



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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Minnesota Horse Council Offers Scholarships, Grants, Direct Funding & Awards

The Minnesota Horse Council announces several funding programs available this year. These are made possible by the success of the Minnesota Horse Expo.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The 26th annual MHC/Tony Gasser Memorial Scholarships are offered for both high school seniors and undergrads, and for grad students (considered separately), to be used toward education that would further the applicant's career in and contributions to the horse industry in Minnesota. Applications are due by November 1st. At least ten \$2,000 scholarships will be presented at the MHC annual meeting next January. For more info, contact Trina Joyce at 612-729-7798 or TrinaJoyce@earthlink.net for questions.

GRANTS

A maximum of \$7,000 is given to Minnesota charitable/non-profit equine-related organizations as 'seed money' to inspire new projects or capital improvements, or for expansions of existing projects or services. Applications are due by October 1st. Grants are presented at the MHC annual meeting next January. Funds will be paid out as your project progresses. Contact Tim Bonham at 612-721-1007 or T-Bonham@scc.net for info.

DIRECT FUNDING

The Minnesota Horse Council offers direct funding assistance (up to \$500) to any non-profit horse related organization that develops or organizes any public clinic, program activity, or publication that advances the goals of the Minnesota Horse Council. Applications accepted at any time during the year, responses generally within 30 days. Contact Mark Ward at 651-436-6557, or MarkWard@windyridgeranch.com.

HORSEPERSON OF THE YEAR

Each year, MHC honors someone as the "Minnesota Horseperson of the Year," and places his or her photo in the Horseman's Hall of Fame at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. The Council is seeking nominations of people for this award. This person should be an outstanding person in the horse industry -- someone who stands above the rest for long-term contributions to many areas of equine activity. Nominations are accepted all year, but must be received by November 1st to be considered this year. The person selected will be announced at the MHC annual meeting next January. Contact: Dawn Moore, dmoore834@comcast.net, 952-949-6659 with any questions.

PIONEER AWARD

This award is given to a deceased person who was a Minnesota horse pioneer--someone who led others to horses. Nominations are due by March 1st each year. Contact: Dawn Moore, dmoore834@comcast.net, 952-949-6659.

Further info about any of these programs, including application info, is available from:

- the Minnesota Horse Council web page at www.MnHorseCouncil.org
- by writing to Minnesota Horse Council, P.O. Box 223, Plato, MN 55370-0223

AISLE OF BREEDS AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR



Submitted by Tom Tweeten

This year's Aisle of Breeds has expanded to both sides of the center aisle in the main horse barn. It continues to be a welcome attraction to fair visitors passing through the livestock barns. This year our Promotions Committee is passing out buttons saying "I visited the Horse Barn!"

Unwanted Horse Coalition's Operation Gelding Program Closes Out Summer with Four Clinics



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The Unwanted Horse Coalition's (UHC) Operation Gelding program completed its summer schedule with four clinics between May and July. The Minnesota Horse Council, Patterson Animal Hospital, Connecticut Draft Horse Rescue, and Blaze's Tribute Equine

Rescue all hosted successful Operation Gelding clinics, castrating 66 stallions between the four organizations. The UHC's Operation Gelding program has aided in the gelding of 489 stallions to date.

The program, which was first launched in late August 2010, is designed to offer funding assistance to organizations, associations, and events that wish to conduct a public gelding clinic under the name and guidelines of Operation Gelding. An organization that has completed an Operation Gelding clinic will receive funding of \$50 per horse, \$1,000 maximum, to aid in the costs associated with the clinic.

On May 5th, Dr. Yalonda Burton of Patterson Animal Hospital in Stillwell, OK, was able to perform 18 gelding procedures at her veterinary clinic. This clinic marks Dr. Burton's second time hosting an Operation Gelding clinic with the help of the UHC.

"We were able to castrate 18 equines with the help of the UHC, two mules and sixteen horses. We had student volunteers from Oklahoma State University student chapter of AAEP as well as a veterinarian from Goldsby, OK come to participate in this event. It was a great day and we all felt like we made an impact on our community. We were able to castrate some horses that may not have been castrated otherwise. Although hot and tired at the end of the day, we felt as if we became part of the solution to unwanted horses. It was a wonderful opportunity to bond with some individuals from the horse world and people with similar goals for the horse industry. We appreciate all that the UHC has done to support this effort and realize that without their support, none of this would be possible. Thank you for the opportunity to participate," said Dr. Burton.

"The Minnesota Horse Council (MHC) with the Minnesota Horse Welfare Coalition (MHWC) castrated 22 horses with the help of six local equine veterinarians and five veterinarians and 22 students from the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine," said Dr. Tracy Turner, President of the Minnesota

Horse Council. "The clinic was held on May 19th at the Isanti Fairgrounds. This was the fourth clinic sponsored by the MHC and MHWC, which to date has castrated nearly 90 equids."

The Connecticut Draft Horse Rescue hosted an Operation Gelding clinic in June in East Hampton Connecticut along with the help of Dr. Stacey Golub.

