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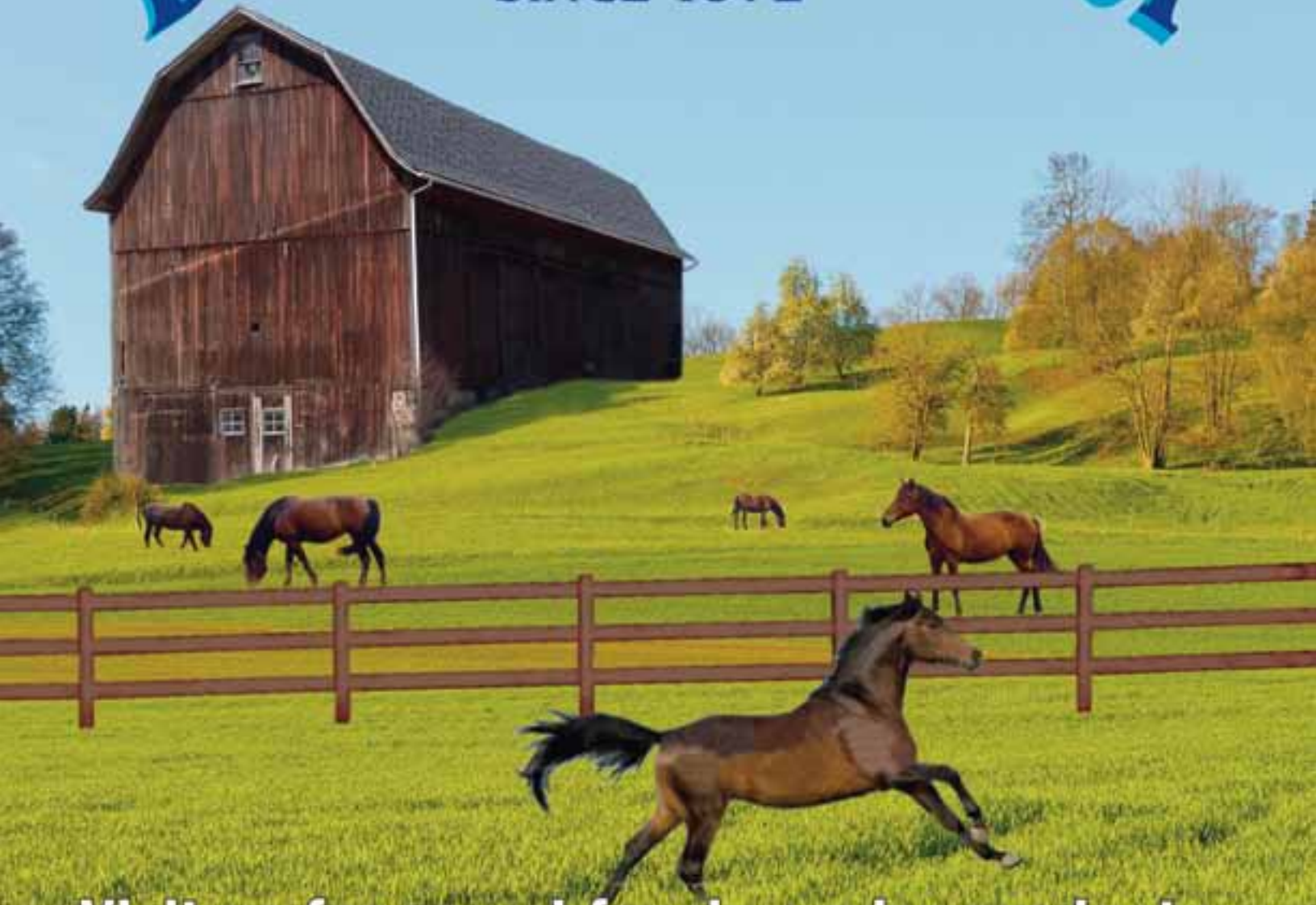
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## President's Message



Elizabeth and Greycie

Has everyone had enough of mud-encrusted horses? Well, while outdoor horse-related activities have been curtailed lately, your Sonoma County Horse Council huddled indoors, making progress on a number of fronts that we are excited to share.

### ***Fairgrounds Available to Shelter Large Animals***

This rainy season has been noteworthy for more than just the sheer volume of water dumped on Sonoma County. As the rivers and creeks rose,

the Sonoma County Fairgrounds were available to shelter large animals before water reached flood stage. The Horse Council is pleased to have assisted Sonoma County Animal Services in getting the word out to people who could evacuate their large animals earlier and, therefore, more safely.

### ***Sonoma County Museum – Horses in Sonoma County's History***

The impressive history of equines in Sonoma County will be the focus of "Equine Epochs," a four-month exhibit at the Sonoma County Museum. The Horse Council is excited to be co-hosting this exhibition, along with the museum and CEPEC (California Equestrian Park and Event Center). Exhibits will focus on the evolving role of equines in our county from the 1800's through

the 1900's and into the 21st century. Sure, you knew that Sonoma County has always been horse-centric, but did you know that harness racing was once HUGE here, and that the county boasted more than 5 race tracks? How many local champion equine-athletes can you name? If the number is less than 10, you should buy tickets to the Equine Epochs as soon as they go on sale. The exhibit will open on July 21 and run into November. Want to be part of the Opening Gala? Let me know (schepalmer@gmail.com).

### ***Junior Horse Show at the Sonoma County Fair***

Your Horse Council is sponsoring a series of workshops to help young riders prepare to ride in the 2017 junior horseshow at the Sonoma County Fair. The workshops will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds on the following Wednesday evenings: May 24th (Lyttle Cow Palace); June 7th (Chris Beck Arena); June 28th (Chris Beck Arena); and July 19th (Chris Beck Arena). For more information and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Bev Palm (bbpalm88@att.net).

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Last, but certainly not least, our long anticipated website has launched! We are very excited about the new features and are adding more. Please let us know what you think.

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*President, Sonoma County Horse Council*



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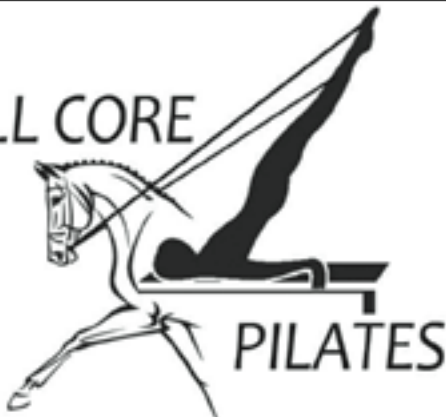
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# Are There Minimum Legal Standards of Horse Care in California?

I've been asked on more than one occasion about horse husbandry and if there are minimum legal standards for keeping a horse. This article will answer that question and possibly surprise (and disappoint) you that the minimum care standards fall well below our own personal standards for horsekeeping. Nevertheless, in California there are equine-related statutes pertaining to water, feed, shelter, health care, and transport. The laws are contained in the Penal Code, Food and Agriculture Code, Health and Safety Code, Vehicle Code, and the California Code of Regulations.

### **Water**

Horses must be provided with "necessary...drink" (California Penal Code section 597(b).) Regarding horses for hire, "equines shall be supplied with...clean water" (California Health and Safety Code section 25988). "Necessary" and "supplied" are vague terms, which leave open the very minimum to be offered to an equine and can result in an actual cruelty to animals crime. Generally speaking, a 1,000-pound horse under no workload will need a minimum of 6 gallons of water daily. That amount goes up for work, gestation, and/or high heat/humidity.

