



For Horse's Sake



Goals and Objectives of the Minnesota Horse Council

- ♦ Promote and/or support equine educational activities
- ♦ Improve communication in all horse related activities with the general public
- ♦ Gather information of value to equine related activities
- ♦ Distribute gathered information as appropriate
- ♦ Provide expertise, consult and advise
- ♦ Establish, develop and enhance equine trails and other infrastructure and encourage their prudent use

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10 Tips to Beat the Heat

Summer temperatures and humidity can make activity as uncomfortable for horses as for humans. Here are some feeding and activity tips for keeping yourself and your horse cool during hot weather.

1. Feed hay at night. The digestion of hay produces heat, thus feed the largest portion of your horse's daily hay ration at night when the weather is coolest, and smaller portions in the morning.
2. Do not overfeed protein. Mature horses with medium activity levels require only 10% crude protein in their diet. Extra is just flushed from the body, which increases water requirements.
3. Feed high-fat concentrates. A high-fat diet is more calorically dense; less feed is required for the same amount of work. Consequently, less heat from digestion is produced.
4. Maintain your horse's condition. Horses that are overweight require more energy to cool themselves, while very thin horses do not have the energy reserves for strenuous work. Being able to feel but not see your horse's ribs is the best way to determine if his weight is good.
5. Provide adequate salt. Salt requirements increase with sweating. A 1,000-pound horse needs two ounces of salt per day for average work. Pre-mixed concentrate feeds generally have some salt included, but it is best to provide a salt block at all times, regardless of housing type or activity level.
6. Provide plenty of clean drinking water. Most horses drink 12-14 gallons per day, but will require more with increased sweating. Give a hot horse only a few sips at a time while cooling out.
7. Consider temperature and humidity. Heat index warnings should be taken seriously. Your horse's thermoregulatory system cannot cool him effectively if the heat index is over 130.
8. Use cool hours to your advantage. Summer temperatures are coolest from sundown through early morning. Ride and haul during those hours.
9. Check for dehydration. The pinch test is an easy way to test your horse's hydration. Pinch out a section of skin on his neck or shoulder. If it goes away quickly, he is OK. If his skin does not flatten completely out in ten seconds, he has some degree of dehydration and needs water.
10. Properly cool horses out. Walk your horse until he stops puffing and sweating. A horse's body temperature will still be high even if he seems cool. Adding isopropyl alcohol to his rinse water will help open his pores and allow for quicker cooling. Take care to avoid getting the rinse water in his eyes.

Reference: www.horsesiowa.com

You Can Lead Your Horse to Water . . .

Did you know with just 12 swallows, a horse can consume approximately one quart of liquid? If he's especially thirsty, he'll guzzle the 12 to 16 quarts that his stomach will hold so that a sufficient supply is available to be delivered to specific destinations throughout his system. The largest single component of a horse's body is water. It makes up approximately 65 to 70 percent of the average 1100 pound horse. (That equals about 770 pounds!)

Water bathes and cushions the brain and central nervous system and lubricates all the body's moving parts, including joints, tendons, and ligaments. It is essential for maintaining body temperature. It even plays a role in vision and hearing. Water also shuttles carbon dioxide to the lungs and nutrients from food throughout the body and is also responsible for helping to eliminate wastes. Without an adequate quantity of water, the horse would cease to exist.

To keep his system running smoothly, a horse will consume around one gallon of liquid for every 100 pounds of body weight per day. The horse stores and transports the 10 to 12 gallons of liquid he consumes in and between four compartments in his body.

The first compartment is the blood vessels, which are known as the intravascular space. It accounts for 5% of the horse's total body fluid.

The second compartment is the extracellular space, which is the space surrounding the blood vessels and cells. It accounts for 15% of the total body fluid.

The third compartment is the intracellular space. Holding water deep within the cells, it allows them to perform all their special functions. This compartment holds nearly 50% of the body's total fluid!! It is less adaptable to change than any other compartment because of the effect it has in the horse's body function. Only about 10% of this total can be exhausted from this tissue without causing severe consequences to the horse. When water loss is so severe it affects the intracellular compartment, it may take a horse 2 to 3 days to consume enough water to restore his fluid to normal levels.

The fourth compartment is the cecum or large colon. It can hold at least 20 gallons. Half of this water is available at any given time to replenish losses from the bloodstream and other parts of the body.

Your horse's activity level will certainly play a role in how much water he needs to consume. Other factors influence the quantity of water consumed as well. These factors include age, environment, diet, palatability and travel.

Age - Most foals will not drink much water before weaning. If they do, it may be a sign their dam is producing too little milk and they are trying to make up for the shortage. Mares may drink more water during pregnancy and definitely during lactation (roughly double the fluid intake is required for proper milk production). In general, as horses grow older, the less water they contain. Therefore, an aging horse is more susceptible to fluid related health problems such as intestinal impaction.

