



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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TONY GASSER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 1

The Minnesota Horse Council is currently accepting applications for Tony Gasser Memorial Scholarships. Several educational scholarships of at least \$2,000 are offered each year.

Who is Eligible?

- ♦ Applicants majoring in, or planning to major in, any equine-related field of study
- ♦ High school seniors and college students
- ♦ Minnesota residents

Additional Requirements

- ♦ Three letters of recommendation (no more than one page, please) from individuals who are familiar with the applicant's equine experience and ability, leadership ability, and/or scholarship
- ♦ Proof of acceptance or enrollment from the school in which the scholarship will be used (required only after the scholarship is awarded).

General Selection Criteria

- ♦ Equine background
- ♦ Leadership capability
- ♦ Scholastic achievement
- ♦ Sense of direction in furthering education
- ♦ Financial need

Comments

- ♦ All scholarship applications and letters of recommendation should be mailed or delivered directly to the address below. Please DO NOT send your application by Priority or Express Mail.

Minnesota Horse Council Scholarship Committee
c/o Trina Joyce, Chair
3835 Standish Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55407-3028

- ♦ All application materials must be received by **November 1**
- ♦ Scholarships will be awarded at the Minnesota Horse Council annual meeting in January.
- ♦ Scholarships will be paid in the name of the recipient and the school involved.
- ♦ The names and fields of study of each scholarship recipient will be published in press releases and on the MHC website www.horses-mn.org

Information Required in Your Scholarship Application

Identifying Information

- ♦ Date of application
- ♦ Name
- ♦ School mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address (if available).
- ♦ Home mailing address and phone number
- ♦ Date of birth
- ♦ Name and address of the school you are currently attending or plan to attend
- ♦ Present educational status (i.e., high school senior, college freshman, etc.)
- ♦ To help us in distributing information and application blanks, please tell us how you found out about this scholarship.

Selection Criteria Information

- ♦ Describe your past and present involvement with horses and the horse industry.
- ♦ State your reasons for deciding to study in your chosen field, your future educational plans, and how this scholarship will help you to achieve them
- ♦ Describe your leadership experience (type of activities, offices held, etc.)
- ♦ Outline your educational history and field of study, or degree major
- ♦ Provide your grade point average for the most recent academic year
- ♦ List any other scholarships you have received previously, including the name of the scholarship, year received, and dollar value.
- ♦ List any other scholarships you are applying for this year
- ♦ Describe how you plan to finance your education.

For further information, contact Trina Joyce, Chair, MHC Scholarships Committee by phone at 612-729-7798 or
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Minnesota Horse Council News

MHC Resolution on Equine Property Tax Assessments

County Tax Assessors like to classify equine properties as *commercial* rather than *agricultural*, to collect more tax revenue. About 20 years ago, the MHC Legislative Committee persuaded the Legislature to add a specific provision to the law, stating that an equine property of 10 acres or more that raised forage for animals remained an agricultural use, even if they also did commercial boarding of horses.

Now some County Assessors are again trying to classify equine properties as *commercial*, claiming either that having a horse trainer or a riding instructor giving lessons on the property makes it *commercial* or pastures, even if seeded, fertilized, weed-sprayed, etc., do not count as forage because they are not cut and baled.

The MHC feels that Minnesota law is quite clear on this, and such land should remain classified as *agricultural* for tax assessments. At the July 2008 meeting, the MHC Board of Directors passed a resolution stating:

WHEREAS the Minnesota Horse Council (MHC) is an organization dedicated to the promotion of equestrian interests in the State of Minnesota, and

WHEREAS property taxes in Minnesota are an important and influential factor in the viability and success of equestrian business interests, and

WHEREAS MHC supports the 1990 change in Minnesota's property tax statute granting agricultural tax classification to property used for commercial horse boarding in conjunction with the raising or cultivating of agricultural products as defined by statute under Minn. Stat. § 273.13 Subd. 23, and

WHEREAS MHC is informed that some tax assessors of Minnesota counties have interpreted the commercial horse boarding statutory section to exclude from agricultural classification any property that, in addition to commercial horse boarding, also permits horse training or riding instruction as a "commercial activity" triggering commercial property tax classification, and

WHEREAS MHC is further informed that some tax assessors of Minnesota counties have interpreted the commercial horse boarding statutory section to exclude from agricultural classification any property used for commercial horse boarding in conjunction with the raising or cultivating of agricultural products, where the property's seeded hay pasture is used for forage for the boarded horses but is not mechanically harvested and sold, despite the inclusion of 'forage' as an agricultural product defined by statute;

NOW THEREFORE MHC takes the following public policy positions in furtherance of its organizational mission and purpose:

1. Agricultural tax classification supports commercial horse boarding interests in Minnesota. Commercial horse boarding is an important element of the equine industry statewide, which overall contributes almost \$1 billion to the State economy.