### **Feed**

Horses must be provided with "necessary food." (California Penal Code section 597(b).) Horses for hire shall be supplied with nutritionally adequate feed..." (California Health and Safety Code section 25988). Again, arguably, California laws only offer vague guidance, and it seems that cases of abuse and/or neglect must be so severe in order to be considered punishable and prosecuted.

### **Shelter**

Horses must be provided with "necessary...shelter or protection from the weather." (California Penal Code section 597(b).) "Every person who keeps an animal confined in an enclosed area shall provide it with an adequate exercise area. If the animal is restricted by a leash, rope, or chain, the leash, rope, or chain shall be affixed in such a manner that it will prevent the animal from becoming entangled or injured and permit the animal's access to adequate shelter, food, and water. (California Penal Code section 597(t).) Regarding horses for hire, "any enclosure where an equine is primarily kept shall be of sufficient size to enable the equine to comfortably stand up, turn around, and lie down, and shall be kept free of excessive urine and waste matter." (California Health and Safety Code section 25988).

Again, these standards are the absolute legal minimum, and are sadly not difficult to meet. When making sheltering decisions, owners and handlers should consider age, weather conditions, health issues, size, pregnancy, ventilation, and clearing the area of excessive urine and waste. On average, a horse defecates 54 pounds of feces and voids 2.7 gallons of water per day!

### **Health Care**

"Whoever, having the charge or custody of any animal, either as owner or otherwise, subjects any animal to needless suffering, or inflicts unnecessary cruelty upon the animal, or in any

manner abused any animal...is...guilty of a crime..." (California Penal Code section 597(b).) "Every owner, driver, or keeper of any animal who permits the animal to be in any...enclosure...without proper care and attention is guilty of a misdemeanor." (California Penal Code section 597.1(a).)

There are other equine health care laws related to humane destruction and docking of tails. See California Penal Code section 597f(d) and 597n.

### **Transport**

"Whoever carries or causes to be carried in or upon any vehicle or otherwise any domestic animal in a cruel or inhumane matter, or knowingly and willfully authorizes or permits it to be subjected to unnecessary torture, suffering, or cruelty of any kind, is guilty of a misdemeanor..." (California Penal Code section 597a.)

"It is unlawful for any person that owns or operates any motor truck, or motor truck and trailer, or semitrailer, to confine or permit to be confined, in such vehicle, any animal for a longer period than 28 consecutive hours from the time the animal was last fed and watered. Upon the written request of the owner or person in charge of the animal, the period of confinement may be extended to 36 hours. Before the expiration of the permissible period of confinement, the animal shall be unloaded in a humane manner by means of a chute or tailgate of sufficient size into properly equipped pens for rest, water, and feeding for a period of at least five consecutive hours." (Food and Agriculture Code Section 16908).

The only equine-related Federal regulations are the Commercial Transportation of Equines to Slaughter Act (7 U.S.C.) and Horse Protection Act (15 U.S.C.).

While I am certain that all of us well-exceed the minimum legal standards, it is important that we teach others who may be new to caring for equines, and also be ever-faithful advocates of the horse. A particularly helpful resource is a guide published by the Center for Equine Health (U.C. Davis School of Veterinary Medicine) and is available here: [http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/ceh/local\\_resources/pdfs/special\\_castandards\\_feb2014.pdf](http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/ceh/local_resources/pdfs/special_castandards_feb2014.pdf).



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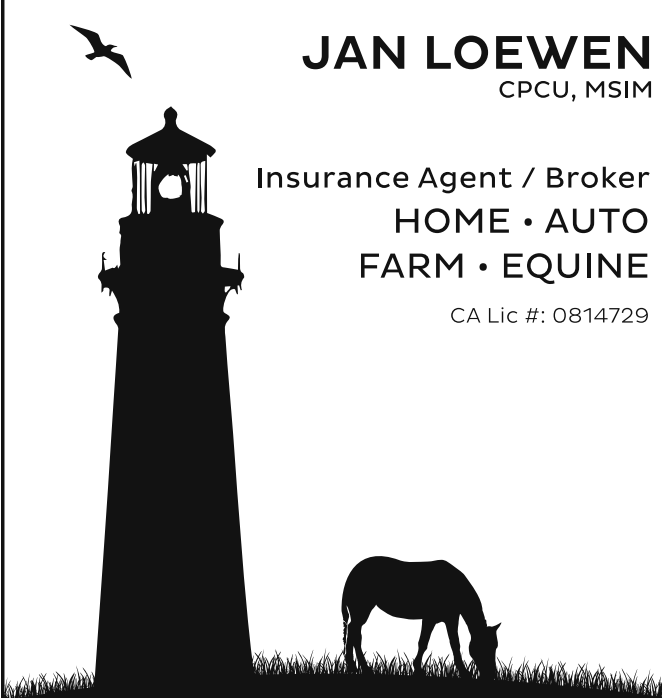
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Due to an editorial error in the winter issue of the Horse Journal, the definition of "centration" in the fourth paragraph of Lily Baker-Lubin's article titled, *New Techniques for Assessing and Improving Rider Flexibility*, should have been, "The position of a joint in which the muscle activity creates optimum balance between joint stability and joint mobility". We apologize to the readers and author for the mistake.



Readers Write

# Lusitanos, the Noble Horse of Portugal

by Jack Burns

For many, Lusitanos are the horses of dreams. Lusitanos combine beauty and power, grace and athleticism, kindness and intelligence. Lusitanos exemplify the best equine essence, making them exquisite to ride and fun to be around. This Portuguese horse breed is gaining popularity in the United States and around the world because of the horse's versatility, trainability, and presence.

You can easily spot a Lusitano, which typically stands between 15.2 and 16.2, hands with a convex body shape and facial features, and strong musculature. They can be any solid color, but most are gray, bay, chestnut, palomino, or buckskin, usually with long flowing manes and tails.

The Iberian Peninsula is the original home of these magnificent horses. Lusitanos are closely related to Andalusians, their Spanish cousins. They trace their ancestry to prehistoric times and have since been prized as superior mounts for thousands of years. Romans named them after the Latin word for this area, Lusitania.

The Moors ruled the area for several centuries starting around A.D. 700. They introduced the Barb from North Africa. This infusion further contributed to the hardiness and endurance of Lusitanos. During the Renaissance and Baroque period, they were used as working and cavalry horses and as mounts for the nobility throughout Europe.



*Inmigrante JAP is owned by Jack and Akiko Burns.*

*Photo: Marcie Lewis*

Keeping the pedigrees true to their origins is important. Originally, Lusitanos needed to be both beautiful and able to work on the ranch, battlefield, and in the arena. Willing and brave dispositions are their most noted qualities, making them great partners.

It's impossible to imagine the Portuguese culture without its national horse. Whether you are visiting a breeding farm, training stables, or one of their famous horse fairs, you see not only the admiration for their horses, but pride in how Lusitanos have shaped Portuguese identity. It's hard to miss the mutual respect and partnership exhibited between a Portuguese horseman or horsewomen and their horses. Almost all of the riding horses are stallions,

another testament to their good temperaments.

Luckily for us, we benefit from centuries of thorough training and breeding traditions whenever we are in the presence of or astride a wonderful Lusitano. Their versatility is evident in their use as ranch horses, cavalry mounts, or bullfighting horses, and in the disciplines of dressage, western horsemanship, jumping, and driving. The classical origins of their training are on display at the Portuguese School of Equestrian Art, an institution like the Spanish Riding School in Vienna. They also excel at working equitation, a sport recently introduced in the United States that combines dressage training and obstacles. These obstacles are based on what is found on a ranch, including gates, bridges, live-stock pens, etc.

