

HOOF PRINTS



*The newsletter of the
Sacramento Valley
Morgan Horse Club*

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Wintergreen dressage horses at the Mother Lode Show:
*(left to right) Wintergreen Beaufort with Allyson Taylor,
Wintergreen Jessamine with Susan Garmier, and
Wintergreen Cincodemayo with Geneva Gonzales*

This was my granddaughter Allyson Taylor's first Morgan dressage show;
she won both First Level Classes so was really excited.
(Needless to say, Grandma (Ann Taylor) was thrilled!)

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We are dedicated to the promotion of America's first breed, the Morgan Horse. The purpose of this club is to encourage and promote interest in the breeding and use of Morgan horses as versatile horses, in cooperation with the American Morgan Horse Association. INC. (AMHA). For those of you who have joined us, we extend a sincere "Thank You."

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Meetings are held at 6:30 PM on the first Thursday of every month at Round Table Pizza, Horseshoe Bar Rd in Loomis. All members are welcome.

Teri Personeni



Teri writes to us:
Many people may remember my Bucking Fay. Registered as Terob Bittersweet Kiss, Fay was born on my ranch. Her mother, Homestead Butterscotch Swirl, wouldn't let me out of the stall one evening. It wasn't long before she presented me with a lovely dark bay filly. My hope was for a buckskin but that was not to be. Instead I got an amazing little Morgan who loves children. My oldest

grandson, Jake was about 8 years old and he tore the membrane off Fay's nose as she was born into his hands!!

Fay is now 14 and has a very exciting life, including a few years in Ohio before she came back home to me. After she settled in I trail rode her and moved cattle with her, but I have two other Morgans and just didn't have time to ride them all. With too many horses I was thrilled when my daughter-in-law asked to use Fay in her therapeutic riding program; T.R.O.T.R. Therapeutic Riding and Off Track Rehabilitation is a great place for handicapped riders to enjoy the benefits of horses. It is also a rehab for Standardbreds off the track.

This photo is my younger grandson, Louie, giving Fay some lovin' while she waits her turn to give "pony rides" at the petting zoo and pony ride that TROTR has at Bobby Dazzler's Pumpkin Farm in Davis.

We all know these Morgans are special, but this one is incredible. Her life when she was away from me was not ideal and she was confiscated by the SPCA in Ohio under starvation conditions. Through the Morgan owners' network, word got to me quickly. I contacted the SPCA and began the 'adoption' process. Since Fay was still registered in my name I only had to pay a small fee and wait for the three months it took to get her in traveling condition. Even after that ill treatment this mare still loves people and especially children.

When the Pumpkin Patch opened this fall I was able to volunteer on a Saturday. What a warm and fuzzy feeling to be leading one of my "kids" around with little children and even shy first time rider adults.

Morgans; gotta love 'em!

Barn News (cont.)

Ann Taylor

Ann Taylor tells us about her granddaughter Allyson (pictured on the cover), who is following in her footsteps:

My granddaughter is in her second year of Cal Poly, working hard with 18 units, plus taking her horse to school with her. She has Morgan/Thoroughbred cross mare, WSS Par Avion, a three year old whom she hopes will become a cross country horse. She is also on the Cal Poly Dressage Team, Club Basketball Team, and has a project with tagging elephant seals.

Margaret Mohr: Northern California from the back of a horse

Margaret writes to us about her summer adventures with her Morgan:

Here in Northern California we have some of the most beautiful country and what better way to see it than on horseback?

Get your Morgans out and explore!!

I was able to do some amazing rides in different areas in the last couple of weeks and it was amazing. The weather was gorgeous, and in the latter rides some of the fall colors were starting to show.



In August we went to Pt Reyes, there are so many amazing trails and of course the Morgan Ranch! This time we made our way out to the Tule Elk Reserve one day, around the Muddy Hollow Loop on another, and a little playing in the surf!

Barn News (cont.)

Northern California from the back of a horse (cont.)



In early September we were in the El Dorado National Forest. We rode out of Wright's Lake up towards the Desolation Wilderness. Along the way we passed Beauty Lake (left); as you can see it is appropriately named! The terrain varies from forest cover to riding on the granite.

Riding on the granite on the way to Wright's Lake



Barn News (cont.)

Northern California from the back of a horse (cont.)



In late September we rode part of the Tahoe Rim Trail (left). We rode out of the Big Meadow Trail. A beautiful ride mostly under tree cover except for obviously, the Big Meadow! We ended our ride at the beautiful Round Lake before heading back.



