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# Does Julep Have One "L" Or Two?

## Hosting Your First Kentucky Derby Party Just Takes a Few Key Ingredients!

By Heather Benson

April marks the final countdown to the biggest horse racing event of the year, the Kentucky Derby. For those of us who are racing fans, these final weeks are the one time per year that everyone we know, "horsey" or not, actually wants to talk with us about our favorite subject. It is the one time per year that we actually might have a reason to read the sports page or watch ESPN news. The one time per year where we get to play host to a party devoted to our favorite sport. It is time to plan your Derby Party!

Like any other themed party, there are some "must-have's", some "nice-to-have's" and some "oh my gosh that would be cool but not this year" items. Let's start with the "must-have's":

### Kentucky Derby Party Must-Have:

#### A big TV with the Derby on it.

This seems like a duh, but some people get so caught up in planning the other details of their Derby extravaganza that they forget the 2 minutes where every single person at their party is going to want to see the television. Yeah, it's just two minutes, but a mighty important two minutes! Just make sure the TV is somewhere that has plenty of viewing space and easy access! This year the Derby will be telecast on NBC, check your local listings, but post time is about 5:30 p.m. CT.

#### HATS!

With so few times per year to wear an amazing hat (pretty much the only one unless you celebrate the anniversary of Prince William and Kate Middleton's wedding!), the Derby hat is a must do. Go classy or go crazy-just make sure your head is adorned with something!

#### Race Programs.

This doesn't mean you have to go download the whole racing program that you get at the track (though you can, just go to www.equibase.com starting the Wednesday before the race). But at least take a moment to print the list of horses for your guests. The point is to pick a favorite to root for, even if your entire handicapping analysis is "I like the number 3".

### The Nice-To-Have:

#### Mint Juleps.

And yes, it just has one "L"! This is THE cocktail of the Kentucky Derby. I am not sure exactly why, but it happens to be one of those things that even "lay" people (those non-racing fans) happen to associate with the big event. Recipes abound, but the basics are fresh mint leaves, Simple Syrup and of course, Kentucky Bourbon. Side Note: Did you know that Bourbon County in Kentucky is in the heart of the Lexington-area horse country?

#### Roses.

It's the run for the roses, after all! If you must decorate with a non-horsey theme, then use the flower of the moment. Red is the color on the winner's garland, but use what you can find to stay true to the day.

#### A way to wager.

If you and your friends are truly a sporting group, consider opening an internet wagering account and having at least a few dollars funded in it before raceday. That way you can wager at the live odds shown at the track and learn what it is to truly sweat when the photo finish sign comes up at the end!

### The Oh-My-Gosh-That-Would-Be-Cool-But-Not-Quite-This-Year

#### Must-Have:

#### Why, a horse in the Derby of course!

Could there be a better way to spend Derby Day? Imagine sitting in the owner's box, dressed in your best, rooting home a horse that you not only bet on, but you own! If you think your heart pounds when there is a \$2 win ticket on the line, can you imagine having a horse rushing towards the wire with the \$1,240,000 winner's share of the purse on the line along with racing history? Amazingly, it might not be as big of a longshot day dream as you think. The group of friends that pooled their money for a partnership on 2003 Kentucky Derby winner paid only \$7,500 each for their shot at Derby glory! And racing partnerships have won three of the last ten Derbies, including 2011's with Animal Kingdom.

Above all, the primary reason to host a Derby party is to have fun and give your friends a great introduction to one of the most exciting events in sports. There is nothing quite like the pageantry, beauty, and excitement of Kentucky Derby Day to get even the most jaded sports fan at least a little excited.

**Note: This year's Kentucky Derby is Saturday, May 4, 2013 and will be televised live on NBC.**



### BFTC Derby Baker's Dozen Update:

Last month, we introduced you to the horses that make up the BFTC "Odd Name Derby (Baker's) Dozen"...our list of horses that we kind of hope don't actually win on the first Saturday in May because we don't want their crazy names ending up in the history books. By rooting for them, we hope to use our Derby jinx that has successfully knocked out each and every horse that we have rooted for in 20 successive Derbies. And so far, it seems to be working.

