces, wildlife and sensitive lands. They may not recognize the value of

horses to recreation and tourism. Or they may simply not know what the needs of the trail riding community are. Nobody told them.

### What to do?

Since most horse owners reside in or near urban areas, they must be cognizant of potential growth and accompanying loss of equine access. They must recognize potential problem areas, and advocate for their needs, educating the community about the benefits of having horses around. For those living in rural areas, much can happen to reduce or eliminate your favorite equine places and connections. And equine enthusiasts must act through advocacy.

For advocacy to work, the local equine community needs to be proactive and organized. One person can be a "mover and shaker", but it will take the support and assistance of an organization or coalition to push forward. Joining or forming an organization and getting the right information on the benefits of horses to your community will point you toward successful outcomes. ELCR

can help.

### About ELCR - Education & Advocacy

Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR) is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to assisting the equine community, decision makers and equine enthusiasts about the primary issues threatening access to equine land, facilities and trails, and how they can be resolved at the local level.

Loss of land for both agricultural and equestrian activities is pervasive. According to American Farm Land Trust's 2018 report Farms Under Threat, between 1992 and 2012 nearly 31 million acres of American farm land, including horse lands, were lost. That's 175 acres an hour, or 3 acres every single minute. Expanding urban areas accounted for 59 percent of the loss with low-density residential development,

The 2017 American Horse Council Economic Impact Studies show a loss of 2 million horses in the U.S. since 2006, the date of the previous Studies. What do these statistics

mean to our heritage as horse-friendly communities?

ELCR has identified the issues related to equine access. Individuals in the equine community need to study these concepts to fully understand their local scenarios:

- Find and understand the language in your community's comprehensive plan and zoning code that is friendly (or not) to horse activities. Get to know the planners, developers and agencies involved.
- Learn about land conservation programs that can help protect

equine, agricultural and open land, including conservation easements.

- Learn about the issues that contribute to loss of equine access to public lands and the actions that can restore access. Get to know public land managers.
- Understand the factors that cause loss of private property access, including liability issues and the laws that can ease the minds of landowners.
- Best Management Practices (BMPs) are land management mechanisms that can reduce or

eliminate impacts of horses and provide ecosystem benefits.

- Know the benefits of horses to the community, including economic, aesthetic, community identity, health and wellbeing, ecosystem services etc. that will become your prime talking points or "elevator speech" when presenting your case to local officials.

ELCR offers a wealth of information within our website library, [www.elcr.org](http://www.elcr.org), where you'll find articles, guidebooks, recorded presentations and learning events.