And the last ride was in Charity Valley (right), on the Hwy 88 side of the El Dorado National Forest. Another gorgeous ride on changing terrain.

There's nothing like riding through the peaceful beauty of our mountains and by our ocean, and of course, the time spent with our horses. □



Barn News (cont.)

Sherry Prince



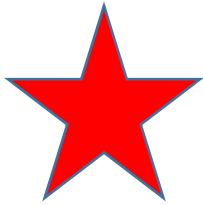
Sherry Prince and Bears Glamour Girl showing off their Western Dressage moves at the Pacific Equestrian Center earlier in the summer. Sherry is working with Megan Gallagher at Grand Finale Stables, and this is her second year showing in Western Dressage.

Grand Finale Stables



Mark your calendars--Grand Finale Stables is having a Fall Fling with lots of fun activities on November 10th. Hope to see you all there! (And stay tuned—details about their Christmas Party are coming soon.)

Other Club News



Mother Lode Morgan Horse Show



The club's annual show was held August 30-Sept 1 this year. It was a joint show with the Gypsy Horse Club. Several club barns and members participated along with many regional trainers and the show was a success.

Eden Gillard with trainer Megan Gallagher

*Connie Barker,
Rahmar Oberholzer
and Ann Taylor
touring the barns.*



Other Club News (cont.)

Mother Lode Morgan Horse Show (cont.)



Geneva Gonzales and Wintergreen Cincodemayo; look at all those blues!

Kelli and Alice Torrissi (on Tango) and Jewels Adams with Alice's lead-line blue ribbon. (They don't come much cuter, do they?)



Other Club News (cont.)

Mother Lode Morgan Horse Show (cont.)



*The Grand Finale
Stables gang
showing off their
ribbon collection.*

*Lulu Dizon on CFF I Told You So
with their first place ribbon!*



Other Club News (cont.)

Camelot Ride and Dine



There were dragons! Mighty steeds! Knights and damsels galore! It was the annual Camelot Equestrian Park Ride and Dine event in early October. Several SVMHC members and their friends took part. It was a beautiful weekend in a lovely facility with lots of options for riding. Jewels Adams and six of her barn friends/clients travelled together. Club members present were Jewels (who brought Meadowcreek Kashmir, Tempress and Declarations Independence, along with her Quarter horse Diesel), Kathy Kahrl, and Kathy

Devon. Also part of Jewels' group were Pam Caruthers (Futurity's Contada), Christina Olshetsky (Jolly, a really big Gypsy cross!), Andy ILG, Marie Hood (Little Lena, another Quarter horse), and Patty Larsen. Club members Cathy Parks (Terob Scarlet Pimpernel) and Phyllis Shopbell (Cherry Creek Kahlua) came as well and joined Jewels' group for rides and snacks. Everyone had a great time enjoying the trails and water features, along with a costume parade, silent auction and great BBQ dinner. Kathy Kahrl was the proud winner of one-third of the popular "Donkey Plop" contest!



Other Club News (cont.)

Camelot Ride and Dine (cont.)



Phyllis Shopbell's Cherry Creek Kahlua ("Rio") wasn't in the Ride and Dine group photo, but insisted on equal time. (It's actually just your editor making an executive decision...he's so beautiful I wanted to share this glamour shot!)

Golden West Morgan Horse Council High Point Awards

The Sacramento Valley Morgan Horse Club has teamed up with the Golden West Morgan Horse Council to offer you a high point awards program. Please visit <http://www.goldenwestmorgancouncil.com> for information on how to start earning your points. Open competition is recognized too!

New Club Website

Just a reminder that we have a new club website!

We will soon have an online membership directory, club sales list and a store of club merchandise. Our membership application is now online and you can pay via PayPal. You can also sign up to receive our club newsletter and email blasts.

Please visit our website at www.svmhc.com and take a peek! We are also looking for photos of our members and their Morgans to display on the website. Please email photos to svmhcmail@gmail.com

Other Club News (cont.):

Point Reyes Morgan Horse Ranch Update

Through the efforts of the **Sacramento Valley Morgan Horse Club**, the Point Reyes Morgan Horse Ranch was one of BABT's (Bay Area Barns and Trails) 2016 grant recipients. We are happy to read this update from Paul Forward, PRNS Ranger, in the Marin Horse Council's e-news:

"As the new ranch manager at the Morgan Horse Ranch, I have my work cut out for me. There's a lot that needs to be accomplished to turn the program around. The primary goal is to maintain a Morgan horse herd to be used for mounted patrol. Acquiring new suitable horses will be a priority, as our current horses are getting a little long in the tooth. Optimally, within the next two years, we will have four new Morgan's at the ranch. With these additions, we'll be able to create an Honor Guard Unit.