2. Horses are livestock requiring proper care and training both for the horses' well being and to be safe for interaction with people. Horse training and riding instruction are critical supporting elements of horse boarding businesses. Collateral equestrian activities such as horse training and riding instruction help ensure the safety of both horses and the people working with them. Statewide public policy recognizes the necessary integration of commercial horse boarding with horse training and

riding instruction, and agricultural tax classification should not be affected by the concurrent presence of commercial horse training and riding instruction with commercial horse boarding. Therefore, a commercial horse boarding property under Minn. Stat. § 273.13 Subd. 23(e)(3) that otherwise would be classified as agricultural is not transformed from agricultural to commercial classification by the concurrent presence of horse training and riding instruction.

3. Horses are generally recognized to require food that is naturally provided by grazing forage in pasture. *Forage* is a defined agricultural product under Minn. Stat. 273.13 Subd. 23(e)(1), which may be either *raised* or *cultivated* in accordance with agricultural tax classification under Subd. 23(e)(3). A pasture seeded and used as food for commercially boarded horses is *forage* that is an agricultural product 'raised' in conjunction with commercial horse boarding. Interpreting the statute to exclude such pasture from agricultural classification under the commercial horse boarding subsection would be contrary to law and public policy by imposing costly and unnecessary mechanical harvesting requirements and by limiting the ability of horse owners to feed horses in the manner Nature intended them to eat, by grazing. Therefore, seeded hay pastures, when used as forage for horses at commercial horse boarding properties otherwise eligible for agricultural tax classification, should not be disqualified from agricultural tax classification merely because the hay is not mechanically harvested.

MESSAGE FROM THE MHC PRESIDENT DAN DOLAN

I am very pleased to announce that the Minnesota Horse Council has two major technology developments underway. The first is the development of our new web site. Our current web site was developed 10 years ago and it is time to take advantage of new technologies. The second effort is the development of the Horseman's Directory. This project was started five years ago. We have had four project managers, two years of political delays and funding issues. The technical specifications were completed in May, 2006.

Mark Ward has accepted the responsibility of Program Manager. Mark has a can do attitude. He has technical knowledge and access to technical people. He has already contracted with a developer that is quite capable of completing the project. The web site will be a benefit to our members. The Horseman's Directory will benefit horse people throughout Minnesota. This tool has long been awaited and it is now time to make it happen. I encourage you to contact Mark Ward if you have input that you think would be appropriate.

**Mark your calendars now
and join us next year**



**APRIL
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AAEP Foundation Equine Disaster Relief Fund Accepting Aid for Horses

The American Association of Equine Practitioners Foundation's Equine Disaster Relief Fund is accepting aid to help horses in Louisiana and Texas. Money donated to the fund will go to credible programs and organizations that are helping with recovery and rebuilding efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike and any future disasters that may occur. Just as the Equine Disaster Relief Fund did during hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, funds will only be used to benefit the health and welfare of horses affected by disasters and to assist with emergency and disaster preparedness programs.

"The AAEP, AAEP Foundation and the equine veterinary community are saddened by the tragic loss of life and incredible destruction and flooding caused by Hurricane Ike," said Eleanor Green, DVM, DVM, Dipl. ACVIM, Dipl. ABVP, AAEP president. "We are compelled to reach out, together with our members, horse owners and industry leaders, as part of the effort to support the human and equine victims of this disaster."



The AAEP Foundation will work with agencies and veterinary members in Texas and Louisiana affected by this disaster to identify the needs of the equine community.

As an example of past assistance through this fund, following hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the AAEP Foundation's Equine Disaster Relief Fund made donations of \$25,000 each to the Louisiana and Mississippi veterinary medical associations to assist with their rescue and relief efforts. A total of \$21,000 was donated to the LVMA Equine Committee for a hay relief effort in Vermillion Parish, in partnership with the US Equestrian Federation and the LVMA

Equine Committee. Another \$5,200 assisted a hay relief effort to Louisiana, organized by the Horse Owners of Florida, and \$12,000 was used to assist with a cooperative donation of equipment for the New Orleans Police Mounted Patrol. To assist with a preparedness project, \$20,000 was donated to the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine's Disaster Response Team. This team trains emergency first responders, has a deployable field hospital for large and small animals and team members are trained and ready for large animal technical rescue.

Visit www.aepfoundation.org for more information or to download a donation form.

OR

Tax-deductible contributions can be sent to:
AAEP Foundation Equine Disaster Relief Fund
AAEP Foundation
4075 Iron Works Parkway
Lexington, Ky 40511
800-443-0177 (US Only) or 859-233-0147

The AAEP Foundation Inc., a 501(c) 3 organization, is the charitable arm of the AAEP. Founded in 1994, the AAEP Foundation Inc. is dedicated to the health and welfare of the horse. The AAEP Foundation Inc. draws on the expertise of world-renowned caregivers and researchers in identifying the needs of the equine, and is unequalled in its ability to identify the most critical health concerns facing the equine population. One hundred percent of your contribution is used for the benefit of horses and their caregivers.

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL TO HOST SHCAC FALL MEETING

The Minnesota Horse Council is hosting the 2008 State Horse Council Advisory Committee (SHCAC) meeting which will be held November 7-9, 2008 at the Mall of America Ramada Inn, Bloomington, Minnesota.