Natalee Cross of Blaze's Tribute Equine Rescue, located in Jones, OK, conducted her first Operation Gelding clinic at the end of July. "The clinic went great!" said Cross, "We had a very successful day. We castrated 14 horses!" Ms. Cross was pleased with the outcome of their first clinic and looks forward to putting together more clinics for the horses and horse owners in her area in the future.

Ericka Caslin, UHC Director, said, "With the 2-year anniversary of Operation Gelding coming up at the end of the summer, we are really pleased with the success of the program thus far. It is very encouraging to see the amount of interest and participation in the program. Participating organizations have helped hundreds of horses and horse owners in need and have done a wonderful job working together to help with the issue of unwanted horses. We look forward to organizing additional clinics for the fall."

The UHC continues to seek public support, via tax-deductible donations, to extend the program year round. Each generous donation of \$50 goes entirely toward funding the gelding of a stallion.

Upcoming Operation Gelding clinics will be held in the fall in Michigan, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.

For more information about Operation Gelding, how to conduct a clinic, the schedule and location of Operation Gelding clinics, or how you can help continue this program, please contact Ericka Caslin, UHC director, at ecaslin@horsecouncil.org or 202-296-4031.





Thank You for MHC Grant

Two Rivers Pony Club
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On behalf of Two Rivers Pony Club (TRPC), I would like to thank you again for the generous grant from your organization to support our July 7th Show Jumping Rally. The grant made it possible for us to host the only regional rally for Pony Club in Wisconsin and Minnesota this year. I have provided a brief description of the rally and of our organization below.

US Pony Club teaches children how to ride-whether it's show jumping, dressage, polocrosse, vaulting, or eventing. But equally important is teaching children to work together and to care for the wonderful animals they ride. In pony club language, this is called "horse management." Every rally is comprised of a discipline specific activity like show jumping and a horse management program.

The show jumping rally was a great learning experience for our pony clubbers, aged 7 to 19. They had an opportunity to show off their jumping skills, develop leadership qualities, and get hands-on learning in horsemanship from peers and highly skilled adults. The field this year was six teams of varying ages and abilities riding green horses and seasoned ponies.

The competition began with a jog-out to establish the soundness of each mount. Then ponies and riders went through turnout inspections where riders were given an opportunity to demonstrate their horsemanship and scored according to their level of experience. Each rider rode three jumping rounds which were judged according to time and knock-downs. Later in the afternoon, the riders were given a chance to ride some even more challenging courses for fun and prizes. Because horse management is an integral part of Pony Club, the riders were also scored on how well they cared for their mounts after jumping. Finally, the day ended with the award ceremony. The competitors received ribbons and trophies for show jumping and horse management.

What makes a successful rally? Rallies are hosted by local clubs like ours, Two Rivers. Most pony clubs are less than 15 members, and TRPC is only 9 active members. Obviously, putting on a regional rally can be quite a challenge in terms of manpower as well as financially. The grant provided by MHC was critical to the success of our undertaking. Children enjoying the day on horseback, judges who are impressed with the teamwork amongst the competitors, a little sunshine, and falling fast asleep in the backseat of the truck on the way home. That's a pony club rally. Thank you again

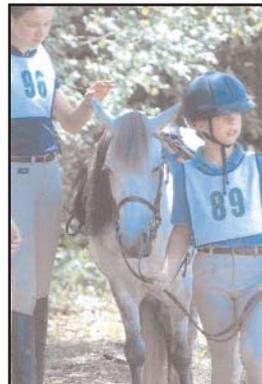
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P.S. Our favorite comment was from an 9-year-old boy who was competing in his first show - "My horse had the best time!"

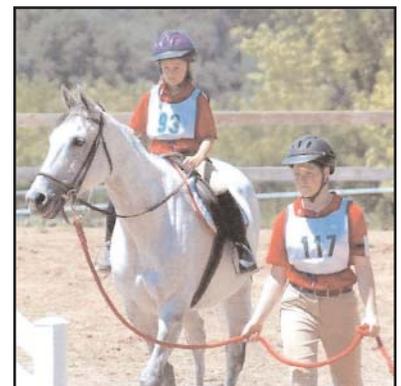
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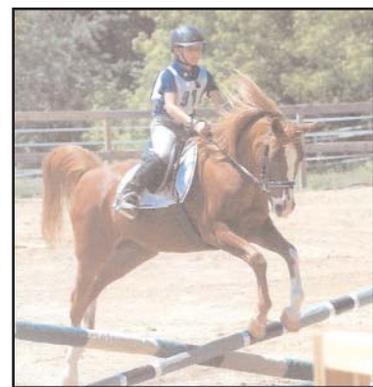
Trailers and Teams Ready to Go!