The quality of the horses is carefully maintained through the national breed registry in Portugal. ([cavalo-lusitano.com](http://cavalo-lusitano.com)). Affiliate organizations exist in countries where Lusitanos are bred. In the United States, Lusitanos are registered through the International Andalusian and Lusitano Horse Association. ([iahla.org](http://iahla.org)).

Imagine yourself on a Lusitano. They are the horses of dreams.

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**NOTE: Drago JAP, owned by Danne and Valencia Lezzeni is featured on this issue's cover.**



*Jack Burns riding Drago JAP*

*Photo: Marcie Lewis*

Portuguese breeders today keep the origins of their horses in mind when they choose which individuals to breed. Whether the breeding farms are big or small, they follow five breeding principles: blood, beauty, functionality, temperament, and handling.



Readers Write

# Terms of Endangerment

When we contemplate extinction, many of us probably envision it the same way, wild animals whose numbers are declining due to loss of habitat. Or we might think about a specific, domestic animal breed that could die out due to poor conformation qualities such as a long back, a short nose, small trachea or feet that are too small, attributes that lead to health problems and early deaths.

Rarely, if ever, do we ponder horse breeds of very good quality that are in danger of disappearing forever, but there are several: The Cleveland Bay, The English Shire, The Suffolk Punch, The Lipizzan (once one of the most famous breeds in the world), the Irish Draught and, my favorite, the Hackney horse. Because the Hackney horse is so rare, most people don't realize they even exist. The Hackney horse is related, but distinct from the Hackney pony breed, which is numerous and not in need of conservation. The difference is obvious, as the horse stands at an average 15-16 hands high, while the pony stands at 14.2 hands high and below.

In the equine world, a breed with fewer than 3,000 actively reproducing mares is put on the watch list, and when there are fewer than 300 they become critical. In 2012, the Hackney horse breed was deemed "critical" by the Rare Breeds Survival Trust of England,



Lisa with Koopman's Zwarte Piet ("Pete") and Koopman's Doktor Paradee ("Doc")

By Kim Fishman

which warns that the breed could "die out altogether." The Livestock Conservancy of the United States puts the global Hackney population at below 3,000. The majority are in Britain, fewer than 200 in North America, about 300 in Argentina, and there are less than 300 actively breeding mares worldwide. In 2016, the Equus Survival Trust listed the Hackney horse as "critical/nearly extinct," calculating that there are fewer than 100 actively breeding mares.



Kim and Koopman's Doktor Paradee ("Doc")

Hackney horses are famed for their high leg action, nicknamed the *Aristocrat of the Show Ring*, hard to beat in style and elegance when put to any carriage. They've also been prized for their stamina and ground covering ability, trotting 20 miles-per-hour and doing 50-miles a day without breaking a sweat. They have lost popularity since carriage driving and farming with horses have become more sport than mode of transport. However, their showiness has saved the Hackney horse thus far, despite outstanding conformational qualities sought after by the Dutch Harness horse, the Morgan horse and other horses that are being bred with Hackney traits.

In the 1960s, there were only six Cleveland Bay stallions left on the planet. Luckily, the British royal family stepped in to save them. The majority of horses owned and stabled by the royals are Cleveland Bays. In 2012, the Clydesdale and the (Section A) Welsh Mountain Pony were listed as "vulnerable," with only 500-900 registered, adult, breeding females. When a handful of horse breeds begin to die out without our even noticing; when animal rights organizations are pushing agendas that horses should live freely and not be ridden or driven; when the BLM is rounding up Mustangs at an alarming rate; and when raising horses is difficult for the average person to afford, is it really too dramatic to begin regarding horses as endangered animals?

Extinction is forever. How is your favorite horse breed doing?



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Readers Write

# Scratches, Your Horse's Uninvited Guest

by Saralyn Specht, D.V.M.



A classic case of scratches

If you keep your horse in or around our beautiful Sonoma County you may have heard the dreaded name, *scratches*. Other familiar names include dew poisoning, pastern dermatitis, mud fever... the list goes on. No matter what you call it, this persistent infection can start as something small, a few bumps along the pastern, or even just redness over the heel bulbs. These lesions can worsen and spread, however, causing aggravating skin problems and, sometimes, even lameness in your horse.

So, what exactly is *scratches*?

It's best described as a chronic dermatitis primarily located on the lower limb, characterized by thickened, raised lesions of the epidermis (skin) with exudative (oozing discharge) processes. The infection can spread from the back of the pastern and/or heel bulbs toward the front and even spread up the limb onto the cannon region.

### Causes

Everyone asks, "So, how did my horse get this?" or "How come no one else's horse at the barn has it?" Unfortunately, there is no one specific cause. This is a multifactorial skin disease in which hygiene, infectious processes, environmental factors, and even topical skin care products can all play a role in the course of infection. There is not one specific cause, which is why it makes treatment in some cases very difficult. Some heavy breeds of horses are prone to infection due to their thickened skin or feathers, as are horses with lighter or white colored limbs.

### The Disease Process

So, how does the infection develop?

Picture a small break in the skin surface, whether caused by trauma, poor skin and/or hair hygiene, which allows bacteria or fungal organisms to penetrate below the skin surface. This invasion beneath the skin sets up a local immune response, creating an inflammatory reaction within the tight, thin layers of skin. If not caught early, the chronicity of the inflammation creates thickened layers of skin which become poorly adhered, allowing serous discharge (thin and watery) from the body's inflammation to seep out of the wounds. The pathogens can hide beneath these lesions,

well protected from the exterior surface. Since the inflammation is locally invasive, the lesions can spread quickly and more easily if left untreated. Depending on the horse, some may or may not develop an associated cellulitis due to the severity of the inflammation.

### Treatment

Early and aggressive treatment is best.

Your plan of attack against scratches should be comprised of at least two steps:

1. CLEAN the affected and surrounding regions of the limb
2. DRY the limb

*If treating an aggressive form of scratches MEDICATE the affected regions.*

If the hair is long I recommend clipping the area. The limb can be soaked or sweated to remove the thickened lesions. I usually have my clients use a basic antibacterial scrub (Betadine or chlorhexidine). Some horses are allergic or skin sensitive to either of these products so always discuss treatment options with your vet. Sometimes a medicated shampoo is also needed. Once the limb is clean, it should be gently dried to ensure proper healing. When bathing, regardless of the shampoo or topical medication, if you don't dry your horse's limbs you're not stopping the cycle of infection. Remember, bacteria and fungi love dark, moist regions.

If you are dealing with a more chronic or aggressive process on your horse, then your veterinarian will prescribe the corresponding topical medication. Common prescriptions will include a steroid and antibiotic or anti-fungal. The steroid will reduce the inflammation and calm the infected tissue while an antibiotic or anti-fungal will treat the infection itself. The limb can be wrapped to prevent further contamination in between treatments.

A key point to remember is that not all cases resolve within a few days. Depending on the severity, chronicity, and even infectious organism involved, some cases can take weeks to recover. It is not uncommon to be battling scratches throughout the rainy season.

### Prevention

Prevention is key! The best advice I can give clients during the wet months of the year is keeping your horses' limbs dry. If feasible, create a dry, clean environment for your horse to stand in and get out of the natural elements.