Members of state horse councils from all over the United States will be attending this meeting. This will allow members to share and discuss equine issues that are of interest nationally and that pertain to individual states. Individual sessions will be presented on Land Conservation/Protection Issues, Stable Certification Programs and Minimum Standards of Care, Horse Expos--A Look to the Future, and State Horse Councils: Who are We, Where Are We, What are We?

For more information, contact Glen Eaton at
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by e-mail at MnHorseExpo@horses-mn.org.

2009 MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

The MHC has chosen to hold the Annual meeting on the third Saturday in January each year going forward. This will help members remember the date, and allow other organizations to plan their meetings and banquets without a date conflict.

Please mark your calendars
for January 17, 2009
at the Northland Inn
in Brooklyn Park.

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL GRANTS

Special Horses for Special People 2008

Special Horses For Special People is a program for individuals with developmental and/or physical disabilities of all ages. This is our sixth year for the program in Waseca County. We are one of the programs that ADD (Advocates for Developmental Disabilities Serving Steele and Waseca Counties) serves. We are sponsored by the Waseca and Steel County Mounted Sheriff Posse members, Waseca County 4H Horse Project members, Waseca County Extension Services and many volunteers from the area.

This year we had 150 riders participate in our program. We were very excited to purchase the "Independence Saddle." This saddle was made possible because of the grant from the Minnesota Horse Council, other donations and fundraisers. What was truly great about this saddle is that any one could use it. The adaptive props can be easily removed so the saddle can be adjusted to each individual's physical need. Adaptations could be made from the use of limited support to full support. As you see in the photos below, these two individuals were thrilled to ride. The one young man has come to our program for two years and this is the first time that he was able to ride a horse. As he was finally fit in the saddle and began his journey around the arena he exclaimed with excitement "I did it!!" What a joy!

Special Horses for Special People ADD

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2008 Horse Health and Safety Clinic

The second annual Horse Health and Safety Clinic was held April 18-19, 2008. This year we decided to give away halters, ropes, grooming kits, books, and annual worming kits, along with some other miscellaneous items. We also had to plan for food, supplies, speakers, advertising, and the farm. Altogether the expenses totaled about \$1,900.00. The Minnesota Horse Council generously awarded a grant to the Watonwan County 4-H Horse Project. Attendees to the clinic received a folder which included a program, five door prize tickets, deworming schedule, schedule of 4-H activities for the year that are open to the public, helmet flyer, ulcer brochure, vaccination schedule, hoof care schedule, equine safety tips sheet, order form, and evaluation, and notes to follow Jessica Howe's presentation. The 4-H members that attended also received all of their necessary paperwork to fill out and turn in for the county fair. The clinic began with Jessica Howe presenting on infectious diseases, vaccination techniques, deworming, colic, and more. She stressed the health problems that were most common in our area. It was nice to know exactly how much risk each disease has in our specific area of Minnesota. I talked about 4-H and the different ways that people in the community could be involved in 4-H, even if they weren't enrolled. Since our horse project is very small, we rely heavily on people who are willing to lease their horses out to a 4-Her for the fair.

After a break, Mike Schultz and his apprentice, Nick Pease, talked about everyday hoof care, trimming, shoeing, different types of shoes, and much more. Horse bowl is a big part of the 4-H horse project. We split into teams of five and played a few rounds. Joleen Braaten, our former 4-H senior horse bowl coach was the moderator and scorekeeper, while Nick Pease was the judge. Although this activity seemed to amuse everyone, the youth were the most active and seemed to have the most fun. It was cool to be able to incorporate and give a little taste of what exactly we do in 4-H.

The next day the farriers trimmed horses hooves. The vet set up on the bleachers and one-by-one owners brought their horses up to be vaccinated and to get blood taken for Coggins.

The second annual Horse Health and Safety Clinic was a huge success! The weather was beautiful, the horses were well-behaved, and everyone who attended participated with enthusiasm. This clinic would not have been possible without the great deal of generosity, time, and creativity that was utilized. I want to thank all of the people who helped make this possible, and especially to the Minnesota Horse Council for funding this event. I hope that we can all continue to work together to meet new friends and learn more ways to keep our equine companions safe and healthy. Thank you.

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MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL DIRECT FUNDING



Lita Hottel Clinic

Silver Spurs 4-H Club



The Minnesota Horse Council awarded direct funding of \$500 to the Silver Spurs 4-H Club toward the expenses for the Lita Hottel clinic which was held June 26-27, 2008. The kids are still talking about what a great event it was and how we need to do more training clinics. Our overall goal for this clinic was to provide the participants an opportunity to work with their horses in a safe and constructive manner that would teach them on-going horsemanship skills that would build for a solid foundation with their horse. Some of the participants were attending a clinic for the very first time. This was an incredible learning experience for them and their parents. Other participants were more seasoned horse people that show and attend other clinics. This group was also very impressed with Lita's teaching techniques.

Lita's clinic included Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Showmanship at Halter, Trail, fun games and team building exercises, English Pleasure and English Equitation. Lita also spoke about horse safety, horse grooming and care and how to get ready for the show ring.

For many of the participants this was their first time participating in an event like this. It was an exciting opportunity for both the beginners and the more advanced riders. The kids are already talking about another event like this for next year.