PRMHR rangers on patrol at the fair

This unit will serve to expand public relations outside of the park by representing the National Park Service at public events. I see assisting the community and other agencies, in times of celebration, as well as in times of tragedy, as a worthy endeavor. This ties into my second goal, which is community assistance.

We need to be ready to provide resources and support during a natural disaster. My hope is to facilitate interested staff members and local volunteers in training as Large Animal Rescue Technicians."

Other Club News (cont.):

Calendars

Next year's club calendar is on its way to the presses! It's full of great pictures of our gorgeous local Morgans and their owners. This is a fund raiser and is a wonderful way to support your club. They are a bargain at \$20. Contact Megan at evansm909@hotmail.com or 916-812-1144 to reserve your copy.

Jeanne Mellin prints on sale!

There are still some Jeanne Mellin prints available and they are now on sale! Proceeds benefit the Point Reyes Morgan Horse Ranch. Information and an order form can be found in the Forms section of the newsletter.

He's JUST a Trail Horse!!

(Author unknown)

I can't count the number of times I have heard the words "Oh, you just ride trail" or "It's just a trail horse," especially from other riders who focus on only one discipline. And each time I have to smirk a little. To be JUST a Trail Rider you need a very special, talented kind of steed for which many folks don't realize the expertise required.



- He needs to be as maneuverable as a Dressage horse... to be able to place each foot exactly where and when you need because there is a steep cliff drop-off on one side, and a wall of solid mountainside on the other. A sure-footed horse is a must to be a good Trail Horse.

- He needs to be as bold as a Foxtrotter...to go willingly where he is pointed, whether that is over a log, up a steep hill, down a gully, through rushing water, boot-sucking mud, or bushwhacking through thick scrub.

Photo credit: Tina Mae Weber

Other Club News (cont.):

He's JUST a Trail Horse!! (cont.)

- He needs to be as agile as a Show Jumper . . . able to easily twist and turn around trees and bushes, boulders and hop over fallen logs.
- He needs to have the stamina of an Endurance Horse . . . because a 7 mile ride can easily turn into a 20 mile ride if his "on-board GPS" (aka rider) takes a wrong turn.
- He needs to have the calm mind of a Rodeo Pick-Up Horse . . . because many horses cannot hold it together under stress. But a good Trail Horse must be able to cope with the high emotional energy often coming from other horses in front, behind, and either side of him. He needs to always be level-headed and sensible.
- He needs to manage being squashed against others like a Polo Pony . . . because on some trails his nose might be pushed against a tail in front, or flanks pressed side-by-side with rider's knees banging against other rider's knees, or another horse breathing down his back. He needs to have patience and get along well with others.
- He needs to cope with bursts of speed like a Racehorse . . . because if that "on-board GPS" (aka rider) stated above, turns the short ride into 20 miles you won't get home till dark if walking that whole distance.
- He needs to be a clever problem-solver with his mind and feet being like a Cutting Horse . . . sometimes his rider is gonna get him stuck in places that seem impossible to get out of!
- He needs to be brave like a Cow Horse . . . because not only will he have to deal with protective mama cows and bulls out on the trail, but he'll also be faced with mountain bikes, ATVs, motorcycles, strollers, tractors, logging equipment, chainsaws, horse-drawn carts, bullet riddled appliances, floating plastic bags and balloons, booming thunder and pouring rain with flapping slickers, loose wild horses and burros and all forms of wildlife.
- And he needs to be cuddly and sweet like a Child's Pony . . . because he will spend countless hours exploring trails with his rider.
- But hey, he's JUST a trail horse!



SACRAMENTO VALLEY MORGAN HORSE CLUB MEMBERS

2019 Members (as of July 1, 2019)

Tell all your Morgan friends about us! This is a very active club well worth the membership fee.

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When in Drought: Horses and Vitamin E

by Leigh Houck | Aug 2, 2019

For many horses, grazing in a pasture of green grass is a prime source of vitamin E. But when drought and heat dry up those pastures, they take much of the vitamin E with them. The result? An under-the-radar impact of climate change: Horses with vitamin E deficiency.

For horses as well as people, vitamin E is part of a healthy diet and is crucial in preventing neuromuscular disease.