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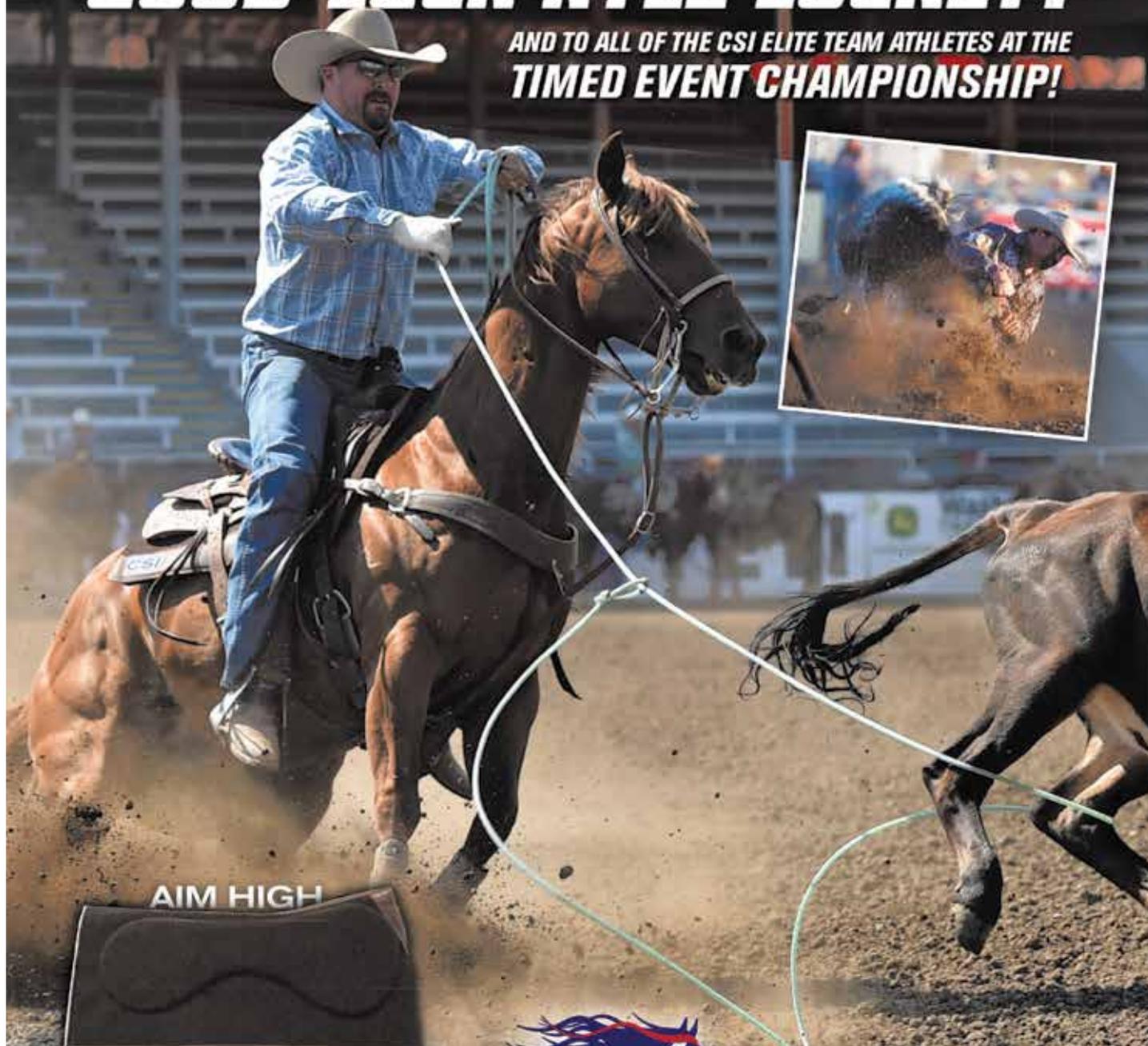
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Biosecurity and ways to mitigate the spread of disease can be overwhelming, but establishing a few simple rules for new horses or resident horses returning from shows/ events, is your first line of defense to keep them and the rest of the barn healthy. Whether you are a show facility manager, trainer, breeder, or a private barn owner who enjoys community equine related events, these simple check points can help save you a world of headache, and heartbreak, not to mention a life saver for your pocket book.

## Checklist for all New Horses to the Property

### 1. Required Veterinary Records Before Arrival:

a. Health Certificate – this should be performed by a licensed veterinarian within 14 days of arrival to the property. It states that the horse is not showing detectable symptoms of contagious disease at the time of the exam. Similarly, specifically ask the veterinarian to include a statement verifying that no horse on the property is currently showing signs or being treated for a contagious disease. If the horse, or any horse on the property currently or recently has been treated for a disease, contact your veterinarian for specific diagnostic tests to investigate if they are harboring an infectious disease.

b. Vaccination Record – All vaccines should be current (within a year), but administered at least 14 days before arrival. Most people are under the assumption that immunity (protection) is effective at the time of vaccination, but this is not the case. The vaccination itself only starts the signal processes for the horse’s body to create a defense against the specific disease, which can take upwards of a month or more

to develop immunity. Vaccinating a horse 1 or 2 days before bringing it to the barn will not provide any further protection than if no vaccine were administered at all. The American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) has thoroughly outlined which vaccines are required by all horses (“Core”), and which ones can be used on an “as needed” basis. If traveling to horse shows or boarding at a facility with other horses, we recommend that all horses coming to the property have current vaccination records of the following:

- Rabies – AAEP Core vaccine.
- Eastern and Western Equine Encephalitis (EEE/WEE) – AAEP Core vaccine.
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- Influenza – Strongly recommended when housed at a boarding facility or traveling to shows.
- Streptococcus equi (“Strangles”) – Strongly recommended when housed at a boarding facility or traveling to shows.