We also gave out awards that the kids voted on. We had an Achievement Certificate for the following categories:

Funniest Person	Trevor Spanier
Most Encouraging	Brittney Spanier
Biggest Smile	Gracie Dobmeier
Most Determined	Neeley Zellner
Most Improved	Heidi Voight

The awards were fun and brought all the kids together on who they thought made great strides during the clinic.

Bev Riley ♦ Silver Spurs 4-H Club ♦ St. Cloud, MN

Nutritional Value of Forage After a Frost

By Paul Peterson, PhD, U of M

U of M Horse Newsletter, Vol. 4, Issue 9, September 2008

In fall, as plants mature, they lose overall nutritional value, but at a slower rate than during the summer due to cooler temperatures and shorter days.

During the fall season, grasses gradually accumulate nonstructural carbohydrates (NSC) above ground, especially in the basal part (lower stems/leaf bases) of the plant. NSC accumulation is a gradual process and is usually higher in more mature forage.

Quality of both legumes (i.e. alfalfa) and grasses begin to decline after a hard "killing" frost. Legume quality deteriorates more rapidly than grass quality because legumes will lose their leaves and grasses do not (leaves contribute significantly to the overall quality of both grasses and legumes).

Grasses often become more palatable (preferred) because of the elevated NSC values. As discussed in the "Ask the Expert" article, legumes (i.e. alfalfa) and grasses tend to have elevated NSC values (an indicator of starch and sugar levels) after a frost, and it is recommend that horse owners wait up to a week before resuming grazing after a killing frost in an effort to avoid some health problems (NSC values will eventually decrease over time). Also, forage protein, equine total digestible nutrients (TDN), and equine digestible energy decrease gradually after a hard frost. This decline is due to a combination of the forage plants leaching nutrients and continued plant respiration.

Bottom line: grass species tend to retain their nutritional value longer after a killing frost (compared to legumes), and horse owner should wait up to a week before resuming grazing after a killing frost.

Where to Get Equine Hay Tested

By Krishona Martinson PhD, U of M

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With the high price of hay, it is now more important than ever to have your hay tested, especially if you have questions regarding the quality of hay, or you have a horse with particular needs.

Hay can be analyzed or tested to determine the following: moisture, protein, minerals, energy, mold content, and more. Stearns DHIA Labs (www.stearnsdhiab.com), and Dairyland Labs (www.dairylandlabs.com), both based in Minnesota, can test hay for these qualities. Be sure to request an equine analysis and remember that the analysis is only as good as the sample you submit.

Contact the lab you choose for their recommendations on sample collection. The tests run around \$20/sample (for a basic analysis) and takes a few days to run, once the samples are received.

Equi-analytical, based in New York, (www.equi-analytical.com) can also test hay for nutritional quality as well as perform specialty tests.

Work with an equine nutritionist or your veterinarian to correctly interpret and use the results received from any lab.



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AHC Comments on Proposed Rules Regarding the ADA

The AHC submitted comments to the Department of Justice (DOJ) concerning the proposed new rules under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The DOJ is proposing several modifications to existing definitions and requirements. A number of these changes could impact trails, state parks and wilderness areas used by equestrians.

The DOJ proposed to define a “wheelchair” as “a device designed solely for use by an individual with mobility impairment for the primary purpose of locomotion in typical indoor and outdoor pedestrian areas. A wheelchair may be manually operated or power-driven.” This would include mobility scooters.

Additionally, the DOJ proposed the creation of a new category consisting of “other power-driven mobility devices” that could also be used by disabled individuals. The DOJ suggests, that such devices include “any of a large range of devices powered by batteries, fuel, or other engines—whether or not designed solely for use by individuals with mobility impairments—that are used by individuals with mobility impairments for the purpose of locomotion, including golf carts, bicycles, electronic personal assistance mobility devices (EPAMDs), or any mobility aid designed to operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes.”

The DOJ recommended commercial, state and local public accommodations, including parks, allow persons with disabilities to utilize these “other power-driven mobility devices” when possible and to develop policies to accommodate these mobility devices.

The AHC comments affirmed the equestrian community’s strong support for ensuring an enjoyable experience for disabled individuals when they visit trails and public recreation areas throughout the country and it’s commitment to working with the DOJ to achieve this goal.

The AHC noted that not only do many individuals with disabilities recognized by the ADA rely on horses to take them to areas they would not be able to reach otherwise, but that many Americans who have limited mobility due to arthritis, heart disease, lung problems, peripheral vascular disease and other medical problems rely on horses for the same purpose.

The AHC pointed out that while the DOJ focused on “other power-driven mobility devices,” it ignores the role horses currently fill in transporting disabled individuals and those with limited mobility. The DOJ also generally overlooks the fact that many trails simply cannot be negotiated by mechanical means.

The AHC asked that the DOJ recognize that many Americans with various physical impairments regularly visit trails and backcountry on horseback. Indeed, more and more such trail users with these conditions are using horses as a means of access. The horse is by far the most common and most environmentally friendly means of access to trails for physically chal-

lenged individuals.