Keep all boots and wraps clean. Monitor your horse's limbs for any signs of redness, swelling, or trauma. Poor hygiene is the easiest way to develop problems.

Scratches is a pain to deal with and can turn into a nightmare overnight. Always consult with your veterinarian for treatment and preventative options.

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Readers Write

# The Whole Horse

by Sam Durham, CJF, DWCF and Savannah Palmer



Participants have a chance to view the whole horse cadaver prior to beginning dissection.

On January 21 and 22, 2017, a whole horse dissection was held at MDM Farms in Cotati. Many local farriers, veterinarians, saddle fitters, chiropractors, massage therapists, trainers, and riders attended. The dissection allowed equine industry professionals and horse enthusiasts to further their education, raise questions, and hear explanations for a better understanding of how horses function. Between behavior problems, training problems, and/or physical ailments, the dissection revealed the complexities of horses. For many, it provided an opportunity to see the skeletal structure, organ placements, and gain a better understanding of biomechanics and general anatomy of the equine. The donated cadaver was a mare who suffered from severe stifle arthritis and was euthanized due to a failed quality of life.

Leading the dissection was Matt Durham DVM, DACVSMR. Dr. Durham graduated from UC Davis in 1996, interned at Alamo Pinado Equine Medical Center, and did his fellowship in large animal cardiology and ultrasound at New Bolton Center in Pennsylvania. For the last 15 years, Dr. Durham has been practicing at Steinbeck Equine in Salinas. He became board certified in sports medicine and rehabilitation in 2015. Additionally, he attended farrier school before veterinary school, which gives him additional insights into hooves and limbs.

Through a layer by layer dissection, Dr. Durham demonstrated different anatomical functions and how they create a connection between skin, tissue, muscle, joint, ligament, tendon, and to the skeletal structure. The horse is made up of systems that support the next system to hold together the whole horse. Together, the systems allow the equine to perform the moves we ask of it. The horse has 205 bones: 54 vertebral column, 36 ribs, 1 sternum, 34 skull, 40 front legs, and 40 hind legs. The withers are made up of the spinous process of the thoracic spine, 8-10 inches tall. The nuchal ligament connects the horse from the poll to the end of its tail. The scapula is held by muscle to the body, not by bone. The meniscus at the stifle on this horse was so damaged it had adhered to the tibia. The cartilage of the stifle joint on this particular horse had thinned and torn down to bone on bone in places. The resulting pain must have been unbearable.

The full dissection allowed an educational investigation of each area, which exposed all the structures and imperfections. For example,

being able to visually observe how the shoulder muscles work and overlap, and how the horse is anatomically built helped solidify an understanding of how a saddle fits and whether it positively or negatively affects the movement. Additionally, the dissection made it easier to grasp how tendons and ligaments move, and how intricately connected they are. Seeing that a thin layer of tissue is all that is keeping the muscle attached is remarkable! These are the types of things the attendees of the whole horse dissection discovered during the exploration of the equine body. Overall, the knowledge gained by participating in a whole horse dissection will allow one to train, care and tend to them with an improved education.

The equine community came together to learn about the horse and one another. We had a lot of questions for Dr. Durham and he was able to explain all structures of the horse in a way we could all understand. From the most experienced to the least, he was kind and eloquent! Special thanks to Alison and Dale Fetherolf and Mary Dowdal for the use of their facility and supporting this educational event.

We will be hosting another clinic in the future to reconstruct the skeleton of the mare we dissected. This will give us yet another opportunity to learn through this hands-on clinic.

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Dr. Durham thoroughly explains each part of the leg dissection.



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Editor's Insights

# Creating Opportunities to Ride When You Don't Own a Horse

By Patrice Doyle

Horseback riding is an expensive sport relative to most. It involves far more than purchasing a soccer ball, a fishing rod, or golf clubs. In addition to the upfront cost of buying a horse, the ongoing financial expenditures and investment of time are usually significant. However, that shouldn't discourage you from seeking opportunities to ride when you have a love of horses, but aren't ready to buy. There are many ways to enjoy a horse in your life without actually having to actually own one. In this article, you will learn of opportunities you can create for yourself and/or your children for riding during times of not owning a horse, as well as exploring other ways to further your own riding and passion for horses.

Like many of us, as a child I fell in love with ponies and horses. I had horse posters all over my bedroom walls, drew pictures of them, read "horsey" books, and daydreamed of them constantly. When I was ten, I began cleaning stalls and feeding at a nearby pony farm. In exchange, I could ride the ponies a couple of days per week after school. I also took basic riding lessons on Saturday mornings at a nearby riding stable. As a young girl I joined 4-H and Pony Club. I was also a Girl Scout and went to summer riding camps. As I became a better rider, I was able to borrow friends' horses to ride at local shows. The benefit was two-fold—I had a chance to show without owning the horse, and the owners had their horses shown nicely and were often in the ribbons!

**Some ideas for kids and teens who wish to ride on a budget:**

- 1) Invest in your riding skills while off the horse – read books, watch instructional videos (the internet is an amazing source for horse information!), go to shows and clinics, and watch other younger riders take lessons.
- 2) Learn about the whole horse— caring for the horse goes along with riding and you must demonstrate to horse owners that you know more than just where the saddle goes!
- 3) Become involved with your local 4-H, FFA, and/or Pony Club chapter.
- 4) Take riding lessons at stables that have lesson horses.
- 5) Attend summer riding camps.
- 6) Volunteer at shows and other riding events in exchange for taking a lesson.
- 7) And simply let friends who are horse owners know you are available to care for and ride their horse if they need help.

Over the years there were gaps in my horse ownership. The horses I had to ride during those gaps mainly came about by having been a boarder at a stable. Being in a boarding situation, other boarders approached me about riding knowing I no longer had a horse of my own. Before it knew it I had the chance to exercise 3-4 horses of different breeds and training levels. A few of them I took to shows and clinics. It gave me a horse to ride and the owner benefited by having the horse regularly schooled each week. Again, a winning situation for all is most important and sometimes that didn't involve any exchange of money.

I strongly encourage any rider who finds him or herself with a

strong desire to ride, but without a horse of their own to consider the following:

- 1) Constantly invest in your own learning about horses and riding.
- 2) Audit clinics and take notes to reflect back upon!
- 3) Start out take riding lessons on school horses.
- 4) Once your riding skills are more advanced, find an instructor who has a schoolmaster you can take lessons on...an investment well worth the money!
- 5) Regardless of your level of riding, always be inquisitive and set goals...it is part of how you become a better rider.
- 6) Join your local riding chapter for your discipline – dressage, trail, western, driving, etc.—you will gain new friends and learn of non-horse owner opportunities!
- 7) Let horse friends and instructors know you are available to "horse sit" when needed—don't be discouraged if horse sitting starts out as feeding, brushing, and cleaning...the next time around may include riding too!
- 8) Offer to ride a friend's horse in a clinic and you pay the costs...the next time the clinician comes to town the owner may seek you out to ride!
- 9) Volunteer at shows and local horse events.
- 10) Be a regular volunteer for therapeutic riding programs and horse rescue organizations.
- 11) Explore the horse husbandry classes at our own Santa Rosa Junior College.

Competence is key when you are seeking horse owners to allow you to care for and ride their horses. When you demonstrate that you can care for a horse, you practice good safety measures, and you know the fundamentals of good riding, owners will see you as not only someone they can trust with their equine partner, but also someone who brings clear benefits by interacting with their horse.