Waiting to compete and going through the safety check



Leadline Class



Equitation Class



Waiting for Ribbon Ceremony

Hoof Abscesses

By Felice Cuomo, DVM, U of M Class of 2012

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Abscesses occur when bacteria get trapped inside the hoof. Trauma to the hoof sole from sharp objects such as nails, screws, and glass may carry bacteria and debris into the hoof from the outside environment. A horse-shoe nail that is inside the white line (the junction of the hoof wall and sole), may also provide a route for bacteria to enter. Bacteria can also enter the deeper structures of the hoof when the hoof quality is poor and unable to protect the tissues properly. Poor hoof quality may be genetic or environmental. With wet winter and spring weather and in wet dirty stalls, the hoof wall can soften, permitting bacteria to migrate through the gaps in the white line. Very dry conditions, or alternating wet/dry weather, leads to brittle feet that are more likely to develop hoof cracks. Finally, poor hoof care resulting in long flared toes or crushed heels weakens the integrity of the white line and increases the risk of hoof abscesses.

Most often with hoof abscesses, the horse becomes severely lame overnight. The hoof is like a fingernail in that there isn't much room for swelling; when pressure builds up it causes an extreme amount of pain and results in severe lameness. It is not uncommon for the owner to be worried about a fracture due to the degree of pain/lameness.

Owners will likely not find any external wounds or swelling. If a nail or other object is seen in the hoof, resist the temptation to remove it and call your veterinarian immediately. The site and angle the object enters the foot will be important information for a veterinarian. Severe abscesses can lead to swelling and infection that extends up the leg. Owners may notice swelling and inflammation of the pastern (cellulitis), or swollen heel bulbs and coronary band. Often the hoof wall is warmer than usual and the pulses in the pastern region are more readily felt.

A veterinarian will take a thorough history, and perform a lameness exam to ensure there are no fractures or other injuries. Hoof testers are used pinch parts of the foot, trying to elicit a localizing pain response. Sometimes, a crack or track can be identified after the hoof is cleaned and the old sole is scraped away. If a suspect area is found, a paring knife can be used to encourage the infection to drain. Some horses will need analgesics or local nerve blocks for this procedure. If no draining tract can be found, radiographs may be performed to look for gas (produced by the bacteria) within the hoof, as well as ruling out other potential causes for lameness.

Horses with a mild infection can return to work in less than a week. Deep infections can take several weeks to heal and can lead to laminitis if not well-controlled. Call a veterinarian if:

- ◆ The drainage continues after 48 hours or increases after that time
- ◆ The horse remains painful or needs analgesics for more than 1-2 days
- ◆ The horse loses its appetite
- ◆ The horse shifts his weight frequently, rests his good leg or lies down more than usual
- ◆ Tissue (proud flesh) grows out of the drainage hole



Half-Day Equine Session 2012 MN Nutrition Conference

Owatonna, MN ♦ September 19, 2012

Dr. Frank Andrews from LSU will discuss "Optimizing Equine Gut Health" followed by Rebecca Watson who will present "Role of Probiotics and Interaction with Other Additives." The session will finish with an industry round table, including representatives from Nutrena, ADM, Purina, Hubbard Fees, and Zinpro, who will address "Using Pre- and Probiotics and other Elements to Improve Gut Health in Equine Feeds." The program is designed for equine professionals, veterinarians, and horse owners and barn managers seeking advanced information on equine nutrition.

For more information and to register, visit <http://www.ansci.umn.edu/mnc.html>.

Maximizing Pasture Productivity

People are currently enrolling for the Equine Pasture Management Program. Participants receive two farm visits from University staff, soil analysis and fertility recommendations, forage quality analysis (if possible) and plant species identification, an overall facilities assessment, manure management recommendations, and a customized pasture and grazing management plan. The cost is \$650 and is limited to 40 horse farms in central and eastern MN and western WI. For additional information, contact Dr. Krishona Martinson at krishona@umn.edu or 612-625-6776.

To register for the program, visit: www.regonline.com/EquinePastureManage

Mealy (or Pangaré) Coat Color

The University of Minnesota Equine Genetics and Genomics Laboratory is investigating the genetic basis of the mealy (or pangaré) coat color. This color trait causes lightening of the main body color around the flanks, behind the elbow, around the muzzle, and sometimes around the eye. The mealy color variation is common in Norwegian Fjords, Halflingers, donkeys, and Belgians. Researchers are looking for horses (all breed types) with and without the mealy coat color, and are especially interested in Norwegian Fjords, Halflingers, donkeys, and Belgians both with and without the mealy coat color. Horse owners interested in helping with this research are asked to contact Dr. Jessica Petersen at jpgeters@umn.edu



House Passes Livestock Disaster Bill

On August 2, the House passed the Agricultural Disaster Assistance Act of 2012. The bill would provide assistance to livestock producers impacted by the drought conditions affecting much of the country, including horse breeding farms and ranches. The bill must now be approved by the Senate.

The bill would reauthorize several disaster aid programs for livestock producers that expired last year; the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), the Livestock Forage Program (LFP), and the Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP). These programs are administered by the USDA Farm Service Administration and compensation livestock producers for the loss of animals from natural disasters and help producers who have lost grazing land from drought pay for feed.

Farms and ranches that breed, raise, and sell horses as a business and are in declared disaster areas would be eligible for these programs. Horses kept exclusively for racing, showing or recreation would not qualify.