\*If the vaccine status is unknown, consult with your veterinarian and they will create a vaccine program specific for your horse, which may include a multi dose series.

\*\*More information can be found at The American Association of Equine Practitioner’s website (AAEP, <https://aaep.org/guidelines/vaccination-guidelines>).

c. Current “Coggins” Record (EIA, Equine Infectious Anemia) – This

should be a negative test recorded within the past 12 months. A horse really should not be trailered anywhere without a current negative reported Coggins.

### 2. Mandatory Quarantine of all New Arrivals (14-21 days minimum):

A health certificate ensures the horse was visibly healthy at the time of the examination, but what about a disease the horse was exposed to, but is not yet showing clinical signs for? Diseases, like “Strangles,” can take days to weeks to become evident after exposure, which means the horse should be managed as if it was exposed to an infectious disease the day before arrival.

a. Quarantine for new horses looks different for every barn, but the following goals should be adapted to your set up.

- The horse should be kept in a “low traffic” area. This is ideally a barn or pen separate from all other animals and pastures. If that is not possible, the next best option may be a stall at the end of the barn that no one walks by, or a paddock off by itself.

- No “nose-to-nose” contact with any other horses – no contact available across stall bars and fences. Be mindful of surfaces that may act as a “nose-to-nose” surface, people’s hands, cross ties, brushes, equipment, manure picks, buckets, etc. All of these should be properly sanitized after the quarantine is lifted.

- Clear signs and barriers should be placed letting the rest of the barn know not to touch or interact with this horse until the quarantine is lifted.

- Take the horse’s temperature twice daily for the duration of the quarantine. Contact a veterinarian if

a fever arises (>101.5F).

- Handle quarantined horses last; thoroughly disinfect feet and hands before returning to common areas.

\*\* Do not dip the end of any water hose into water buckets or stick grain scoops into buckets. These can harbor bacteria that may spread to every subsequent horse/stall. \*\*

### Checklist for all Permanent Residents

We can decrease the likelihood of disease spread to our current herd by managing traffic and horses coming into a facility, but the best way to protect our horses is by giving them the tools to stay healthy

and fight off diseases.

1. Preventative Medicine for Resident Horses:

a. Vaccines: All of the above vaccines should be maintained on an annual basis, possibly more frequently for respiratory diseases.

b. Deworming: Fecal egg quantification performed twice annually to determine a shedding status to formulate a deworming protocol appropriate for each horse. At minimum, every horse should be dewormed by weight in the spring and again in the fall after the first hard frost.

2. Quarantine for Resident Horses:

a. All horses returning from a

horse show, trail ride, or other community-mixer, should be quarantined for 2-3 weeks after returning home. A veterinarian should be notified at the sign of any illness.

b. All resident horses should be monitored daily for signs of disease and quarantined in the same fashion as noted above until examination by a veterinarian can take place. Signs warranting isolation include:

- Fever (rectal temperature detected >101.5°F)
- Enlarged lymph nodes in the throat area
- Mucoïd, discolored, or foul smelling nasal drainage
- Diarrhea

- Neurologic symptoms (abnormal walking, stance, head or limb placement, or difficulty standing up, etc.)

Horse shows, competitions, clinics, trail rides, etc. are some of the best parts about horse ownership for many people, and nothing beats the excitement of bringing home a new horse for the first time. Don't let worry and fear of hidden diseases stop the enthusiasm - contact your veterinarian today to help develop a program that is tailored to your property and your needs. Happy spring!