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**Grass Pastures: A Friend and Foe**

Horses love to graze on fresh green grass. If a horse has a poor appetite due to an illness, grass is often the last thing they will decline to eat. They might refuse hay or grain, but still eat grass. Let's consider what pasture adds to a horse's diet.

In general, grass is what they evolved to eat. Hay is our solution to feeding horses when we don't have the space for pastures or during the times of year when there isn't much fresh grass available. Fresh grass is very nutritious. Some vitamins are lost or diminished when grass is dried and made into hay, especially vitamin E. Most pastures contain a variety of grasses as well as other plants that horses will eat. This variety can be beneficial in that different plants have varying levels of nutrients and minerals. Several studies have shown that horses living in pastures have a lower incidence of colic than stalled horses. While that is likely, in part due to being able to move around more in a pasture, eating grass rather than hay also likely lessens the risk of colic. I rarely see impaction colics in horses that eat a significant amount of fresh grass.

Are there any down sides to pasture living? The biggest problem is the increased risk of laminitis (founder). Laminitis is a serious, painful, life threatening condition affecting horses' feet. Excessive grass is the most common cause of laminitis worldwide. In Northern California, we see this most often in the spring when pastures are growing rapidly. The mechanism causing grass laminitis is not well

understood. There is at least one large ongoing study trying to improve our understanding of this all too common disease. We do know that most horses who founder due to grass are significantly overweight or obese. Nearly all will have cresty (fat) necks. Overgrown hooves probably increase the likelihood of laminitis as well.

How can we allow our horses to have the benefit of tasty and nutritious grass while minimizing their risk? There are several options. One is to allow pasture access for a small portion of the day. Two or three hours every day is probably better than longer periods every few days. Morning hours are the safest as the calorie content in grass is highest later in the day. Another option is to use a grazing muzzle. Most horses tolerate them well and although they can eat with them, it slows them down quite a bit. Exercise is also protective so riding them several times a week decreases their laminitis risk even if they remain overweight.

It is advisable to decrease any other feed early in the peak grazing season. As soon as you notice the grass growing quickly (usually March), I recommend cutting back on other feed, especially any supplements such as grain or rice bran. If they are in a large pasture, they might not need any additional feed. If you are putting your horse out to pasture for the first time, as with any other feed change it should be done gradually. For example, they could be turned out for 30-45 minutes the first few days, gradually increasing the length of grazing time allowed over a period of 2-3 weeks.

Most horses can safely eat spring grass if we watch them very closely for excessive weight gain and a cresty neck, which can happen surprisingly quickly. If you suspect your horse may be foundering, immediately remove him/her from pasture and call your veterinarian.

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## From the Judge's Booth

Column Editor Melissa Kalember

# Being a Professional

Show season is quickly approaching and I am often asked for tips or pointers, which always makes me chuckle a little inside, because not everyone always wants to hear them!

### Overall appearance

There is merit to the saying first impressions are everything. You are being judged the moment you step into the show ring. Your overall picture should showcase you and your horse. Your boots should be CLEAN—you would be surprised how many riders enter the show ring with dirty boots, hair falling out of their helmets, etc. You are not just showing, you are showing! It is your time, the moment you have worked countless hours on, so why would you not make sure everything is perfect?



Tools of the trade

When I use the word showcase, it means nice, conservative, professional colors, and NO BLING. I am asked constantly about items with bling. I understand sparkling items are fun,

but from a judge's perspective bling is very distracting. We are trying to watch your performance—sparkling shimmering things are a distraction!

### Horsemanship

One of the things I can't stand, and breaks my heart, is a rider who gets angry at or takes their frustration out on their horse! A rider places the horse at a bad distance to a jump, the horse stops. Embarrassed or frustrated, the rider fumes at the horse, and your judge just sees it all. Judges know making mistakes are part of your evolution as a rider. You will make mistakes in and out of the show ring. It's what you do in response that illuminates what kind of horse person you truly are.

Horsemanship also includes taking care of your horse in every way. How many classes are you going in? Is your horse in shape?

### Sportsmanship

How are you with your peers at shows? Are you cliquy? Do you gossip and laugh, or watch and learn (there is ALWAYS something to learn)? If you have moved barns, do you stay friendly and neutral, or automatically declare them your enemy? Maybe something was done to you in non-rightness and that's the reason you moved, but it is still your choice as to how professional or not you will be after the move, even if others are not professional in their dealings with you.

### Knowledge of your show / division / classes

Do you really know what the judge is looking for or just assume you know? You would be surprised how many riders do not fully understand what the judge looks for.



Melissa teaching a young student

### A few personal tips

- Never blame your horse.
- Never blame the judge.
- Never blame your trainer.

Seek to understand. Why did I place last? Why does that horse or rider always win? There are questionable horses, judges, and trainers out there, but that does not mean you should automatically blame them for what may very well be your own shortcomings. If your choice is between blaming someone else and actually seeking to improve and grow, wouldn't you rather choose behavior that will provide understanding and self-improvement?

I think you know the right answer.

Good luck!



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*Readers Write*

## How Can Horsemanship Benefit Children?

by Lisa Lombardi

Horses can seem like an expensive activity for youngsters, but in the end it can be money wisely invested.

Developing leadership skills is a must if riders and handlers expect horses to comply with the handler's or rider's wishes. That's part of horsemanship. A child must first have a clear purpose or intention of desired results, the ability to nonverbally communicate those ideas, and then a willingness to follow through. Since a 1,000-pound animal cannot be forced into submission, particularly by a small child, the horse and human have to work together as a team, with the human as the captain. This in itself is quite the task for anyone! Yet the rewards are so great, children often catch on quickly.

Caring for a horse is a huge responsibility. Stalls need to be mucked even in the pouring rain. Horses need hay even on holidays. Regular exercising of horses is required even when children may feel lazy. Children may find more time to groom their horses than themselves. And this is just the beginning. The demands greatly increase as the child progresses towards competitions, trail rides, and other equestrian activities.

Riding and handling horses create acute body awareness, coordination of the entire body, core strength, and balance. The horse gives instant feedback of the human's slightest movement, change of breath, and even a change of thought or loss of focus. With horses, timing is everything. As the development of these skills advances, cues become imperceptible, and horse and human act as one body.

Horsemanship fosters empathy for another living being, allows an outlet for appropriate touch and closeness to a living, non-judgmental being, and requires two-way respect. A child will figure out his or her comfortable personal space bubble. All of these relationship-building skills will carry over to relationships and interactions with friends, family, classmates, and co-workers.



Spending time with horses enables children to focus and think. Horsemanship is problem-solving. What can be done to get the horse to cross the creek? Why is the horse swishing its tail today? What did I do to achieve that flying lead change, and how can I successfully repeat that? Every moment with a horse requires full concentration and figuring out puzzles.

With the current draw of electronics, horseback riding is a terrific reason to spend time outside. There are endless trails to explore, fields of logs to jump, and barrels to turn as the fresh breeze rushes across the rider's face. Horseback riding is a genuine outdoor experience, not a simulation or computer game.

With all of that, and countless other benefits, how can a child's self-esteem and confidence not soar? Children who spend time with equine partners naturally acquire countless skills beneficial in everyday adult life.

It's likely that you are already familiar with much of this information. So, how can a child get involved with horses, especially if funds are limited? Consider these: lessons, 4-H club, vaulting team, Pony Club, summer camp, after school or weekend program, local horse clubs, leasing.

Children benefit from time spent in the company of horses. Find a way to get them involved.