Both the House and Senate have now left for the August "recess." It is unclear when or whether the Senate will take action on this bill. The larger five year Farm Bill currently working its way through Congress would also reauthorize these programs, however Congress has been unable to reach an agreement on that bill.

If you have any questions please contact the AHC.

AHC Comments on Proposed Changes under the Animal Welfare Act

The American Horse Council has submitted comments to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in response to the Agency's proposal to revise the definition of a "retail pet store" under the Animal Welfare Act. The AHC comments noted the proposed changes should not affect the horse industry since horses in general are specifically excluded from the application of the Act.

The Animal Welfare Act was enacted in 1966 and has been amended several times. Among other actions, the 1970 amendments broadened the definition of "animals" regulated by the Act, but specifically excluded "horses not used for research purposes," in effect exempting all other horses and all other parts of the horse industry from the Act. The AHC pointed out that the Act and all applicable regulations apply only to horses used for research purposes.

The AHC submitted comments in an effort to avoid any possible confusion in the writing, interpretation, or implementation of the proposed rule changes with respect to their application to the horse industry and to ensure USDA does not mistakenly apply the rules to horses in general or attempt to include horse breeders, horse sales, or horse events within the proposed changes.

The AHC did not comment on any specific changes in the rule proposal because the Animal Welfare Act applies only to horses used for research purposes. The AHC's comments were submitted out of an abundance of caution to ensure USDA considers the limited application of the Act as it applies to horses with respect to this rule proposal and any other possible changes in the future.

The complete AHC comments can be found at: www.horsecouncil.org/sites/default/files/AHC%20Comments%20%28Doc%20No%20APHIS-2011-0003%29_0.pdf.

Ask the Expert: Cooling a Hot Horse

By: Carey Williams, PhD, Rutgers University

Question: When cooling a hot horse after exercise, many people simply spray the horse all over with water and do not scrape away the excess. Does it really offer a benefit to spray the entire body as opposed to just the legs and belly?

Response: Spraying water on a hot horse to cool it off promotes convection cooling and assists the horse in lowering its core temperature. The reason you spray the legs and belly is because the blood vessels are closer to the skin in those locations and it promotes faster cooling of the horse's core temperature by carrying the cooler blood to the heart.

Another important part of cooling out horses is evaporation. After the horse has been sprayed off, it is very important to scrape the water off, because once the horse is sprayed, the water absorbs the horse's heat and becomes warm. In order for

evaporation to occur effectively, this warm water must be removed. This process can be repeated until the horse's temperature comes down (i.e. spray, scrape, spray, scrape.). If the water is not scraped off, it could act as an insulating layer, and actually make the horse hotter than when you started.

In extreme circumstances, ice can be added to water buckets to increase the speed of cooling the core temperature. It is commonly thought that ice will be a shock to the horse's system and could cause tying-up (muscle cramping); however, with extreme heat and internal body temperatures, this is not the case.

If a horse is prone to tying up, it may be recommended to not directly apply the ice to the large gluteal muscles in the hind end, but focus on those key areas where the blood vessels are more superficial.

AHC Presents 2012 Van Ness Award to Kentucky's Madelyn Millard

Each year, the American Horse Council presents the Van Ness Award to a person who has shown leadership and service to the horse community in her state. It is awarded in memory of Mrs. Marjorie Van Ness, one of the founders of the New Jersey Horse Council and the AHC's Coalition of State Horse Councils. This year's award was presented to Madelyn Millard of Lexington, KY for her great service to the horse community in Kentucky and nationwide.

"As president of the Kentucky Horse Council (KHC), Ms. Millard has made her state council effective and critical to the industry's health and involved at the state and national level," said AHC president Jay Hickey in presenting the award at the recent AHC annual meeting. "During her tenure as president, Madelyn guided the KHC board and staff to develop novel programs in such diverse areas as horse welfare, equine professional education, youth support and recognition, trail protection, and legislative involvement and communications."

One of Ms. Millard's major goals was to educate both the general public and Kentucky elected officials that the term "horse industry" not only applies to big racing and breeding operations in Kentucky, but to all breeds and all activities. She helped to create programs that emphasized that horse farms, whether commercial or recreational, play a large part in the agricultural life of Kentucky. Other noteworthy programs she helped create are: Save Our Horses, which funds programs helping unwanted horses; Gelding and Euthanasia Clinics, which supplemented funding for horse owners' whose incomes did not allow them to pay for these services; and an Equine Disaster Relief Fund to assist horse owners nationwide if they are victims of floods, tornadoes, or other natural disasters. "These are all great programs and models for other states to follow," said Hickey.

Ms. Millard also had the vision to recognize that the Kentucky Horse Council was not just a state organization, but also an



important participant in the national industry through equine connections and partnerships. She believes it is critical to be involved with the equine industry at the national level and has been active in the Coalition of State Horse Councils, first serving as vice chair in 2010-11 and then being elected Chair in 2012 at the AHC's Annual Meeting.