Environment - Horses that are stabled and have feeding schedules tend to drink small amounts several times per day with peaks in the hours after each meal.

Daily temperature change can also influence how much water is consumed. During the hottest part of the day, a horse drinks more frequently. Seasonal temperature, as well humidity, can also affect his water intake.

Diet - In general, the greater the water content of the horse's feed, the less liquid intake he requires. For example, a horse that consumes lush green pasture, which is 50 to 90% water, is likely to drink less than a horse that eats hay, which is only 5 to 8% water.

Bran mashes, carrots, and apples have a high water content. Keep in mind, when a horse chews, the saliva and digestive juices used to moisten the food come from water in other parts of the body. Your horse may take a big slurp from his bucket after eating such things.

Palatability - Horses are usually wary of unfamiliar water sources, which they may find while visiting horse shows or on a trail ride. Most will drink enough to avoid dehydration. Some are so finicky that they may suffer a sizable water loss before they become thirsty enough to drink whatever is available.

Travel - Horses can usually travel 6 to 8 hours before becoming thirsty. However, traveling can be hot, long, and stressful and make most animals nervous and unwilling to drink. In such instances, plan periodic stops to offer water. Bringing water from home may encourage your horse to drink no matter where you are.

When your horse goes off water, you should be concerned. Check your horse's vital signs in the following ways:

- ♦ Open his mouth and look at his gums. They should be rosy pink. If they are extremely pale, extra red, orange, or bluish in color, there could be a problem.
- ♦ Press on the gums just about a tooth. Check how long it takes for the white, clear spot to regain its normal color. If it takes more than 2 or 3 seconds, further attention is advised.
- ♦ Check your horse's skin tension. Pinch the skin above the point of the shoulder. If it snaps back into place within 1 or 2 seconds, your horse is well hydrated. Dehydrated skin will hold a crease for as much as 6 to 10 seconds.
- ♦ Check your horse's temperature. Normal temperature is about 100 degrees Fahrenheit. If your horse has a temperature between 103 and 105 degrees, he needs to be cooled quickly and if the temperature goes above 105 degrees, he requires immediate attention!!
- ♦ Blood work - consult your veterinarian if you have a suspicion of dehydration in your horse.

The need for water is very great in your horse. In fact, 3 to 4 days without water will kill him. He will drink foul or dangerous water if he gets thirsty enough. Ensure your horse an ample supply of fresh water to quench his thirst. It is the least expensive ingredient necessary for the well being of your horse.

Source: Unknown

Meet the MHC Directors -- Glen Eaton

Glen was raised on a dairy farm in Wisconsin in the St. Croix Falls area. He was active with the farm activities with chores before and after school and during the summer months. Horses were always present on the farm even though his dad purchased the first Farm All tractor that a dealer got in St. Croix Falls. Glen always enjoyed working the farm and working with the farm animals, especially the horses.

Glen graduated from the St. Croix Falls High School in 1950 and a short time later entered the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict. Glen spent 6 months in Great Lakes and 2-1/2 years in the Pensacola, Florida area. In June of 1953, he was ordered to sea duty to join the Atlantic fleet on a destroyer operating out of Norfolk, Virginia. The ship operated in the Atlantic Ocean and with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea.

Upon discharge in June of 1954, Glen entered the dry cleaning and commercial laundry business starting in the Pensacola area. In 1958, he came back to the Midwest and was General Manager for 12 years at Kampus Kleeners in Dinky Town near the University of Minnesota.

In 1970 Glen was approached by the former Schloff Chemical and Supply business in Minneapolis to be one of several salesmen to cover the Twin Cities area. Glen also covered the St. Cloud and Rochester areas. In 1988, the Schloff Company was sold to E. Weinberg Supply and Equipment in St. Louis Park and Glen went with the sale. After 53 years of working at E. Weinberg Supply and Equipment, Glen retired on June 30, 2007, where he was General Manager of Dry Cleaning and Laundry Operations for 16 years before going into sales in 1970.

In August of 1983, Glen purchased a registered quarter horse named Gambler and rode with the Zuhrah Shrine Horse Patrol and later with the Osman Shrine Caballeros. In October of 1988, Glen was asked to be the Exhibit Director for the Minnesota Horse Expo by then President Mark Ward and Glen has continued in that position to the present time. Glen has also been

President of the Minnesota Horse Expo since 1991. Through his leadership, the Minnesota Horse Expo board and its volunteers have made the Expo a premier equine educational event for the horse industry of Minnesota. The proceeds from this annual event provide the funding that supports the many functions that are administered by the Minnesota Horse Council.



Glen at the Expo

Glen is also active with other Committees within the Minnesota Horse Council and is Chairperson of the State Horse Council Achievement Committee within the American Horse Council. For many years Glen, along with fellow Council members, has traveled to American

Horse Council meetings and various regional and state horse fairs proudly representing the Minnesota Horse Expo and the Minnesota Horse Council. Through this type of visibility the general public has the opportunity to learn more about what the Expo and Council are doing for the horse industry.