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Readers Write

# The Magnet and the Burro

by Daniel J. Demers



A faithful and loyal donkey

Mike Lane was described as an “interesting old Irishman . . . [with an] Irish wit.” He was a miner by occupation and in 1902 was known “in every mining camp from Virginia City to the Mexican Line,” according to the *Arizona Republican*.<sup>1</sup> At first blush the story he related seems rather far-fetched but further research suggests there may be some truth to his unlikely tale.

Lane claimed that he was prospecting in Death Valley about five miles from Ballarat, California. Death Valley is the hottest place on earth having experienced the world’s highest temperature of 134° F.<sup>2</sup> Today Ballarat is a ghost town but during its heyday (1897-1905) it boasted a population of between 400 and 500 inhabitants. A typical Western mining boomtown, it included seven saloons, three hotels, a stagecoach station, post office, school, jail and a morgue—“but no churches.”<sup>3</sup> The town developed around a natural waterhole and served as a supply point for the mines in the area as well as a place for local miners to relax.

According to Lane, while out prospecting he ran across a “dyke” of lodestone. A geological dyke is a formation of younger rock between layers of older rock. Lodestone is a rare variation of magnetite—a natural form of magnet.<sup>4</sup> Lane was examining the geologic feature when he noticed that his burro stepped onto a “bare spot on the dyke, and as [the burro] had [horse] shoes on he stuck there.” He tried to pull the burro off, but “it was no use,” he related. As Lane struggled in the heat to pull the animal off the dyke, the nails in his own boots “were pulled out” as he tried to budge the burro.

He returned to his camp and collected some drills, a hammer and a little gunpowder with a fuse. He intended to drill a hole and “put a lifter under him” in order to break the bond [i.e. detonate an explosion] between the magnet and the burro’s hoofs. A frustrated and befuddled Lane said “both the hammer and drill [bits] stuck to the [magnetic] magnetite and I couldn’t get them off.”

Lane was forced to abandon the poor pack animal. When he

returned two years later he found his burro’s “skeleton still standing up, stuck to the dyke.”

The same day that Lane’s story appeared in the *Arizona Republican* another bizarre story was reported. The previous night in Tombstone, a lightning bolt struck a mine smokestack. The lightning “followed it down to the guidewires when it jumped off, one ball of fire going down the shaft. . . the lightning then followed the [ore cart] rails. . . several of the miners [inside the mine]. . . experienced sever shocks” with one “partially burned.”

Mother Nature has a strange sense of humor—  
at least when reported by journalists.

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## Spitting Sand—A Learner’s Journey Balancing the Dark of Winter

Column editor Jessica Boyd

Winter this year has been a double-edged sword and I have been a lazy, no-good, hide under the covers and hibernate horse owner, except on weekends I’m teaching SCUBA, which of course also takes time from the best and most patient horse in the world. Too much winter, not enough time for all the things I am doing. And whose fault is that really? Oh, absolutely mine. And I think the answer is balance.

On one hand, much needed rain has filled the reservoirs and our snowpack is at 170% of normal. The hills are lush and green and promise to stay that way for several months. On the other hand, arenas are soggy, trails are slippery and horses are sky high and bored—as are their owners. Actually, it’s probably just me. Maybe my motivation to ride is really the issue and I’m just using the weather and my other activities as an excuse. Either way, it’s been a long winter with long dark days and both Calabar and I are really (really) ready for spring so we can squeeze a little more fun out of every day.



*An ocean of possibilities*

The lack of riding is definitely me. There are plenty of people dedicated enough that they ride in the dark and cold and clip their horses and do all the things I am too slothful to do. There

are people with only one hobby—their horse—and they put that hobby first. My desire to ride has been indirectly proportional to the temperature. It gets colder and wetter, Calabar gets muddier, and I get more and more interested in my pajamas and bed and curling up on the sofa binge watching whatever Netflix has to offer. I admit to being more inclined to get in the ocean on nice days and much less motivated to put on multiple layers and perch like a puffy and nose-frozen penguin up on the back of my trusty steed on those cold and nasty nights.



*Balanced with the warmth and soul behind this warm, brown eye*

I’m not proud of this, mind you. My horse needs more attention, more exercise, more training. Just more. Of everything. When it does dry out enough here and there, I find my motivation, scrape the mud off my horse and get him out, he’s through the roof with all the energy he’s been storing—shooting several feet off the ground with all four of his own feet like a 1,200 pound nuclear explosion. Right before he coats himself with more mud.

“Slow down!” I say as he rips around the arena, nostrils flaring, chest heaving and hooves flying in more directions than should be physically possible. “You’re getting sweaty!” because, of course, I haven’t clipped him and his fine Thoroughbred coat is long and shaggy, now dripping with the sweat his antics have produced. But he has to get it out, that wild crazy itch of coiled power that lives inside all of us and is exhibited in exquisite detail in a big, brown horse in full tilt motion.

And every time I watch him, it is amazing. And humbling. And a reminder that I need to be out there more. And, yet.. it’s cold. And rainy. And the nice weekends are spend getting divers in the water and certified.

The question appears to be balance.

The answer?

Find the time to spend with Calabar, time for riding, time for training. Balance it out with the peace of the ocean. Rediscover the joy of finding the right rhythm with Calabar’s canter, maybe even his trot someday in my land of fantasy. Take time to dive in an ocean as wild and unpredictable as a big brown horse and is as joyous and energizing in an entirely different and amazing way.

Don’t forget to breathe.

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Readers Write

# Working Together for the Good of the Horse

By Teresa Crocker, D.V.M.

On the first sunny Sunday of 2017, 20 students from the U.C. Davis School of Veterinary Medicine drove west to Sadie's Haven, a last-chance horse sanctuary in nearby Sonoma County. There to meet them was a half dozen local farriers armed with enough extra equipment and enthusiasm to address the podiatric needs of all 20 horses in residence. For 7 hours, teams of 3 students and 1 farrier rotated through cases, discussing gait, conformation, hoof structure, tools, safety, patient comfort and restraint, and of course trimming and balancing 80 bare hooves.

### The Background

For nearly 15 years, the Equine Veterinary Medicine Club (EVMC is the student chapter of the American Association of Equine Practitioners), has ventured to Sonoma County to practice dentistry on sanctuary horses. The EVMC was established by students for students to create more hands-on opportunities than the curriculum provided. Although dentistry and podiatry are now considered core subjects, 20 years ago they were little more than chapters in other textbooks. The centuries old schism between veterinarian and farrier had become a stagnant cold-war. Equine lay dentists had taken over, occlusal adjustment and equilibration were not yet official terms, and anyone using motorized equipment had most likely built the machine himself. My frustration culminated as a senior student when my patient was euthanized for a super-erupted mandibular molar, a dental condition that with routine-care could have been prevented. I raised a huge stink and brought the case to the attention of the hospital director as an example of the dental training provided by a school ranked 1st in the country.



Peter Wolfe shows how to care for even the tiniest of hooves on Gregory Neal's, "Musky".



Tanner Durham, CF, instructs a veterinary student with her hands-on work, with Gregory Neal's pony, "Dino". Gregory Neal owns and operates his ranch in Napa, a haven for ponies and horses who are past their prime, injured, or just stabled at the ranch and left behind.

I contacted the EVMC to see if there was interest in another dental day. Sadie's would pay for pharmaceuticals and provide lunch and the EVMC would rent equipment (power-floats, speculums, dental halters).