The AHC made clear that it applauds the motivation of the DOJ in seeking to expand the options for disabled individuals by addressing greater access for “other power-driven mobility devices.” However, the AHC expressed concern that the broader definition of such devices could raise serious safety and other concerns for equestrians and other trail users. Specifically, AHC believes the proposed definition of “other power-driven mobility devices” is overly broad and could conceivably include a number of devices which could be hazardous not only to equestrians, but to pedestrians, bicyclists and even wheelchair users of recreational trails.

In particular the AHC asked the DOJ to specifically recognize horses, mules and burros as a vital means of access to trails by physically-challenged individuals and should encourage land managers to consider the role of equines when formulating plans to accommodate physically-impaired individuals. The AHC emphasized the importance of preserving existing equine access to cross country trails to maintain accessibility to physically-impaired individuals and the need for trails, trail heads for the horses, access routes, mounting blocks and ramps, picnic and camping facilities, rest rooms and stables that accommodate their special needs.

The DOJ should do this by making sure the definition for “other power-driven mobility devices,” while broad enough to permit a range of mobility devices for the disabled, limits the size and speed of such devices on trails. Speed, size and weight restrictions are absolutely necessary to ensure that any mobility devices will not imperil other trail users, the AHC noted, while access to trail systems for disabled individuals should be a top priority, it cannot come at the safety of other users.

Additionally, the AHC asked that the DOJ carefully consider the reasons Americans seek out recreational trails in its definition of and polices regarding the use of “other power-driven mobility devices.” There is no doubt that the extreme array of such devices suggested in the NPRM could fundamentally alter the experience associated with trails that are currently limited to non-motorized users or equestrians alone, this is especially true for designated wilderness areas.

The AHC informed the DOJ that it opposes any rule that would in practice open all recreational trails to a wide variety of motorized vehicles based solely on a user’s attestation of a disability. Any proposed rule must seek to strike a balance between accessibility for the disabled, safety for all users, and a realization that all mobility devices are not appropriate in all trail and recreation settings. A rule should specifically give state authorities the discretion to make determinations based on these considerations.



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Saddle Up For the Congressional Cavalry Program!

In an effort to better represent and serve the horse industry in Washington DC, the American Horse Council and the Minnesota Horse Council have organized a new grassroots effort entitled, *The Congressional Cavalry* program. Minnesota Horse Council members can participate and help to make a difference in federal legislation and regulations that affect the horse industry.

A new Congress will begin in January of 2009. If you care about the national issues that impact you and the horse community, now is the time to get involved.

Minnesota Horse Council members, including owners, breeders, veterinarians, trainers, competitors, recreational riders, service providers, and others who wish to be involved in grassroots efforts in Washington are encouraged to join the Congressional Cavalry program. The purpose of the program is to enlist individuals from all segments of the horse industry and in every Congressional district who will agree to contact their Representative/Senator or federal official when asked.

Cavalry members will be mobilized when there is a need for grassroots contacts, such as letters and phone calls. Members of the program will be put on an email or fax list so they can be contacted and activated quickly. The AHC will provide participants with whatever information is necessary. Participants will be free to do as much as they feel comfortable doing.

If you want to sign up or have any additional questions about the Congressional Cavalry program, please contact the American Horse Council at 202-296-4031 or ahc@horsecouncil.org.

Andersen Named Director of the Unwanted Horse Coalition

The American Horse Council is pleased to announce the arrival of Julia Andersen, who will serve as the Director of the Unwanted Horse Coalition.

Andersen came to the UHC with a versatile background in communications and life-long passion for horses. While receiving undergraduate degrees in Rhetoric/Communications and Fine Arts from Mount St. Mary's University, Andersen also founded the school's Equestrian team and club. She went on to earn her master's degree in Journalism from Emerson College. Andersen gained strong experience in writing, creativity and deadline management throughout her professional career in the television industry, while working in program development for the Discovery Channel and as an Associate Producer for Court TV. Most recently, Andersen worked for Maryland Life Magazine as an Account Executive.

Jay Hickey, President of the American Horse Council, said, "We are happy to have Julia join the team. She brings great enthusiasm, and an understanding of the horse industry."

"I have always found my energy in horses. Working for the Unwanted Horse Coalition on the problem of the unwanted horse is the perfect opportunity for me. I am truly lucky to find a career where I can combine my experience in communications and my knowledge of the horse industry," said Andersen.

Plan to Attend Fall Horse Owner Programs

The University of Minnesota Horse Team is offering four fall regional horse owner education programs throughout Minnesota in 2008. Each program offers research based information and knowledgeable speakers identified specifically for that region by a committee of local horse experts and enthusiasts.