Glen and Gambler

In addition to his tireless work with the Expo, Glen and his Expo staff, with support from the Horse Council set up and manage the Aisle of Breeds at the Minnesota State Fair each year. This exhibit has many different breeds on display for state fair visitors to view. Visitors can talk with horse owners and in many cases pet their horses without interfering with exhibitors preparing to show their horses. These activities have established Glen as a person that the

Minnesota State Fair staff often looks to for advice when it comes to updates for the livestock facilities.

On April 4, 2006, Glen was presented with the 2006 Van Ness Award during an American Horse Council meeting in Washington, D.C. This award is given annually to a person in the equine industry who embodies the dedication and service of the late Marjorie Van Ness. Mrs. Van Ness worked tirelessly for the betterment of the horse industry in her home state of New Jersey and was vital in the formation of the New Jersey Horse Council.

Glen lives with his wife Margie in Edina, Minnesota. Glen has twin daughters and a son.

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North American Riding for the Handicapped Association, Inc. Establishes Horses for Heroes

NARHA Press Release, April 2007



The North American Riding for the Handicapped Association, Inc. (NARHA) announced that it plans to develop a nationwide program for America's wounded service personnel and veterans. More than 700 NARHA centers work with NARHA Certified instructors and various professionals, including physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech language pathologists, psychiatrists and

social workers to physically improve, emotionally empower and socially enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities.

"Appreciating the power of the horse to change lives is our goal," said NARHA President Dr. Paul Spiers, "and NARHA wants to provide positive change for these very special lives. Our service personnel have fought to preserve our freedom, and, for many, at a very dear cost. We must be certain that if our wounded service personnel and veterans need and want this kind of help, they will get the best NARHA has to offer."

Over the March 31-April 1 weekend, at a meeting of the organization's board of trustees, committees and membership representatives, NARHA established Horses For Heroes. A Task force was formed to develop the program pilot, the methods to be used, educate member instructors, and monitor any services provided through NARHA's nationwide centers.

Based on the success of recent pilot programs at Ft. Hood in Texas, and Ft. Myer in Virginia where the United States Army's 3rd Infantry Regiment Caisson Platoon is headquartered,

NARHA wants to use the lessons learned to prepare local centers for these service personnel as they return to their home communities. The Horses For Heroes task force will oversee and facilitate the orderly development of appropriate equine assisted activities, such as therapeutic riding and driving, as well as equine facilitated psychotherapy, tailored specifically to the needs of service personnel and veterans.

NARHA's Chief Executive Officer, Sheila Kemper Dietrich, noted that, "This is a population that only a few of our centers have tried to serve in the past, but it is clear how helpful Equine Assisted Activities can be for our wounded service personnel and veterans, and we need to provide these opportunities, and approach this in a systematic fashion." Kemper Dietrich met recently with many program heads at the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, DC, after Secretary R. James Nicolson personally visited with the program conducted with the Caisson Platoon.

NARHA's national leadership in Horses For Heroes will create a primary point of contact for therapeutic riding centers, potential veteran or service personnel clients, interested health service providers, and for developing and financial resources to support the program. Kemper Dietrich is already negotiating with the DVA to create a Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations. Despite the overwhelming desire of many NARHA centers to help, Horses For Heroes will need to be properly funded, and it is hoped that it will ultimately be furnished with a DVA reimbursement code, just as for other forms of treatment.



Aisle of Breeds horses participate in the daily State Fair parade.



Aisle of Breeds

Minnesota State Fair
August 23 - September 3

The Aisle of Breeds, sponsored by the Minnesota Horse Expo and the Minnesota Horse Council, is located in the center aisle of the Horse Barn and showcases different breeds and types of horses throughout the 12 days of the Minnesota State Fair. This allows fair visitors to meet horses and their owners, get answers to equine questions and pet a horse or two without interrupting exhibitors preparing to show their horses. Some of the horses also participate in the daily State Fair Parade. Stop by the Aisle of Breeds to say hello and get the latest info on the Minnesota Horse Expo and the Minnesota Horse Council.

If you are interested in bringing a horse and participating in the Aisle of Breeds, please contact Glen Eaton at 952-356-2090 or mnhorseexpo@horses-mn.org. The Aisle of Breeds is especially interested in featuring rare breeds.



State Fair Parade viewers were thrilled to see the "unicorns."



Livestock Manure and Superfund Legislation

Memo to AHC Organizations, March 9, 2007

Introduction

Legislation has been introduced to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), commonly known as "Superfund," to provide that livestock manure is not considered a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant under that Act.