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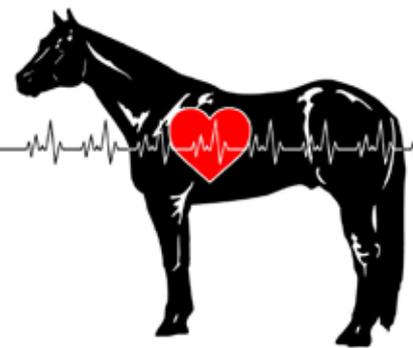
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# KHC Offers Rewards Program for Equine Enthusiasts

By Carolyn Kaberline

Enjoy working with your horse as much as riding him? What if there was a program that rewarded you for doing groundwork, schooling or training your horse as well as being aboard? What if that program let you work with horses that weren't your own, even ones that were part of a therapy program or rescue?

Then look no farther than the Kansas Horse Council's new Horsemanship Rewards Program. This program lets you earn points while having fun with your favorite equine buddy or buddies including horses, minis, donkeys, ponies or mules—and they don't have to be registered.

You can earn points for such activities as riding, schooling, competing, showing, training, doing ground work, driving, exercising or assisting in a therapy or rescue program. In fact, about the only activities not covered by the program are feeding, stall cleaning, and

general maintenance such as fence mending, saddle cleaning, and water tank cleaning.

The requirements are simple. Participants must be members of the Kansas Horse Council (KHC) and pay a \$35.00 enrollment fee for the first year. After that, you can continue for a \$15.00 annual program fee each year thereafter. You can also ride or handle more than one horse; ownership of the equine is not necessary. Participants can submit log sheets each month, quarter or year, but annual submissions must be submitted by December 31. Participants will need an individual Kansas Horse Council membership to track rewards under their name.

What kind of rewards can one win? Patches, coupons for feed, t-shirts, trail gear, halters, passes to Equifest, and recognition in the KHC newsletter are just some of the rewards offered. And unlike many

reward programs, you start getting rewards simply for enrolling—a bucket strap, a rewards program patch, and a certificate are yours simply for “joining up.” Other rewards are given at 25 hours and continue on up to 2000 hours.

In addition you do not have to live in Kansas to be a KHC member and enroll in the horse rewards program. Every equine lover can be a KHC member and earn rewards

regardless of where he or she lives.

For more information or to obtain a rewards log sheet go to the KHC website at <https://www.kansashorsecouncil.com/>

It's definitely time to join and up and earn rewards while having fun.



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7:30am-8:30am Horse care. Free STRATEGY  
8:30am-9:00am Welcome and orientation. DOOR PRIZES!  
9:00am-9:30am Horse Clinic – Safety on the Trail with Rex Buchman and Dr. Gardner, DVM  
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# Cowboy Church with Steve Stafford



time of the year. Easter Sunday, or you might call it Resurrection Sunday, is the greatest event in history.

The events of that week, from Palm Sunday, to the garden of Gethsemane, the false accusations, the mockery of a trial, the crown of thorns, the cross, and then - the empty tomb. WOW! So much ministry, so much to talk about. But I want to bring up a subject that is not mentioned very often. The Bible says this in Matthew 27:11-26, that there was this fellow named, Barabbas, he was a mess, a murderer, a robber, a scourge to society, no hope, no future, he reminds me of - me! But something happened to Barabbas and to me, his name is - Jesus. The Bible tells us that

Barabbas was set free for his crimes, he was found not guilty. Why? Because Jesus was found guilty for nothing that he did, and not only found guilty, but punished unto death for the sins of another. The Bible says that "He that had no sin, became sin". This is almost too much to take in. Jesus, who was blameless, who was sinless, became my sin, who took my blame, and who took my punishment. And because of who Jesus is, because of what he did on the cross, and because of my faith in Jesus, I too am found "not guilty", and I am free of the penalty of death. One day Barabbas was "dead man walking", but the next he was "Redeemed man running". Thank you Jesus for your Love, for your sacrifice, for your cross,

because of you I am Saved. Glory be to God, the Lord Almighty. My prayer is that you too know this One called Jesus, the Christ. For it is in and through him that we are saved. Jesus said that "no one comes to the Father but through Me". Please don't let this Easter season go by and miss the One that is alive today and sits at the right hand of the Father. Remember the Manger is empty, the Cross is empty, the Tomb is empty, but the Throne Room is full! Miss Debbie, myself, and all our friends at Risen Ranch Cowboy Church in Carthage, Mo wish you and yours a very Blessed Easter Season.