"I am honored to have been chosen as the recipient of the Van Ness award. However, without the support of a great Kentucky Board of Directors and a truly outstanding Executive Director I would not be accepting this award today. They shared my vision and supported the creation of so many new programs and I share this award with them," said Millard.

Ms. Millard currently manages the Equine Division of Waterwild Farm, a 530-acre family-owned farm in Lexington, Kentucky. She is responsible for 40-50 client horses, as well as twelve Waterwild-owned horses, most of which are sport/pleasure horses involved in disciplines from dressage to eventing. She personally rides gaited American Saddlebreds, an off-the-track Thoroughbred or a Morgan.

Research Update - Feed Digestibility in Aged Horses

The population of horses 20 years of age and older is rising, and little research exists exploring the differences in nutrient digestibility in aged horses versus adult horses. It is widely accepted that aged horses have a decreased ability to absorb nutrients from the diet. The objective of the experiment, conducted at Michigan State University, was to compare the digestibility of various feedstuffs in healthy adult horses in contrast to healthy, aged horses.

Eight adult (5 to 12 years) and nine aged (19 to 28 years) stock-type mares were fed. Horses were rotated through three diets: hay only, hay plus a cereal-based feed, or hay plus a fat and fiber-rich feed. Horses were housed and fed one of the three diets outdoors in a group for 3 weeks and then indoors in individual stalls for 3 weeks to record feed refusals. During week 6 of each period, a 72-hour digestibility trial was conducted in which feed intake and feces and urine were collected. The same protocol was followed for each diet.

No age by diet interaction, or differences in daily feed and hay intake were detected. No differences in fecal or urine output were noted between the horse groups. There was no effect of age on fiber, crude protein, energy and digestibility, or mineral retention.

These results indicate that under most practical feeding scenarios, it is unlikely that differences in digestive capacity are present between adult and aged horse. However, all horses utilized in this trial were healthy, and its possible that there are differences in compromised (i.e. diseased) older horses, or those with dental disorders.

Summarized by Beth Allen, University of Minnesota

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AAEP Foundation Names Recipients of More than \$220,000 in Grant Funds

Organizations and projects aimed to help horses receive thousands in support

The American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) Foundation has awarded funding to 20 equine organizations and special projects committed to improving the welfare of the horse.

In 2012, the AAEP Foundation will distribute more than \$220,000 in grants to equine organizations and projects that share the Foundation's mission to help horses through support of veterinary and horse owner education, equine research, benevolence, and the equine community. The Foundation Advisory Committee selected recipients from a group of applications and on-going projects seeking continued Foundation funding during its July 20 meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The AAEP Foundation will support initiatives including Equitarian workshops, student veterinary scholarships, initiatives to address the problem of unwanted horses, youth development in the equine community and important equine research, including The Laminitis Research Project.

Congratulations to the following recipients:

- ◆ The Race For Education/Platinum Performance/AAEP Foundation Winner's Circle Scholarships
- ◆ Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation (Equine Research)
- ◆ Morris Animal Foundation (Equine Research)
- ◆ Markel Insurance Company/AAEP Foundation Student Scholarships
- ◆ AAEP Past Presidents' Research Fellow
- ◆ Unwanted Horse Coalition and its Operation Gelding Program
- ◆ Equine Research Coordination Group
- ◆ National FFA Organization (Student Workshops)
- ◆ American Veterinary Medical Association Foundation (Congressional Science Fellowship)



- ◆ Rood and Riddle Foundation (Opportunities in Equine Practice Seminar)
- ◆ World Equine Veterinary Association (Int'l Congress)
- ◆ Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (Conference and Annual Meeting)
- ◆ American Youth Horse Council (Leadership Symposium)
- ◆ University of Kentucky Gluck Equine Research Center (9th International Conference on Equine Infectious Diseases)
- ◆ Horses and Humans Research Foundation (Research for rehabilitation for military veterans.)
- ◆ Equitarian Programs (Workshops and working equid outreach in Mexico and Costa Rica.)
- ◆ Christian Veterinary Mission (Fast Horses Seminar in Mongolia)
- ◆ Gambia Horse & Donkey Trust (Disaster Relief)
- ◆ AAEP Student Chapters (Short courses, stipends to attend the AAEP Annual Convention, chapter activity support and scholarships.)
- ◆ AAEP Foundation Laminitis Research Project

To learn more about these programs being supported by the AAEP Foundation visit www.aep.org/foundation_where_dollars_go.htm. For more information about the AAEP Foundation and its grant program, visit www.aepfoundation.org.

The AAEP Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, was created in 1994 as the charitable arm of the American Association of Equine Practitioners. The AAEP Foundation's mission is to improve the health and welfare of the horse through support of research, education, benevolence and the equine community. Since its inception, the Foundation has allocated nearly \$2.5 million to support its mission.

Research Update - Cool-Season Pasture Grasses

By Beth Allen, Krishona Martinson, and Craig Sheaffer, University of Minnesota

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Cool-season grasses are the foundation of productive pastures throughout most of the U.S., however, many grasses have not been evaluated under horse grazing in the Midwest U.S. The objective of this study, conducted at the University of Minnesota, was to evaluate forage yield and persistence of cool-season grasses under horse grazing.