Unlike Congress' last version, this bill protects horses along with other livestock. The AHC worked with the supporters of the bill to ensure that the definition of "livestock" included horses.

The House bill (H.R. 1398) was introduced by Rep. Collin Peterson (D-MN), and Ralph Hall (R-TX), along with numerous other Members. It was jointly referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The Senate bill (S. 807) was introduced by Senators Blanche Lincoln (D-AR), Mary Landrieu (D-LA), Pete Domenici (R-NM) and Saxby Chambliss (R-GA). That bill was referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Legislation Clarifies that Livestock is Not Subject to Superfund

The legislation is in response to attempts over the past few years by some states and local authorities to extend CERCLA and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA) to livestock and poultry operations for emissions or discharges from manure produced in those operations.

States and municipalities have filed suits against livestock and poultry operations in Texas and Oklahoma claiming Superfund

liability and arguing that farms and ranches should be covered under the toxic waste cleanup and liability provision of the 1980 Superfund law. While the animal agriculture industry has been regulated for years under the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act and various state laws to protect the environment, it has never been regulated under Superfund or EPCRA, which includes severe liability provisions.

The livestock industry is seeking a Congressional clarification that these laws were never intended to apply to or regulate manure. The concern is that without such a clarification livestock and poultry operations could be subject to comprehensive and highly-regulated cleanup under the Superfund law. The livestock industry maintains that CERCLA was created to provide for cleanup of industrial chemical toxic waste dumps, such as Love Canal and Times Beach, not to regulate manure and the livestock industry.

Horses Now Included in the Bill

Specifically, the bill would amend CERCLA to provide that livestock manure would not be included in the meaning of "hazardous substance" or pollutant or contaminant" under that Act.

The bill defines "manure" to mean "digestive emissions, feces, urine and other excrement" and "any associated bedding, compost, raw materials or other materials commingled with such excrement" from "livestock" as defined in Section 10403 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. That provision defines livestock to include "all farm-raised animals," which includes horses.

Legislative Update on Senate Bill 311

Statement from the American Quarter Horse Association regarding passage of Senate Bill 311 by the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee by a vote of 15 for/7 against

It was the correct vote, one that demonstrated support for agriculture and all livestock, including horses. Senate Bill 311 is bad legislation, and people who care for horses and their well-being recognize the bill's detrimental consequences.

We encourage members to continue contacting their Senators and Representatives in Washington and urging them to vote against S. 311 and H.R. 503.

Visit <http://capwiz.com/aqha/home/> to find your U.S. Senators and Representatives.

WHY SENATE BILL 311 IS BAD LEGISLATION

Funding of care for unwanted horses. S. 311 does not address the funding required to care for or disposal of an additional 90,000+ horses per year. Inadequate funding often creates inadequate care, which is a significant welfare concern for unwanted horses. At approximately \$1,900 per horse each year, the total cost of S. 311 would be \$127 million in the first year alone.

Long-term placement of affected horses. S. 311 fails to address how and where unwanted horses will be placed if horse processing is banned. The major breed organizations already are hearing cases of horses abandoned at auction facilities

Personal Property Encroachment/Constitutional Rights. By passing S. 311, the government would be limiting the way citizens can manage their personal property. Horses are personal property protected under the United States Constitution. Any law that would result in "taking" of personal property without just compensation or valid purpose is a violation of an individual's constitutional rights. Furthermore, it is a violation of the commerce clause to unreasonably restrict interstate trade of property.

Ambiguous language of the bill itself. S. 311 seeks to prohibit the shipping, transportation, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling or donation of horses and other

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Looking Good: 10 Easy Grooming Tips

From the tips of his ears to the bottoms of his toes, the horse is a moving dirt magnet. Here are ten ingenious tips to make grooming less of a grind. To keep him from carrying around more than his fair share of his surrounds, try the following tips. They'll increase his presentability without costing you a bundle.

1. To get rid of manure or grass stains on any white part of your horse's coat, all you need is some water and a bit of bran or soy-bean meal. First, wet the stained area, then make a paste with the water and bran. Smear the paste on the stained area, scrub it in with a fingernail brush and leave it for 2 to 3 minutes. Hose off the area and towel it dry.

2. One way to clean your horse's legs, especially if they are white, is to first wet them down, then rub them with sulfur. If they are especially dirty, add some sawdust, too. When the legs are dry, brush out the sulfur-sawdust compound and you'll find bright, white socks beneath it.

3. Stains on white parts, including manes and tails, can be removed by lathering them with water and a glycerine soap bar, the kind normally used for cleaning tack. In addition to removing the stains, the soap will help to detangle the tail.

4. A fine mist of silicone spray on matted manes and tails will speed up grooming and cut down on hair loss and damage.

5. White vinegar has a variety of grooming uses including stain removal. Simply rub the vinegar directly on the stain. Vinegar can also be used to detangle manes and tails. A combination of vinegar and olive oil can rejuvenate sun-faded or patchy, shedding hair. Sponge it on the horse from stem to stern and leave it for three days. Then give the horse a warm, soapy bath and admire the results.