## He Took My Place article

Hello my friends, I'm hoping all is well with you and your loved ones during Easter time this year. We are busy as usual, horses to ride, fences to fix, and then there's the Church. So much to teach, so much to preach, so much to do. I love "The Church", I love everything about her. She can be tough at times, but all in all, I Love Her, and I Love Serving Her. Well here we are at another Easter time, for me, the most important

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- 2009- buckskin gelding grandson of Doc Bar Sam- ranch, rope horse
- 2007 sorrel gelding grandson of Paddy's Irish Whiskey- ranch rope
- 2015 red roan gelding grandson of Hes A Peptospoonful- started cutting
- 2015 red roan gelding grandson of One Time Pepto- ranch cutter
- 2015 buckskin gelding grandson of Premium Buck- really pretty & broke
- 2006 blue roan gelding grandson of King Bars Hancock- USTRC & World Series head horse
- 2008 palomino gelding grandson of Freckles Playboy- good heel horse
- 2005 sorrel mare by TR Dual Rey
- 2014 sorrel gelding grandson of Playin Stylish- fancy started roping
- 2001 brown gelding "Roy" Qualified for College finals in 2018 as a head horse
- 2005 blue roan gelding Blue Valentine X Plenty Blueberry- heel horse solid
- 2013 sorrel gelding by Paddy Socks- head horse, Fort Worth Futurity entry
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- 11/2 teaspoons chopped onion
- 1 Tablespoon poppy seeds
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon worchestershire sauce
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- dash of sesame oil
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup silvered sliced almonds, toasted lightly

Wash spinach and dry. Place spinach in a bowl. Slice strawberries and arrange on top of spinach. Combine all other ingredients except toasted almonds for dressing and process in a blender. Toss salad together before serving. Garnish with almonds.

# Margaux's Musts

## Spring Grooming

As the temperature becomes warmer and the days become longer, there comes an endless pile of hair beneath our boots. If your horse looks like a molting chicken, you know it is spring time. Using a rubber curry comb is a great way to help loosen the dead hair and stimulate natural oils beneath the skin to allow for a shinier coat. Like humans, some horses have more dry skin, versus oily skin. For the more dry-skinned horses, a coat conditioner is recommended. Hair Moisturizer by Healthy Hair Care is a wonderful product to help with

a dry coat, or a dull coat. Use this product daily until seeing a healthy difference in your horse's skin and hair sheen. This product is also affective on fungus, flaking skin and dandruff, and to grow and condition manes and tails.

An additional coat conditioner and hair growing aid is MTG (Mane-Tail-Groom) by Shapley's. A horse that has been blanketed may have spots in their coat or mane rubbed to the point of baldness. MTG can be used to help quickly regrow the hair. The product is greasy and should not be over

used. Even in a simple case of a tail head rub, this product can help deeply moisturize and cure the ailment.

Another spring ailment can be thrush in the hooves caused by moisture in the ground from melting snow or spring rain showers. In a simple case, try a home remedy such as bleach. In the case of thrush that needs more attention, make a sugar-dine pack. Combine betadine solution and sugar in a small container, and alternate layers with gauze pads. This packing can then be packed in the hoof and wrapped up as you see fit.

A quality feeding, deworming, and vaccination program is the foundation of a healthy horse that loses its winter hair appropriately, becomes shiny, and maintains a healthy weight in to spring.