Four adult horses grazed tall fescue, meadow fescue, quackgrass, smooth brome grass, meadow brome grass, reed canarygrass, perennial ryegrass, timothy, Kentucky bluegrass, creeping foxtail, and orchardgrass. Horses grazed each month from May to October in 2010 and May to September in 2011.

Orchardgrass, meadow fescue, Kentucky bluegrass and tall fescue were the most persistent grasses with more than or equal to 78% ground cover, while timothy, reed canarygrass, smooth brome grass, and creeping foxtail were less persistent, with less than or equal to 24% ground cover.

Orchardgrass produced the highest yields while creeping foxtail, smooth brome grass, and timothy produced the lowest yield. The majority of yield for most grasses occurred during summer, with summer months contributing 32 to 74% of the total yield.

Kentucky bluegrass, timothy, and meadow fescue were the most preferred grasses with most postgrazing forage removals greater than 60%, while meadow brome grass, creeping foxtail, reed canarygrass, and orchardgrass were less preferred with most post-grazing forage removals less than 50%.

To maximize forage use, grasses with similar preferences that persist well under horse grazing should be planted in horse pastures. A mixture that results in uniform grazing should maximize forage use and minimize pasture maintenance and associated expenses. To accomplish this, planting mixtures of Kentucky bluegrass, orchardgrass, and tall and meadow fescue in well-grained soils should achieve a balance of forage persistence, horse preference, and maximum yield in Midwest U.S. horse pastures.

FEI President Celebrates London 2012 Clean Olympic Games in Equestrian Sports

FEI President HRH Princess Haya is proud to announce that London 2012 was a clean Games for equestrian sport, following confirmation that all human and equine samples taken during the Olympic equestrian events at Greenwich Park were negative.

“The FEI had a really steep mountain to climb after Athens and Hong Kong, but we had a clean Youth Olympic Games, a clean FEI World Equestrian Games and now we’ve crowned it with a clean Olympic Games in London,” Princess Haya said. “We knew that fair play and clean sport was the only way to produce top sport in the Olympic equestrian events and we are very proud that we have achieved that goal.

“The fact that all human and equine samples came back negative demonstrates the success of the FEI Clean Sport campaign, which has resulted in a major reduction in the number of positives in the Olympic disciplines over the past two and a half years.

“We had a rigorous and comprehensive testing program in place. These were the most tested Games ever and we also tested for more substances than ever before. We worked hand in hand with the Horseracing Forensic Laboratory in Newmarket and thank them for the speed with which they processed all the Olympic samples so that we could maintain a level playing field throughout the Games.

“The equestrian community shouldn’t be thinking of this as a triumph; having a clean sport should be our normal day-to-day business, but now that we’ve had three major championships that were the most heavily tested ever and they were 100% clean, we can hold our heads up high and say that yes, this is a victory. We haven’t reached this point by resting on our laurels, there’s always work to be done and I am incredibly proud of the FEI’s performance over the four years since Hong Kong.

“This has been a real team effort, which was kick-started by the recommendations of the Clean Sport Commission headed up by Professor Arne Ljungqvist and the Stevens Commission, lead by Lord Stevens. The National Federations and the athletes and their support teams, as well as the team at FEI Headquarters have all played a major role in this success. Our community has really embraced the Clean Sport campaign.”

Professor Arne Ljungqvist, IOC Member and Vice President of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), who chaired the FEI Clean Sport Commission, congratulated the FEI. “I am very



happy to hear that the Clean Sport campaign has led to such a successful and clean Games and would like to congratulate the FEI,” he said. Professor Ljungqvist was on-site at Greenwich Park to watch the Individual Jumping Final on 8 August, the same day that IOC President Jacques Rogge attended the Olympic equestrian events.

Lord Stevens, who led the Stevens Commission that worked alongside the Clean Sport Commission, also attended the Olympic equestrian events. “To have totally clean Games at London 2012 is the best possible endorsement of the FEI’s Clean Sport campaign,” Lord Stevens said. “I wholeheartedly congratulate the FEI on this success which is due, in no small measure, to the huge amount of work that has been done on education within the equestrian community.”

Princess Haya credits the 2012 Olympic Games as the best ever for equestrian sport. “The London 2012 equestrian events were really incredible and Greenwich was a wonderful venue. We could not have wished for better sport and we now have a whole new fan base, which has to be the best legacy we could ask for. Now we have a duty to turn that fan base into new athletes so that our sport can continue to thrive and grow”, the FEI President said.

“We owe a huge debt of thanks to the whole LOCOG team, but particularly to the Equestrian Competition Manager Tim Hadaway and Venue General Manager Jeremy Edwards and their teams for all their devotion to the cause. And of course to all the wonderful volunteers. These were the best Games ever for equestrian sport.”