6. If shedding presents a grooming dilemma, an old hacksaw blade, dulled by use, can replace the more expensive commercially sold shedding blades. A pumice stone removes ground-in dirt and dead hair from underbellies, legs and faces. Or anchor a burlap bag to your horse's blanket using strips of Velcro to speed underbelly shedding and provide additional warmth during the late-winter months.

7. Baby or mineral oils are inexpensive, indispensable grooming aids that have a variety of use. Rubbed directly into a dull, dry and flaking coat or added to a horse's bath or rinse water, these

oils can replenish lost gloss and condition the skin. They can also help remove the last traces of a winter coat. Applied to the hooves they act as a polish, rubbed onto the muzzle, they lubricate after a shave; poured onto a brush, they detangle and smooth manes and tails. A mixture of baby oil and mouthwash applied to a horse's mane and tail may alleviate rubbing. When water is unavailable, use baby oil to soften and loosen caked dirt so that it can be wiped away without picking or scratching. Fly bites and raw itchy skin can also be soothed with oils. One caution, however, oils are greasy and collect grit and dust if they are overused. They also lack many of the extra ingredients such as lanolin and silicone contained in commercial hoof polishes and coat conditioners. But because of their versatility and bargain-basement price, baby and mineral oils can be a handy substitute when regular products run out. Used alternately with a standard grooming preparation, baby oil can help you stretch the life of higher-priced horse products.

8. Circle a fidgety horse's eyes with a thick ring of petroleum jelly when you're bathing him to keep shampoo out of the area and lubricating oils in. A dab of petroleum jelly or a bit of baby oil can soften and shine the nose of a show horse. For those who object to having lotions of any kind smeared on their noses, add a half cup of cooling oil to their grain rations, and they'll enjoy coating their noses all by themselves. Be careful, however, because petroleum jelly smeared on the nose to moisturize may cause sunburn instead.

9. Horses who spend a great deal of time outside during the summer will benefit from an application of the same sort of sunscreen you use. Zinc oxide ointment, aniline dye (such as gentian violet) or a racing hood may also protect sun-sensitive faces.

10. During the summer, when horses are bathed frequently, keep in mind that shampoo baths, given more often than once a week, deplete vital skin oils. Follow label instructions on shampoo bottles for dilution ratios or even cut back on the amount of shampoo since more is not necessarily better, only harder to rinse out. Mild dishwashing liquid provides an inexpensive alternative to expensive shampoos. An anti-dandruff shampoo, such as Head and Shoulders or Selsun Blue, used once a month, can help prevent ringworm from getting started.

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Senate Returns to Immigration Bill

The Senate will again take up comprehensive immigration reform on Tuesday, June 26, when it returns to the controversial legislation after a month-long hiatus during which the process for debate was finalized. Many of the attendees at June's American Horse Council National Issues Forum were in Washington to lobby in support of this bill. Tightening the nation's borders is a critical component of the legislation. Border security, additional enforcement capabilities, and a new electronic employment verification system must be in place before many of the other provisions of the bill are triggered.

The Administration says that these new border security programs can be put into place in 18 months. The legislation also includes many of the provisions in the AgJOBS bill in order to recognize the special seasonal needs of agriculture, including horse farms.

For more information on this bill and other legislation affecting horse owners, visit the American Horse Council website at www.horsecouncil.org

New USEF Opportunity Classes Offer More Options for Exhibitors and Competition Management

Press Release from USEF - March 19, 2007

Lexington, KY - In an effort to allow more flexibility and more classes at USEF licensed competitions and to get more people involved in showing horses, the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) has initiated new opportunities for exhibitors to compete at particular competitions. A new rule was approved by the Executive Committee on February 20, 2007 with an effective date of April 1, 2007.

This new rule, GR331 Opportunity classes, applies to breed-restricted, Western regular or local breed-restricted and/or Western competitions. This rule also allows for additional benefits through the USEF and will help to engage new exhibitors.

A member of the USEF Board of Directors and USEF National Affiliates Working Group, Georgie Green, stated that "The whole point of the Opportunity classes is to reach out beyond the traditional exhibitor so that they can make a connection to the USEF that they have never felt before. It helps to expose them to the larger world of equestrian sports and enables them to get more involved with the USEF so that they can see the advantages of membership."

These Opportunity classes are open to all breeds unless it is a breed restricted competition. The Opportunity classes may include but are not limited to equitation and pleasure (saddleseat,

hunter and/or Western), costume, trail, driving, gated, reining, in-hand and other categories. Specifics on this rule change are posted on the USEF website and can be obtained at www.usef.org.