### So Back to Feet:

Last year I was approached by a group of farriers to participate in weekly certification study sessions. I expected a good review of anatomy and discussion of corrective shoeing applications. What I did not expect was to forge solid professional relationships with an extended network of farriers, or to catch the attention of the AAEP, who invited me to co-present a lecture-lab on podiatry and farrier-veterinary relations to their student chapters at both U.C. Davis and Western University. Honored and humbled to return to my alma mater and the club I had been VP of nearly 2 decades prior, I was absolutely inspired by enthusiasm students had for subject too often swept under the rug, so I offered up a few more of my Sundays...and volunteered my farrier buddies too (a very special thanks to the farriers that participated: Sam Durham CJF, DWCF, Tanner Durham, CF, Dustin Smart, Peter Wolfe, John Sagaria, CJF, and Alan Townley, CF!)



John Sagaria, CJF, giving insights to three veterinary students

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# Horses and Their People

by Deb Jackson

What does it mean to “own” a horse? At Windhorse, I co-actively work with horses to help humans, so my horse is actually my business partner! Most of my clients are people who are *not* horse owners. Some have never even touched a horse. And yet, all were somehow drawn to come and work with Bueno and me. They may have had a special horse at some point that touched them in a deep way, perhaps a traumatic accident, or unfinished grief about the loss of an equine dear to them. It is fascinating to hear these stories and how horses can impact a person’s life, relationships, identity, hopes, and dreams.



April and Deb Jackson after ride at Hoofbeat Park, Healdsburg

This year I was lucky enough to spend a week at a friend’s beautiful ranch in Montana. Her herd of forty ranged freely, when not working cattle or carrying visitors. Settled comfortably in my front porch rocking chair, I spent hours looking out over the vast sage and pine scented terrain, imagining the world of 50-million years ago, when tiny proto-horses of prehistory roamed. It would be eons before human artists left their entrancing equine drawings in the caves of Lascaux and Chauvet. It made me wonder at the notion of ownership – and the deeper reality of our relationship with horses.

In my life, I have owned horses since I first got Silver, Christmas of 1958. As an eight year-old, I was rather coarse about the concept. As I’ve grown older, I’ve realized there were many horses that I didn’t own, but were important to me in my own life story. For example, when I was nine we moved rather suddenly from Colorado to Hawaii. It was a shock, and I missed Silver desperately. Across the road from our house was a white horse in a corral I could visit and talk to every day. I will never forget this comforting friend in this very strange and new place who was there for me, until I managed to find a way to make friends of my own kind.

Leasing a horse can be a wonderful way to build a relationship

and learn about them. I leased a beautiful Morgan mare, Millie, for seven years from Lisa Lombardi, my riding instructor. Millie crossed the Rainbow Bridge this past year, and I find that she has become a big part of me in so many ways. There was something about not being her owner that equalized our relationship. It was a privilege, and the opportunity for learning took precedence over performance and perfection. The gratitude I feel towards her runs deep and has shaped my idea of horse ownership in some new ways. It’s a responsibility that goes beyond physical care, and a partnership for life.

I honor people who may not be owners, but are horse lovers and horse-curious. And, I feel it is our job as horse owners to help them and ourselves to learn how to be safe, understand, and respect horses—especially the young who can learn so much about themselves and about life through horses. At any age, every day, they bring solace, playfulness, wisdom, and peace. Bueno and April already know they own my heart!



Photo: Paloma Jackson

Windhorse partners walking to join Herd of the Heart members

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## News & Newsworthy



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### Horse Dumped on Lakeville Highway Gets Justice

On December 8, 2016, Jonathan Garcia, an East Bay handyman, was sentenced to jail and probation for dumping his injured horse on a country road.

Jerome, an elderly appaloosa gelding, was abandoned by Garcia in July 2015 off Lakeville Highway in Petaluma. The sweet senior gelding was emaciated and in severe pain due to a nail that had penetrated his hoof. Jerome was found hobbling down the road by a good Samaritan who called authorities.

The horse was seized by Sonoma County Animal Services, then transported to a CHANGE Program foster home for medical and rehabilitative care. He was later fully restored to health and adopted by a Bodega Bay woman.

Garcia, of Pinole, Calif., who earlier plead no contest to felony animal cruelty and misdemeanor abandonment charges, was sentenced to six months in jail, three years of probation (during which time he is prohibited from owning equines), 100 hours of community service, and must pay thousands of dollars in

restitution to CHANGE, Sonoma County Animal Services and the courts. Judge Thistlethwaite declared Garcia's behavior "reprehensible."

"It is because of the unique partnership that exists between CHANGE, Animal Services, and the District Attorney's office that outcomes like this are possible," Heather Bailey, Executive Director of CHANGE, said. "It's all about team work."

The Sonoma County CHANGE Program was formed in 2007 to support local law enforcement in handling equine neglect, abuse and cruelty cases. A 501(c)3 non-profit charity, it provides emergency response, transportation, veterinary care, rehabilitation, foster care and adoption services to horses who enter CHANGE Program foster care via county animal services. CHANGE also supports local law enforcement by providing free equine-related officer training as well as assistance with legal case documentation and provides case support as well as *gratis* expert witness testimony in equine-related criminal cases.



Lou Dillon

### Equine Epochs

CEPEC (California Equestrian Park and Event Center), Sonoma County Horse Council, and the Sonoma County Museum will host a four month exhibit of the "History of Sonoma County Horses" starting July 21, 2017. Artifacts from the mid 1800's to the present will be displayed and will include equine stories, photos, films, tack, equipment, and fine art. The exhibition will show how horses have been used for transport, recreation, and competition through the decades and their impact on Sonoma County's economy, entertainment, and culture. Stories of famous horses, breeders, and trainers such as Anteeo, Kenilworth, Lou Dillon, Surita, Cal Bar, Shakin Flo, Issac deTurk, Perce Brothers, Jack London, Arnold Dolcini, Buster Millerick, and Yves Sauvignon will be featured.

For additional information about submitting artifacts for potential inclusion in the exhibit, please contact Wanda Smith at (707) 541-6091 / [director@cepec.us](mailto:director@cepec.us) or Jay Palm at (707) 789-9200 / [jpalmhats@pacbell.net](mailto:jpalmhats@pacbell.net).

# Horses in History

From the *Farmers' Register* as reported in the *Cheraw [SC] Gazette* February 7, 1837, page 1

"Apples make most excellent food for horses. Several physicians [i.e. veterinarians] of extensive practice, in Connecticut and Massachusetts, feed their horses on apples and hay. I have never seen fatter horses, or more sleek and spirited. The hair is much more lively, and requires less grooming than horses fed on grain. Mr. Norton of Farmington, Connecticut, has about the finest pair of horses I have ever seen. They are fed mainly on apples and hay. They travel very fast, and seem to have both wind and bottom. It is proper, however, to remark, that not as much grain is given to horses of the North as is customary in the South. One thing is worth noticing—horses fed on apples, do not eat much hay as when they are fed on grain. Very sour raw apples injure the teeth of horses; but when boiled they do not. The rule of feeding is to commence with a small quantity, and gradually increase to a bushel a day for one horse."

– Thomas P. Hunt

Might help bring back Sebastopol's apple orchards!

*Submitted by Daniel Demers*

\* Disclaimer: SCHC doesn't recommend feeding horses a bushel of apples a day!