Speakers for these programs include University of Minnesota faculty and staff and local veterinarians. The dates, locations and topics include:

- ◆ Saturday, October 4, in Morris at the UM-Morris Science Building. The program begins at 1:00 p.m. Topics include: Bits 101, First Aid and Emergency Management, Equine Behavior, Dentistry, Unwanted Horses Roundtable, and Lameness in the Performance Horse
- ◆ Saturday, October 18, in Bemidji at the Northwest Technical College. The program begins at 1:00 p.m. Topics include: Nutrition, Dermatology and Allergies, First Aid and Emergency Management, Unwanted Horses Roundtable, Elderly Horse Care, and Optimizing Your Hay Supply

- ◆ Saturday, October 25, in Two Harbors at Minnehaha Elementary School. The program begins at 1:00 p.m. Topics include: Optimizing Your Hay Supply, Lameness in the Performance Horse, Ask the Vet Roundtable, Nutrition, Unwanted Horses Roundtable, and First Aid and Wound Management
- ◆ Saturday, November 22, in Cambridge at Cambridge-Isanti High School. The program begins at 9:30 a.m. Topics include: Evaluating Difficult Lameness, Unwanted Horses Roundtable, Rehabilitation and Complementary Therapies, Optimizing Your Hay Supply, and Elderly Horse Care.

Participants can select three different topics at each location (two topics will be presented simultaneously). The cost to attend each program is \$15/person and includes a printed proceeding. Registration is required five days before each program and doors open 30 minutes before the program begins. The program sponsor is ADM Alliance Nutrition. Secure online registration, program agendas, and additional information is available at www.extension.umn.edu/horse.

CAREERS IN THE HORSE INDUSTRY

EXECUTIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE & MANAGERIAL

- ♦ Barn Manager (Assistant) - supervises operation of barn including machinery, health/breeding records, vet work, general maintenance, and feeding under supervision of barn manager
- ♦ Breed Association Official
- ♦ Breeding Farm Manager - owns or manages stallions and broodmares
- ♦ Collections of Library Manager - providing safe care and maintenance of all memorabilia, maintain accurate records, be able to produce effective research skills
- ♦ Executive Secretary of horse-oriented organization - supervises all activities of organization
- ♦ Farm or Ranch Manager - supervises operation of farm or ranch
- ♦ Field Secretary for horse oriented organization - under supervision of executive secretary, coordinates activities across nation; usually involves great deal of travel
- ♦ Gift Shop Manager
- ♦ Guest or Dude Ranch Office Manager
- ♦ Humane Society Official
- ♦ Lobbyist - represents organization in relation to various legislation in capital cities
- ♦ Office Manager - in charge of all records and bookkeeping, makes reservations, sends in registration information, sends and pays bills, and answers telephone
- ♦ Stable Owner/Manager - handles stabling, feeding, and other physical necessities of horses
- ♦ Turf Club Director - supervises operation of turf club
- ♦ Youth Director for horse-oriented organization - develops and coordinates youth activities (United States Pony Club)

TECHNICAN & RELATED SUPPORT

- ♦ Breeding Farm Assistant/Technician
- ♦ Condition-Book Technician - aids racing secretary in producing condition book
- ♦ Developmental Laboratory Technician - develops chemicals, feed mixtures, etc.
- ♦ Technical School Director (Farrier School)
- ♦ Veterinarian Technician - aids veterinarian in technical aspects of his/her work

PROFESSIONAL SPECIALTY OCCUPATIONS

Engineers:

- ♦ Agriculture Engineer - supervises design and bulk of stables, feeding and watering systems, sewage disposal systems, etc.
- ♦ Parks & Recreation Administrator
- ♦ Recreation Planner - assists administrator in planning trails, facilities, and programs
- ♦ Trail Engineer - designs and supervises construction of trails, trail bridges, underpasses, etc.

Architects & Surveyors:

- ♦ Architect - designs stable buildings, racetracks, horse-show arenas and stadiums, etc.

Physical Scientist:

- ♦ Animal Nutritionist - often teaches animal nutrition courses and delivers public lectures on animal nutrition; frequently performs nutrition research
- ♦ Blood Typing Specialist - aids horse identification by typing blood
- ♦ Geneticist - performs research on horse genetic problems and often advises on pedigree problems; also often teaches courses on genetics
- ♦ Horse-Feed Development Specialist - tests various kinds of feed, observes horses using feed, makes recommendations of feed production; often supervises production
- ♦ Pedigree Analyst - analyzes horse pedigrees; determines advisability of breeding mares to particular stallions

- ♦ Pedigree Researcher - does research on pedigrees required for sale catalog productions
- ♦ Racing Chemist - analyzes blood, urine, and saliva samples to determine if a horse had been illegally drugged
- ♦ Research Scientist - any aspect of equine research

Health Diagnosing/Assessment & Treatment:

- ♦ Nutritionist - often teaches animal nutrition courses, delivers public lectures on animal nutrition and frequently performs nutrition research
- ♦ Artificial Inseminator - under direction of Veterinarian, performs artificial insemination operations
- ♦ Blood Typing Specialist - aids horse identification by typing blood
- ♦ Drugging Inspector - determines if horses have been illegally drugged
- ♦ Farrier - corrective shoeing, in cooperation with vet, shoes horses to correct defects of hooves and lower legs
- ♦ Horse Show Vet - passes on questions of unsoundness of horses, at request of judge; provides emergency care of ill horses at show
- ♦ Chemist - analyzes blood, urine, and saliva samples to determine if horse has been illegally drugged
- ♦ Rehabilitation Therapist - under direction of veterinarian operates equipment to benefit injured or ill horses
- ♦ Soring Inspector - at horse shows, inspects horses to determine if they have been illegally sored