A separate entry blank is not required for Opportunity classes. All that is required by the USEF is to list "Opportunity" in the class title. In addition, if it is an existing USEF class, then the specs do not need to be specified in the prize list. Otherwise, the specifications would need to be listed for any unrecognized USEF class.

Any questions regarding this rule change can be directed to Karen Homer-Brown, Director, National Affiliates, by calling (859) 225-6958. A copy of the adopted rule changes can be obtained by downloading from the website www.usef.org or by sending a written request to the attention of Abigail Cook, Legislative Coordinator, United States Equestrian Federation, Inc., 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511 or by emailing a request to acook@usef.org.

For more information, please contact Stacey Meier, Director of National Marketing at (859) 225-6974 or via email at smeier@usef.org.

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equines to be slaughtered, and for other purposes. "Other purposes" is not defined and, if taken literally, could mean the transportation of horses for any reason, including sporting events, sales, recreation or transportation for medical care. This language is detrimental to the equine industry as a whole and if not addressed, could have unintended consequences.

Standards of Care. The legislation does not establish standards of care that horse rescue facilities must meet. Currently, there are no uniform national guidelines to authenticate or regulate the ability of equine rescue or retirement facilities to provide appropriate care for the horses they receive. Also, the U.S. would need an additional 2,700 rescue shelters in order to care for the increased numbers of horses. Even if standards of care were imposed on these facilities, enforcement at such a large number of facilities would require a serious additional financial and human resources commitment for the appropriate government oversight agency.

Legislation that is Not Necessary. Currently, none of the three U.S. equine slaughter plants are operating and this exercise for the U.S. Senate is a waste of time. The courts have intervened and stopped the practice. There are more pressing U.S. policy issues for the Senate to devote its time to than unnecessary legislation

The Industry Is Handling This Without Government Regulation. The Unwanted Horse Coalition was formed in 2005 and last year folded into the American Horse Council. The goal of the Unwanted Horse Coalition is to educate owners, raise awareness and facilitate information exchange ultimately to reduce the number of unwanted horses and eliminate the problem altogether. For more information on The Unwanted Horse Coalition, see www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org.

Riding is a partnership.

The horse lends you his strength, speed and grace, which are greater than yours.

For your part you give him your guidance, intelligence and understanding, which are greater than his.

Together you can achieve a richness that alone neither can.

- Lucy Rees, *The Horse's Mind*

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES - MAY 8, 2007

Meeting Location: Maple Grove Community Center

Board Members: Tim Bonham, Dan Dolan, Glen Eaton, Teresa Hanson, Trina Joyce, Sue McDonough, Darrell Mead, Dawn Moore, Marian Robinson, Missie Schwartz, Laurie Slater, Miriam Tschida, Tracy Turner, Tom Tweeten, Mark Ward

Absent: Judy Jensen, Christie Ward

Members/Visitors: John Dahl, Carol Dobbelaire, Rich Dobbelaire, Keith Payden

I. Meeting called to order: 6:30 p.m.

II. Introductions

III. Additions and Changes (Additions to Old and New Business)

IV. Treasurer's Report - Dan Dolan

Motion by Tim Bonham, seconded by Miriam Tschida, to approve the Treasurer's report for April. Motion carried. Dan handed out a copy of the May Treasurer's report for the Board to review before the June meeting.

V. Approval of Minutes - April

Motion by Tim Bonham, seconded by Tracy Turner, to approve the April minutes. Motion carried.

VI. Secretary's Report - Trina Joyce

The Council received two newsletters; Hoof Beats and Sundance News and the Equine Resource Guide. In the Guide it was noticed that it lacked information regarding educational opportunities and equine facilities. Trina asked if it would be acceptable if she provided the information. Tom Tweeten approved with the providing the information. It was suggested that Trina get in contact with Linda Dahl who is the publisher of the guide.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Election of Board of Directors - Darrell Mead

Motion by Tom Tweeten, seconded by Dawn Moore, to hold a paper vote for the election. Motion carried.

Election of President -

Motion by Glen Eaton, seconded by Trina Joyce, to nominate Tracy Turner for President. Motion carried.

Motion by Marian Robinson, seconded by Sue McDonough, to nominate Dan Dolan for President. Motion carried.

Election results: Dan Dolan - 9 and Tracy Turner - 6
Dan Dolan has been elected President of MHC for 2007.

Election of 1st Vice President -

Motion by Glen Eaton, seconded by Laurie Slater, to nominate Darrell Mead for 1st Vice President. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Dolan, seconded by Dawn Moore, to nominate Mark Ward for 1st Vice President. Motion carried

Election results: Darrell Mead - 7 and Mark Ward - 8
Mark Ward has been elected 1st Vice President of MHC for 2007.