As a report by the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine's Center for Equine Health points out, many horses in arid California do not have access to lush pasture. And hay alone does not fulfill the need for vitamin E once it's harvested.

But the California drought is technically over. Is vitamin E deficiency still a concern? Amy Young, equine outreach manager with the Center for Equine Health, says yes.

"Many horses in California are not kept in pasture even when the state is not in a drought," Young said. "Horse owners should evaluate their horses' diets and talk with their veterinarians if their horses do not have regular access to pasture."

Hank's story

The 100-acre Center for Equine Health is a training site for veterinary students, and around 200 horses call the center home. One of the most popular horses at the facility is Hank, a Percheron gelding beloved for his calm, friendly nature.

Hank used to be a carriage horse. But when he stopped being able to back up to the hitch of the carriage, he was out of a job. While standing, he would have tremors and shake violently. He couldn't even lift his feet for the farrier to work on his hooves. When he was donated to the CEH, veterinarian Tatiana Viau thought that he might have a vitamin E deficiency. After a blood test, her suspicions were confirmed.

Hank was diagnosed with vitamin E deficient myopathy. He started taking vitamin E supplements. Without any other changes to his activities or exercise regimen, Hank regained weight, putting on almost 250 pounds, mostly in muscle. Now happy and healthy, he's a model patient for veterinary students learning how to perform physical exams. In his off hours, he hangs out in the shade of his pen with a Thoroughbred mare named GI Jane.

When in Drought: Horses and Vitamin E (cont.)

Vitamin E deficient myopathy is mostly irreversible, and Hank will be on supplementation for the rest of his life. When CEH informed his previous owners of his diagnosis, they tested their other horses. Blood tests showed they all had low vitamin E levels, despite not showing any signs. The owners now supplement their horses with vitamin E to prevent neuromuscular diseases.



This draft horse arrived at the Center for Equine Health at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine with severe nutrition deficiency. UC Davis veterinarians diagnosed the deficiency and brought him back to health. He is now thriving and a permanent resident of the CEH and used for teaching veterinary students. (Don Preisler/UCDavis)

An ounce of prevention

Not all horses with vitamin E deficiency show clinical signs, but it is important to identify any deficiencies and ensure a balanced, complete diet before signs arise.

Dr. Carrie Finno, director of the Center for Equine Health, reminds horse owners to always consult with a veterinarian regarding their horses' health. Finno also stresses the importance of obtaining a baseline vitamin E blood concentration before beginning to supplement.

When in Drought: Horses and Vitamin E (cont.)

“If we don’t know where the horse started, it is often hard for us to determine the type and amount of supplementation required and the horse’s response to various protocols,” said Finno, who studies equine neuromuscular diseases.

So what should horse owners do?

Finno suggests:

Work with your veterinarian to establish a balanced, complete diet for your horse before vitamin E deficiency signs arise. Foals and pregnant mares can receive supplementation as a first line of prevention.

Perform a blood test and record baseline vitamin E level before you initiate any supplementation. Ideal levels of vitamin E in the blood are between 3-5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$. The California Animal Health & Food Safety Laboratory conducts blood testing across the state. The proper dose of vitamin E will depend on your horse’s baseline concentration and the supplement itself.

Make sure the supplement you choose is in the natural (“-d”), not synthetic (“-dl”), form. The natural form is easier for the horse’s body to process and absorb.

Monitor vitamin E levels to track the efficacy of the supplements and prevent excess supplementation, which can result in bleeding disorders and other health issues.



Happy horses grazing at UC Davis. (Amy Young/UC Davis)

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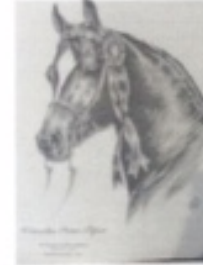
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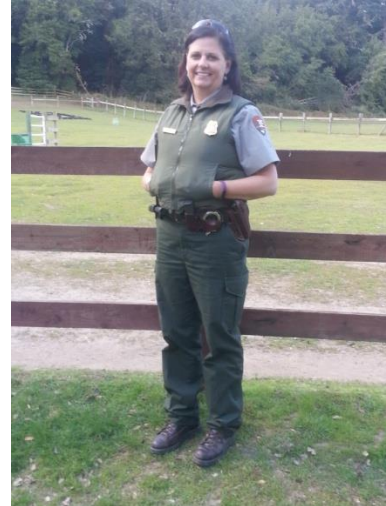
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