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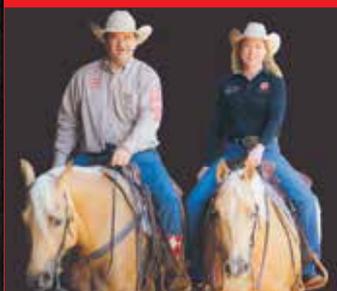
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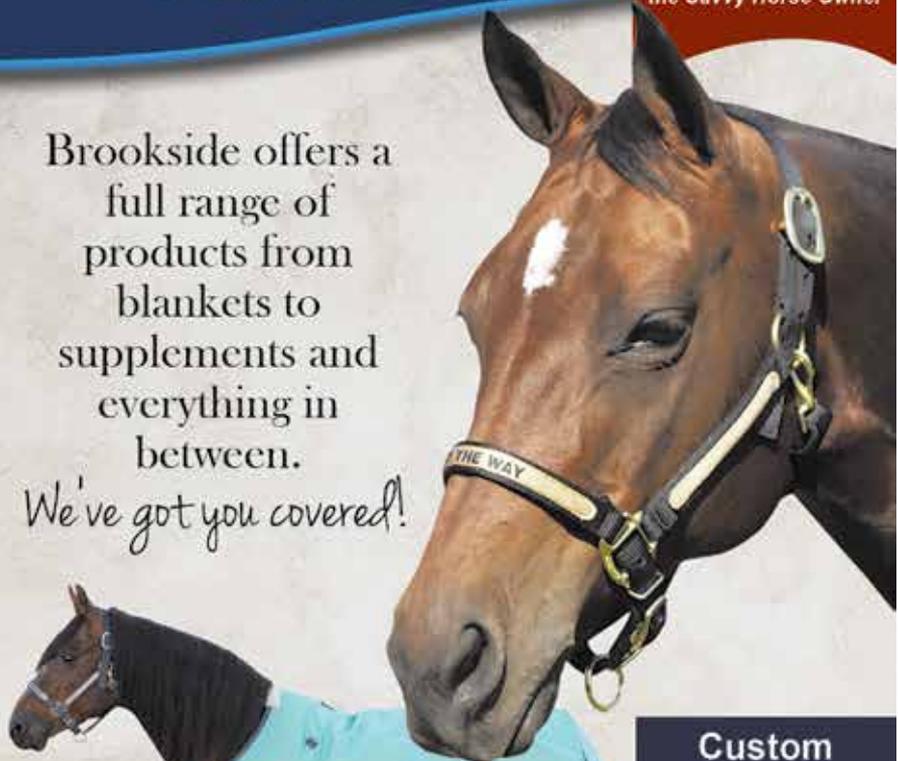
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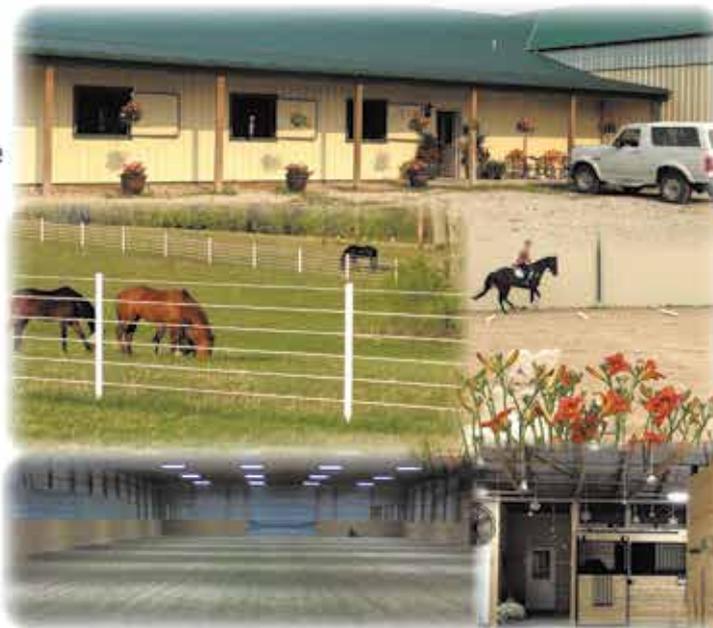
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