Election of 2nd Vice President -

Motion by Sue McDonough, seconded by Miriam Tschida, to nominate Darrell Mead for 2nd Vice President. Motion carried.
Motion by Teresa Hanson, seconded by Dawn Moore, to nominate Tracy Turner for 2nd Vice President. Motion carried
Election results: Darrell Mead - 11 and Tracy Turner - 4
Darrell Mead has been elected 2nd Vice President of MHC for 2007.

Election of Treasurer -

Motion by Marian Robinson, seconded by Miriam Tschida, to nominate Tim Bonham for Treasurer. Motion carried
Tim Bonham has been elected as Treasurer of MHC for 2007.

Election of Secretary -

Motion by Darrell Mead, seconded by Tim Bonham, to nominate Trina Joyce for Secretary. Trina Joyce declined to run.

Motion by Dan Dolan, seconded by Sue McDonough, to nominate Dawn Moore for Secretary. Motion carried.

Dawn Moore has been elected as Secretary of MHC for 2007.

B. Travel Reimbursement Procedure - Tom Tweeten

Motion by Tim Bonham, seconded by Glen Eaton to approve procedure. Discussion followed. Motion by Miriam Tschida, seconded by Dawn Moore, to amend the motion to include the following change - delete the line under IV. Duties, C, No reimbursement of travel expense will be made for trips less than 50 miles round trip. Replace it with; Reimbursement requests should be filed a minimum of quarterly. Amended motion not carried. Motion by Miriam Tschida, seconded by Dawn Moore, seconded amended motion to have the following sentence to replace the one deleted - Mileage reimbursement requests will be submitted once a quarter. Motion carried. Motion by Teresa Hanson, seconded by Tom Tweeten, to eliminate Aisle of Breeds from the instructions of non-reimbursable expenses. Motion carried. The motion to approve has been carried as amended.

C. Membership Procedure - Dawn Moore

Tabled until June meeting.

D. Nominations & Voting Committee Procedures

Tabled until June meeting.

E. Audits - Tim Bonham

Treasury/Bylaws/Procedures - No report

VIII. Committee Reports

A. EXPO - Glen Eaton

The Minnesota Horse Expo Directors and Staff feel this was the best Expos and the best attended Expo of all Minnesota Horse Expos. Something of a higher power must have decided that the Minnesota Horse Expo '07 should have great weather after the bad weather in '06. We had great clinicians, over 400 horses (including demo horses), about 800 vendor booths for the 2007 Expo. The rooms for the clinicians were overflowing with standing room only. Vendors were very busy with sales (no one really complaining) and all of the demonstrations were well attended. Everything seemed to be on time in the Coliseum and the Judging Arena. The rodeo was again well attended. All in all

with the large crowds and the area that we now cover, the Expo ran very smooth without many hitches. The bottom line on attendance and revenue will be available shortly and will be reported at the next meeting. As President at this time, I want to thank the Directors and Staff of the Minnesota Horse Expo, Volunteers, and those of the Minnesota Horse Council that helped put on this event. I also want to thank the Staff of the Minnesota State Fair and the State Fair Police Force.

At this time I want to recommend the following as Directors for the 2008 Minnesota Horse Expo to be held April 25, 26 and 27th. They are: Darrell Mead, Glen Eaton, Missie Schwartz, Dan Dolan, Tom Tweeten, Tracy Turner, Linda Dahl, Brenda Miller, Del Bauernfeind, Maggie Kuusisto and Jennifer Buskey. The Board of Directors for the Minnesota Horse Expo was accepted unanimously by the MHC Board.

The Minnesota Horse Expo Treasurer and President for the 2008 Minnesota Horse Expo will be elected at this time.

Motion by Glen Eaton, seconded by Tim Bonham, to nominate Brenda Miller for Expo Treasurer 2008. Motion carried. (Unanimous)

Motion by Darrell Mead, seconded by Tom Tweeten, to nominate Glen Eaton for Expo President 2008. Motion carried. (Unanimous)

Aisle of Breeds Report

The planning of the Aisle of Breeds has started and some have already stated they want to bring their horses. More at the next meeting.

B. Direct Funding - No report.

C. Promotions - Teresa Hanson

Feedback regarding MHC Booth - cabinet in booth (too crowded), clothing rack disappeared, \$500 in merchandise sold, trail pass holders were a big success

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. American Horse Council

Meeting to be held in DC, June 17-19 (Sun, Mon, & Tue)
Motion by Tom Tweeten, seconded by Tracy Turner, to approve a donation of \$250 to the American Horse Council. Motion carried. Dan Dolan and Glen Eaton to attend the American Horse Council meeting.

B. State Horse Council Meeting

Before the meeting we need to meet with senators and candidates and get on their calendar. Dan Dolan and Tom Tweeten will get together to discuss.

C. Committee Chairs - Dan Dolan

Please email Dan Dolan (danandjandolan@comcast.net) if you have an interest in being a chairperson.

D. Miscellaneous

It was suggested that we consider having a Volunteer of the Year award again.