Notes:

- More human and equine testing took place at London 2012 than at any previous Olympic Games.
- All medallists’ horses were tested, plus all fourth-placed horses. Random testing was also carried out, with horses being picked by computerized selection.
- For human testing across the Games, all top four finishers, plus two other athletes selected at random, were tested by the IOC, along with other individuals selected at random.
- Since the launch of the free FEI Clean Sport app, there have been more than 12,500 downloads.

~ FEI Press Release August 16, 2012

2012 OLYMPICS MEDAL COUNT - EQUESTRIAN EVENTS					
RANK	COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1	Great Britain	3	1	1	5
2	Germany	2	1	1	4
3	Switzerland	1	0	0	1
4	Netherlands	0	3	1	4
5	Sweden	0	1	0	1
6	Ireland	0	0	1	1
6	Saudi Arabia	0	0	1	1
6	New Zealand	0	0	1	1

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES - June 12, 2012

Meeting Location: Nutrena Conference Room - Leatherdale Center, U of MN St Paul

Board Members Present: Darrell Mead, Missie Schwartz, Tim Bonham, Charlyn Cadwell, Glen Eaton, Trina Joyce, Jan Schatzlein, Dave Fleischhaker, Marian Robinson, Tracy Turner, Tom Tweeten, Dawn Moore, Sue McDonough, Carol Dobbelaire

Absent: Jennifer Willey, Mark Ward, Judy Jensen

Members/Visitors: Miriam McGurran, Tim Wampfler, Allison Eklund

I. Meeting called to order: 6:34 P.M. by President Tracy Turner.

II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors

III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda

1. Tracy Turner added a Promotion report to Committee Reports.
2. Tracy Turner added Castration Clinic to Old Business.

IV. Treasurer's Report for May was distributed by Tim Bonham. This report reflected the total assets of \$800,137.22 with total liabilities of \$411,494.40. Glen Eaton motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Carol Dobbelaire seconded, motion passed. Tim Bonham advised the savings account was garnering an interest of zero. Tim Bonham has closed that account and moved all monies to the checking account until a better place for it can be determined. Carol Dobbelaire motioned to add \$1300 to the Certified Stables budget from the General Fund as that committee has already used their approved budget this year. Marian Robinson seconded, motion carries.

V. Approval of Minutes - Jan Schatzlein motioned to approve the May minutes as presented. Carol Dobbelaire seconded, motion carries.

VI. Secretary's Report - Dawn Moore began a discussion on the use of the MHC Facebook page. The thought was in the case of disaster, word could be spread quickly by using this social media tool.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Promotion of the Horse Industry to the General Public - Tracy Turner led a brainstorming session on ways to promote the horse industry. It was decided an ad hoc committee shall be created to decide among the ideas which shall be pursued in the next year. Tracy Turner asked that any volunteers email him directly.

B. Castration Clinic - Tracy Turner advised a fourth clinic has been held with 22 castration procedures performed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Expo - Glen Eaton reported. Even though no figures are in we feel we had a GREAT Expo. The Clinician and Demonstration areas were very well attended and we had great comments from Speakers. The Horse Barn was overflowing with Stall requests even with the new stalls in the Agstar Arena. All Vendor booths were rented with exception of a few in the Sheep Barn. The total entries for Stall and Vendor space was the highest that it has been for years. Although we had bad weather early Saturday the people still came out. The rodeo was attended very well all three days with the Arena being completely full on Saturday night even behind the pens which is a first. The Ribbon cutting for the Agstar Arena Friday morning went without a hitch with about 250 people attending the breakfast and everything went on schedule. The wedding also went very well and was colorful with the horses around the arena. All in all we had a great Expo and I should have figures by next meeting. I want to thank everyone who helped with getting the trailer and material to and from the locker. Also all of the volunteers, Board members and Staff and especially Deb Mead, Josh, Brandon and her crew for all the wonderful food that was served. Also a thank you to the State Fair Staff.

B. Direct Funding - Mark Ward reported that since the May report, the Direct Funding Committee has voted to approve these applications:

- ♦ CSDEA - Clinic Oct. 20-21 by Sports Psychologist Dr. Jenny Susser at the U of MN Leatherdale Equine Center. \$400
- ♦ Horses Helping Humans - Event June 9 at the U of M Leatherdale Equine Center for support of Domestic Abuse Survivors. \$500
- ♦ Half Pint Horse Foundation - towards a trailer to transport miniature horses. \$500.

The committee has denied one request and is reviewing another.