Veterinarians:

- ♦ State Vet - enforces animal health regulations in the state; recommends to legislature advisable animal health legislation
- ♦ Track Veterinarian - determines fitness of horses to enter race; supervises animal health and sanitary conditions at track
- ♦ Vet Assistant - aids vet in treatments of animals, schedules appointments, record keeping, book work and filing
- ♦ Vet Technician - aids vet in technical aspects of his work
- ♦ Veterinarian

Teaching/Instructing/Exhibitor:

- ♦ Assistant Riding Instructor - teaches equitation under supervision of head instructor; fill in when head instructor is unavailable; provides assistance to riding students who need extra attention
- ♦ Assistant Trainer - breaks and trains horses under supervision of head trainer; oversees grooming and daily care of horses
- ♦ College Instructor/University Professor of Equestrian Science - teaches riding and lectures classes, advises students, assists with departmental projects, and other administrative duties
- ♦ Exhibitor
- ♦ 4-H Instructor/Director
- ♦ Girl Scouts Equestrian Director
- ♦ Riding Instructor - teaches equitation
- ♦ Therapeutic Horsemanship Instructor - aids the handicapped in exercises that have therapeutic benefits for the rider; coordinate volunteers, and work with physical therapists
- ♦ Trainer - trains horses and supervises grooms and other subordinate personnel

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, INCLUDING CLERICAL

- ♦ Accountant - Breed Association, Insurance Company or tack retailer
- ♦ Auction Clerk - maintains records of price, buyer, and horse at auctions
- ♦ Bookkeeper - keeps track of accounts receivable and payable
- ♦ Equine Accountant Specialist
- ♦ Equine Consultant
- ♦ Equine Insurance Actuary - develops actuarial tables for horse insurance and human health insurance
- ♦ Equine Insurance Investigator - investigates insurance claims, to prevent fraud
- ♦ Equine Tax Specialist

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- ♦ Extension Horse Specialist - advises and instructs in horse questions within a horse state; serves on national committees concerned with equine activities
- ♦ Identification File Clerk - maintains files on horses at track or on show grounds
- ♦ Insurance Agent - sells life insurance on horses
- ♦ Internal Auditor for Equine Organization

COMMUNICATIONS OCCUPATIONS**Public Relations:**

- ♦ Director for Public Relations (race tracks, horse shows)
- ♦ Publicity Agent (equine events)

Radio and Television:

- ♦ Announcer - announces races or horse shows on grounds or on television or radio
- ♦ Paddock Announcer

Reporters:

- ♦ Show reporter - covers equine events for magazines or newspapers

Writers and Editors:

- ♦ Editor - has charge of editorial content of magazine
- ♦ Publication Circulation Manager
- ♦ Publisher - selects manuscripts, arranges terms with authors, printers, binders, distributors

VISUAL ARTS

- ♦ Clothing Designer - designs riding habits and other clothing and accessories
- ♦ Commercial Artist
- ♦ Course Designer
- ♦ Horse Trailer Designer
- ♦ Illustrator for Equine Publications/Manuals
- ♦ Model Horse Designer
- ♦ Photographer - takes photographs for sale or publication
- ♦ Tack & Equipment Designer

MARKETING, SALES & MANUFACTURING

- ♦ Advertising Copywriter - prepares copy for advertisements
- ♦ Advertising Sales Manager - supervises advertising salesmen
- ♦ Advertising salesperson - sells advertising for program, magazine, etc.
- ♦ Auctioneer - conducts auctions
- ♦ Award Manufacturer
- ♦ Bloodstock Agent - buys and/or sells horses for others; arranges breeding contracts, etc.
- ♦ Clothing salesperson for wholesale - sells habits and other horse related clothing to retailers
- ♦ Feed Company Representative
- ♦ Commercial Feed Manufacturer - runs factory making and distributing commercial feeds
- ♦ Director of Advertising - supervises advertising salesmen and often determines advertising policies
- ♦ Feed Salesperson - sells feed at track, horse show, or feed store
- ♦ Harness Saddle Maker - makes harnesses and allied equipment; repairs leather tack
- ♦ Horse Feed Wholesale Distributor - finds retail outlets and distributes feed
- ♦ Insurance Salesperson - sells mortality, loss of use insurance on horses, etc.
- ♦ Jockey's Agent
- ♦ Jump Equipment Manufacturer
- ♦ Leather Dealer - buys and sells leather for use in making tack, supervises tanning and other processes
- ♦ Tack Company Representative - sells tack to retailers
- ♦ Tack Salesperson (wholesale) - assists customer in selection and

purchase of clothing and equine related goods, responsible for cash register, inventory, and stocking shelves

- ♦ Marketing Director of Equestrian Program - advertises for and promotes program
- ♦ Merchandiser/Retailer - purchases and sells various equine related products

SERVICE/MISCELLANEOUS

- ♦ Equine Lawyer
- ♦ Transportation Specialist - arranges domestic and international transportation for horses, usually by air, sometimes by van
- ♦ Equine Appraiser - appraises horses for tax/insurance purposes