## Deputy Sheriff David Campbell

On January 16, 1862, an unarmed Deputy Campbell went to the ranch of Isaac Baker located at Stony Point, Analy Township to serve an attachment on a horse. Newspaper reports of the day pinpoint the ranch's location as approximately ten miles outside the town limits of Santa Rosa. Baker refused to allow Deputy Campbell possession of the horse and ran the deputy off his property at knifepoint. Ten days later, on January 16, 1862, Deputy Campbell returned to the Baker ranch with a warrant for Baker's arrest for felonious assault on a deputy, as well as the attachment for the horse. The deputies were armed this time. Baker refused to comply with the orders of the deputies to submit to arrest and began to walk away. Deputy Campbell drew his revolver and ordered him to halt. He refused and continued walking, challenging the deputy to shoot him. Deputy Campbell shot him. After being shot, Baker said "he has shot me... he has killed me." He then called to his son William who was standing about 30 paces away, armed with a rifle and told him to shoot the deputy. Deputy Campbell saw that William was preparing to shoot at him and fired at William first. He missed his mark and William returned fire, shooting the deputy in the chest. Deputy Campbell died approximately four minutes later. Isaac Baker died the next day. William Baker turned himself in to Squire Lee of Analy Township the same day. After being examined by Squire Lee, William Baker was released from custody without charges. Deputy Campbell's last meal was with Deputy Hood and August Kohle at the Washoe House, which is located at the intersection of Stony Point Road and Roblar Road and is still in business and still serving meals. On January 16, 1862, Deputy Sheriff David Campbell became the first Sonoma County deputy to be killed in the line of duty. Deputy Campbell's funeral was held in Santa Rosa, but records do not indicate where he was buried.

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# Local Equestrian Events—Spring 2017

Mar 22	Just 4 Fun Barrel Race - Lyttle Cow Palace	So Co Fairgrounds	sebastopolwranglers.com
Mar 25	Wine Country Arabian Tack Sale	Novato CA	winecountryarabians.com
Mar 26	Working Equitation Practice and Clinic (open to public)	SREC - Santa Rosa	jburns@sbcglobal.net, 707-239-2290
Mar 26-30	Equine 101 - Windhorse Full Circle Coaching	Santa Rosa CA	equinestudies101.com
Mar 31-Apr 2	59th Annual Arabian & Half Arabian Horse Show	So Co Fairgrounds	707-235-8902/margaretsh@aol.com
April 1	Trailer Safety and Maneuvering Course	Santa Rosa CA	tstashak@sbcglobal.net
Apr 1-2	Richard Miller, DVM, Equine Dentist	Hoofbeat Park	russianriverriders.org
Apr 5	Just 4 Fun Barrel Race - Lyttle Cow Palace	So Co Fairgrounds	seastopolwranglers.com
Apr 8	The Spring Edition Horse Show & Trail Challenge	So Co Fairgrounds	bayareafoxtrotter.com
Apr 10	Sonoma State Team Fundraiser Jumper Show	SREC - Santa Rosa	srequestrian.com
Apr 16-17	Chris Ellsworth Two Day Horsemanship	Woodside CA	chrisellsworthhorsemanship.com
Apr 19	Open Arena Night - Lyttle Cow Palace	So Co Fairgrounds	sebastopolwranglers.com
Apr 22	Winter Series 4D Barrel Race - Lyttle Cow Palace	So Co Fairgrounds	sebastopolwranglers.com
Apr 22	Trail Ride & Lunch	Lake Sonoma	russianriverriders.org
Apr 24	Combined Test and Dressage Show	SREC - Santa Rosa	srequestrian.com
Apr 28-30	Chris Ellsworth NCEFT	Woodside CA	chrisellsworthhorsemanship.com
Apr 29	Hoofbeats in the Vineyard	SRJC Shone Farm	stephanie@shonefarm.com
Apr 29-30	Ruth Altes Trail Preparedness Clini	Hoofbeat Park	russianriverriders.org
Apr 30	Woodbridge Farm Schooling Show	Petaluma CA	woodbridgefarmdressage.com
May 7	Working Equitation Practice and Clinic (open to public)	Sonoma Equestrian Center	jburns@sbcglobal.net, 707-239-2290
May 5-7	Chris Ellsworth Horsemanship Clinics	Briones CA	chrisellsworthhorsemanship.com
May 10-14	Spring Classic	Petaluma CA	sonomahorsepark.com
May 14	Winter Series 4D Barrel Race - Lyttle Cow Palace	So Co Fairgrounds	sebastopolwranglers.com
May 17-21	HMI Equestrian Challenge	Petaluma CA	sonomahorsepark.com
May 18-21	Diablo Arabian Horse Association Spring Show	Elk Grove CA	winecountryarabians.com
May 20	Poker Ride	TBD	sebastopolwranglers.com
May 22	Combined Test and Dressage Show	SREC - Santa Rosa	srequestrian.com
Jun 3	CDS Shelly Siegel Dressage & Breed Show	SREC - Santa Rosa	srequestrian.com
Jun 10	SW Barrel Race	Seb Wranglers Arena	sebastopolwranglers.com
Jun 14-18	HMI June Classic	Petaluma CA	sonomahorsepark.com
Jun 25	Schooling Show	Petaluma CA	woodbridgefarmdressage.com

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# Sonoma County—Places to Ride

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Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve	17000 Armstrong Wds Rd	Guerneville CA 95446	707-869-2015
Bodega Bay Equestrian Trailhead-So Co Reg. Parks	1752 Westside Road	Bodega Bay CA 94923	707-565-2041
Cloverdale River Park	31820 McCray Rd	Cloverdale CA 95425	707-433-1625
Crane Creek Regional Park	5000 Pressley Rd	Rohnert Park CA 94928	707-565-2041
Doran Beach Regional Park	201 Doran Beach Rd	Bodega Bay CA 94923	707-875-3540
Foothill Regional Park	1351 Arata Lane	Windsor CA 95492	707-433-1625
Helen Putnam Regional Park	411 Chileno Valley Rd	Petaluma CA 94952	707-433-1625
Hood Mountain Regional Park	3000 Los Alamos Rd	Santa Rosa CA 95409	707-565-2041
Laguna de Santa Rosa Trail	6303 Highway 12	Santa Rosa CA 95401	707-433-1625
Lake Sonoma	3333 Skaggs Springs Rd	Geyserville (west of Hburg)	707-431-4590
Ragle Ranch Regional Park	500 Ragle Rd	Sebastopol CA 95472	707-565-2041
Riverfront Regional Park	7821 Eastside Rd	Healdsburg CA 95448	707-433-1625
Salt Point State Park	25050 Highway 1	Jenner CA 95450	707-847-3221
Spring Lake Regional Park	391 Violetti Drive	Santa Rosa CA 95409	707-539-8092
Stewart's Horse Camp	Pt. Reyes Nat'l Seashore	Bolinas CA 94924	415-663-1362
Sugarloaf Ridge State Park	2605 Adobe Canyon Rd	Kenwood CA 95452	707-833-5712
Taylor Mt. Regional Park & Open Space Preserve	3820 Petaluma Hill Rd	Santa Rosa CA 95404	707-539-8092

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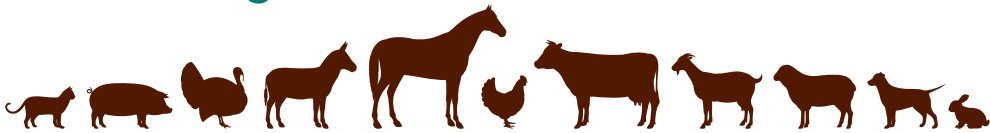


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