June Budget Summary

\$500 paid through May treasurer's report, 2012 (Riders-in-Cahoots)
 \$3,400 outstanding liabilities (Cottonwood County 4-H, Lac qui Parle 4-H, Whips & Wheels, Two Rivers Pony Club, CSDEA, Horses Helping Humans, Half Pint Horse)
 Funds Remaining Available in 2012 Budget
 \$5,550.00 (total 2012 budget)
 -\$500.00 (grants paid)
 -\$3,400 (current 2012 liability)
 \$1600.00 remaining

C. TEEFA - Carol Dobbelaire reported TEEFA funds are available to individual horse owners who are having financial difficulties and need assistance with feed for their horses. This program is for horses in Minnesota. Rescues, boarding stables, etc. are excluded; this program is for individuals who are having difficulty providing for their horses due to the current economic situation. It is disappointing to me personally that, despite the existence of this fund, three emaciated horses were allegedly found running loose in the Rockford, MN area. I was told that they were briefly taken in by a local farmer who again turned them loose to wander. At 10:30 at night a sheriff's deputy was out trying to find the horses so they could be sheltered with the intent to send them to the MN Hooved Animal Rescue. This episode graphically points out the need for the public to know that these funds exist. Our efforts in 2012 will be toward fund-raising by outside organizations as well as promoting the existence of this fund. Committee members have been asked to get the word out into their various communities. The Minnesota Horse Council does not contribute financially to this committee. All donated funds must be used to feed horses. None of the money goes to administrative costs or office expenses. The committee depends on individual donations and fundraising efforts by groups and organizations such as 4-H, FFA, saddle clubs, etc. to raise the additional monies needed to feed hungry horses. These groups and individuals can also help get the word out that there is assistance available for horse owners facing temporary financial hardship that affects their ability to feed their horses. TEEFA will continue to assist hungry horses for as long as funds continue to be available.

D. Certified Stables - Sue McDonough advised the Certified Stable program has 73 facilities in the program with two getting inspected in the near future. The CS Program has received six requests for inspections since January 2012. The continued interest in the program speaks highly of the program and the Minnesota Horse Council as an Organization. The program lost three facilities in 2012 due to business decisions. Most were retirements. The CS Program would like to welcome our newest facilities: Shroeder Creekside Stables, North Country Haven, Rocky Run Stables, and Lake Meadows LLC. It was a pleasure to meet the owners and see their beautiful facilities. These facilities along with all facilities in the CS Program promote "Pride in Ownership" The CS Program welcomes back West Amity Stables. West Amity was gone for a few years and has now returned. The CS Committee continues to improve and promote the CS Program.

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E. Promotions - Jennifer Willey advised (report submitted electronically) the promotions committee has sponsored a hunter/jumper show and a self-esteem building clinic using therapy horses at the Leatherdale Center. If any directors know of any shows we should be sponsoring they should contact me directly. The next expo we will attend will be the Minnesota EquiFest and there may be an opportunity to attend the Red Horse Ranch Arena PRCA Rodeo. Directors should email me if they need promotional materials brought to a meeting. We have started the brainstorming and layout of the new brochure, which will be ready by 2013.

F. SHCAC - Glen Eaton submitted, the next meeting will be held at the American Horse Council meetings in Washington DC June 4 through June 27. Some talk is in place as far as Committee meetings, etc. Up for election of the State Horse Council Coalition will be the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson.

G. Aisle of Breeds - Submitted by Glen Eaton. Starting June 1st it will be full steam ahead for the Aisle of Breeds at the State Fair. New this year is that we will have both sides of the aisle going in the south door. We will be looking for help to install mostly during the week. There will be more on this later.

H. Communications - Missie Schwartz advised there was little content for the June newsletter. Missie Schwartz advised she will be requesting information from all directors for inclusion in the newsletter.

I. Inventory/ Storage - Glen Eaton, no report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative priority to change 604A.12 to apply to all activity sponsors, not just nonprofits. Tracy Turner advised this relates to the commonly known "liability signs." A petition has been started online to make this change by an independent entity. Tracy Turner requested permission from the board to post a resolution on the MHC policy stance regarding this issue on the website.

B. Cavalia - Charlyn Cadwell advised she was approached by an individual who felt she was discriminated against at the event on the basis of having a service dog. Discussion followed. Allison Eklund advised the MHC endorsement was on the basis of the care of the animals and compliance of all laws. Allison Eklund will look into the legal parameters regarding this situation and report back.

Announcements:

June 15th is the deadline for submissions for the next newsletter.

X. Tracy Turner adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM.

NEXT MEETING - July 10, 2012 ♦ 6:30 p.m.
University of MN ♦ Leatherdale Equine Center



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MEETING SCHEDULE

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www.minnesotahorsemensdirectory.org for additional events

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MEETINGS

Leatherdale Equine Center ♦ 6:30 pm
1801 Dudley Ave ♦ St. Paul
Located on the U of M St. Paul Campus

September 11, 2012	Annual Meeting	June 11, 2013
October 9, 2012	February 12, 2013	July 9, 2013
November 13, 2012	March 12, 2013	September 10, 2013
December 11, 2012	April 9, 2013	October 8, 2013
January 19, 2013 -	May 14, 2013	November 12, 2013

MINNESOTA HORSE EXPO BOARD MEETINGS

Byerly's Community Room ♦ 6:30 pm
3777 Park Center Drive ♦ St. Louis Park, MN

September 25, 2012	February 26, 2013	July 30, 2013
October 30, 2012	March 26, 2013	September 24, 2013
November 27, 2012	April 16, 2013	October 29, 2013
December 18, 2012	May 28, 2013	November 26, 2013
January 29, 2013	June 25, 2013	December 31, 2013

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