X. ADJOURN

Next meeting: June 12, 2007, 6:30 p.m.
Maple Grove Community Center

New Federal Legislation Affects Several Aspects of the Horse Industry

American Horse Council Press Release

June 2007

WASHINGTON, DC - It's been a busy spring in Washington and the American Horse Council (AHC) offices. Federal representatives introduced nine new bills in Congress affecting the horse industry in one short month between the end of April and the end of May.

The new legislation includes bills concerning immigration in the House and Senate, two bills regarding Internet gambling in the House, a bill regarding a change to the tax code for horse owners in the Senate, insurance protection for recreational riders and federal legislation on animal identification.

"The issues dealt with in these bills touches anyone involved with horses," said Jay Hickey, AHC president. "There are several bills pertinent to the racing industry and a very important bill concerning recreational riders. And immigration is a hot issue in Washington right now and affects any business in the industry that utilizes immigrant and guest workers.

"Some of these bills are similar or identical to bills that were introduced in the last Congress," continued Hickey. "But others are new and it is important for anyone concerned with the horse industry to stay educated on legislation that could affect them."

Do not forget that you can learn more about new bills and keep up to date on any pending federal legislation and regulations by visiting the AHC Web site at

www.horsecouncil.org



Kelsey Baker

Kelsey Baker, a 2006 Minnesota Horse Council scholarship winner, was featured in the July/August 2007 issue of *American Cowboy* magazine.

Kelsey is a senior at South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. After graduating with a double major in agricultural journalism and ag business, she is planning to pursue a master's degree at SDSU.

The article describes her activities with high school rodeo and the SDSU rodeo team. She also plays goalie for the SDSU women's hockey team. Kelsey was also instrumental in helping her mother, Sharon Baker, develop and launch the family business, EquiMedic USA (www.equimed.com), which makes first-aid kits for horses.



RaeDell Robbins Benefit Account

RaeDell Robbins, Minnesota Horse Council's 2005 Horseperson of the Year, has been battling cancer for several years. Although she bravely continues the fight, cancer has spread to her liver. Her cancer is considered terminal, the fight is day to day, but in

working with the doctors, the family is hoping for the best long term results. A benefit account has been set up to assist with personal and medical expenses.

Dell Robbins Benefit Account
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Best known for her outstanding work with youth, Robbins helped found the Hennepin County Hoofbeats 4-H Club. She received the "Green Blood" award for outstanding 4-H horse project leaders. She has been coach and teacher of Hennepin Hoofbeats Horse Bowl and Hippology program since 1984 when she took a team to Nationals in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. She introduced the "Equestrian of the Year" contest for over 10 years--donating a yearling to the winner the first year. The contest has six areas of competition including speaking, riding, and judging, to broaden the horizon of the horse world for youth. Another venture she started is "You Can Ride Too." The program gives the horseless beginner kids the opportunity to ride by matching them with a 4-H mentor for a series of lessons in the summer. She introduced the "Horse Dancing Show" which is growing in interest. For several years she has been responsible for many of the club's horse camping weekends including introducing Trail Trials. She has arranged leases for young riders who did not have horses of their own.

Robbins, who earned her first degree in Communications, went on to study at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. There she received her degree in Equine Management. She taught riding and trained with such well known horsemen as Pat Jensen (Pat Jensen School of Horsemanship) and Ernie Wood (Westwood Stables). She also taught riding, trained and managed operations at Tri Oaks Stable in Waconia, MN. While at Tri Oaks, she worked with and helped develop Twin Hills Happy Horsemen 4-H.

Working with Mona Bonham (Bonnie-Lee Farms), she helped develop the well-known Kandi Klassic Morgan and Open Show in Willmar, MN. The show continues to grow to serve many exhibitors in diverse events.



APRIL 25♦26♦27

2007 UPCOMING EVENTS

View www.mnhorsecouncil.org for additional events

Minnesota Horse Council Board Meetings

Maple Grove Community Center ♦ 6:30 pm
12951 Weaver Lake Road ♦ Maple Grove
Located at the intersection of Weaver Lake Road
and Pineview Lane, ½ mile east of I94 on the
Weaver Lake Road exit.

February 13	June 12	October 9
March 13	July 10	November 13
April 10	August - No meeting	December 11
May 8	September 11	
January 19, 2008 - Annual Meeting - Northland Inn		

Minnesota Horse Expo Board Meetings

Pearson's Resturant ♦ 6:30 pm
3808 W. 50th St. ♦ Edina

If you wish to order dinner, please be there by 6:00 pm.

January 30	May 22	September 25
February 27	June 26	October 30
March 27	July 31	November 27
April 17	August - No meeting	December 18

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April	3/15/07	October	9/13/07
May	4/12/07	November	10/11/07
June	5/10/07	December/January	11/15/07

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- Individual - \$15
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- Certified Stable -
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