Racing:

- ♦ Back Stretch Jobs
- ♦ Clocker - scratch sheets - clocks morning workouts and prepares information for scratch-sheet editor
- ♦ Editor - scratch sheets - determines likely winners, and prepares scratch sheets for sale at track and elsewhere
- ♦ Exercise rider - rides race horses during morning workouts
- ♦ Groom - cares for one or more horses, under direction of owner or trainer occasionally supervises hot-walkers
- ♦ Handicapper - determines weights horses will carry in handicap races, and determines morning-line odds in all races
- ♦ Hot Walker - cools horses after racing or exercising
- ♦ Jockey - rides horses in races
- ♦ Jockey's Agent - on behalf of jockey, contracts with trainers for mounts in races
- ♦ Pony Boy/Girl - leads horses from paddock to starting gate
- ♦ Racing Commissioner - exercises control over racing within a state
- ♦ Racing Secretary - arranges races and stabling at track
- ♦ Racing Steward - controls racing activities at the track
- ♦ Starter - supervises loading of horses into starting gate
- ♦ Secretary of Racing Commissioner - serves as the executive of the racing commission and carries out the policies of the commissioners
- ♦ Trackman - leads post parade and has other administrative responsibilities

Shows/Entertainment:

- ♦ Crewman/Props - takes charge of seeing that proper properties are in the right place at the right time
- ♦ Judge - judges various horse show classes
- ♦ Jump Crewman - sets up and removes jumps in horse show arena
- ♦ Horse identifier - identifies horses in paddock before race or horse show class to be sure horse in actually the horse that is entered
- ♦ Horse Show Secretary - has charge of entries, stall assignments, and often other activities
- ♦ Horse Show Steward - represents AMHS or other organization at show; responsible for seeing that rules are enforced
- ♦ Packer/Guide - leads pack parties into recreational area, usually mountains
- ♦ Paddock Judge - supervises activities in paddock before race
- ♦ Paddock Master - calls classes to the arena, manages the entry gate
- ♦ Program Coordinator - has charge of printed program and often of scheduled arena events
- ♦ Ringmaster - assists judge(s) and show management
- ♦ Rodeo Secretary - maintains records of rodeo entries, prize money won, and points won
- ♦ Rodeo Stock Contractor - furnishes stock for rodeos and usually supervises all arena activities
- ♦ Show Manager - manages horse show and supervises other personnel
- ♦ Technical Delegate

Security:

- ♦ Identification maker - marks horses with freeze brands or lip tattoo
- ♦ Track Security
- ♦ State Director of identification Services - supervises and executes state policy on marking and identification of horses

Congress Considers New Horse Slaughter Ban

Legislation introduced in the House of Representatives July 24 would criminalize transporting U.S. horses abroad to be slaughtered for human consumption.

Since all three U.S. horse slaughter plants were shuttered in 2007, horse exports have skyrocketed. According to the Department of Agriculture, 31,453 horses had been transported to Mexico for slaughter as of Aug. 8 compared with 21,583 horses the same time last year.

The Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act, sponsored by Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, purports to put an end to such shipments by criminalizing domestic and international sale, delivery, receipt, or possession of horses for processing for human consumption. Additionally, the measure would criminalize the possession, sale, delivery, or export of horsemeat intended for human consumption.

Congress has wrestled with the controversial issue for several years. Some animal welfare groups say horse slaughter is inhumane and are supporting this new bill before the House Committee on the Judiciary in addition to the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act (H.R. 503/S. 311) which would also outlaw the practice. The Senate has yet to schedule on a vote on S. 311, and the House version is stalled in committee.

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MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Grants - applications due October 1

Grants are offered to charitable/non-profit equine-related organizations in Minnesota as "seed money" to inspire new projects, capital improvements, or expansions of existing projects or services.

Scholarships - applications due November 1

Educational scholarships are offered each year for Minnesota residents majoring in equine-related fields of study.

Pioneer Award - nominations due March 1

The Minnesota Horse Council honors worthy individuals posthumously with the Pioneer Award, and places his or her photo on a special wall in the Warner Coliseum on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds for that year. The person to be nominated should be special, someone who has contributed in the past to the horse industry in Minnesota, and who was a model for others.

Horse Person of the Year - nominations due November 1

This program was started a quarter-century ago as a way to honor some of the outstanding people in the horse industry--those who stand out from the rest for their contributions to equine activity.

For additional information, please contact the committee chairperson (see page 11) or visit www.horses-mn.org.

2008 MEETING SCHEDULE

View www.mnhorsecouncil.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

February 12	June 10	October 14
March 11	July 8	November 11
April 8	August - No meeting	December 9
May 13	September 9	
January 17, 2009 - 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 29	May 20	September 30
February 26	June 24	October 28
March 25	July 29	November 25
April 15	August - No meeting	December 30

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April	3/14/08	October	9/12/08
May	4/11/08	November	10/17/08
June	5/16/08	December	11/14/08



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- Organization - \$25
- Corporation - \$25
- Certified Stable - \$35 first year, \$25 annually

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