For a brief moment, **Ive Struck a Nerve** was the Derby points leader by virtue of his shocking longshot win in the Risen Star Stakes. No more. He is sidelined due to a minor injury until later this year.

**Fear the Kitten** and **My Name is Michael** both took a shot at getting in the Derby starting gate in the Spiral Stakes at Turfway on March 23. Each struck out big and garnered not one of the much needed points. **Dipsy Drew** tried an allowance at Oaklawn and trailed home in 5th and **Dirty Swagg**, **Feverthefunkhouse**, **Little Jerry**, **Sir Fire Foot** and **Standup Paddle** haven't even had a workout in the last month.

One very notable exception to the above fade-outs is **Govenor Charlie's** track record breaking win in the Sunland Derby on March 23. While this win gets him enough points to get in the gate at the Derby, I'm not terribly concerned about a horse that had to go to New Mexico to get his points. I am sure he will now win by 30 lengths, but really, he has one of the better of the "bad" names!

**Shanghai Bobby**, **Frac Daddy** and **Bam-bazonki** all appear to be working towards their next start with Shanghai Bobby aimed at the March 30 Florida Derby as of this writing. Check out www.backfortyurf-club.com to keep tabs on how our boys are doing (or not doing as the case may be!).

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9:00 Versatility Ranch Horse AgStar Arena	9:00 Versatility Ranch Horse AgStar Arena	9:00-10:30 Stallion Presentations AgStar Arena
9:45 St. Paul Mounted Police Coliseum	9:15 Ken McNabb Coliseum	9:30 Ken McNabb Coliseum
10:00 Trey Young AgStar Arena	10:00 Jim Masterson AgStar Arena	10:30 Trey Young Coliseum
10:00 Dentistry Ramberg Bldg	10:00 Nutrition Ramberg Bldg	10:30 St. Paul Mounted Police AgStar Arena
10:15 Richard Shrake Coliseum	10:00 11:30 1:00 U of M Equine Center Tours	11:00 Jim Masterson AgStar Arena
11:00 Jim Masterson AgStar Arena	10:15 Trey Young Coliseum	11:00 Managing Horses in Extreme Weather DNR Bldg
11:00 Managing Drought in Pastures DNR Bldg	11:00 Richard Shrake AgStar Arena	11:00 Shoeing the Dressage Horse Cattle Barn
11:00 Principles of Hoof Balance Ramberg Bldg	11:00 Feeding the Hard/Easy Keeper DNR Bldg	11:30 Sons of the Wind Lusitanos Coliseum
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12:00 Ken McNabb AgStar Arena	11:30 Sons of the Wind Lusitanos Coliseum	12:00 Commercial Vehicle Regulations DNR Building
12:00 Dale Myler DNR Building	12:00 Parade of Breeds Coliseum	12:00 How's Your Horse Business? Cattle Barn
12:00 Vaccinations/Deworming Ramberg Bldg	12:00 Zuhrah Shrine Horse Patrol AgStar Arena	12:55 Horseperson of the Year Coliseum
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1:00 Ma'Ceo Performance Big Top Tent	1:00 Trey Young AgStar Arena	1:00 Ma'Ceo Performance Big Top Tent
1:15 Trey Young Coliseum	1:00 Commercial Vehicle Regulations DNR Building	1:20 Breed Demonstrations Coliseum
2:00 Dale Myler AgStar Arena	1:00 Introduction to Distance Riding Cattle Barn	2:00 Ken McNabb AgStar Arena
2:00 Reproduction Ramberg Bldg	1:00 Ma'Ceo Performance Big Top Tent	2:00 Richard Shrake DNR Building
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2:15 Ken McNabb Coliseum	2:00 Dale Myler AgStar Arena	3:00 PRCA Rodeo Coliseum
2:30 and 4:00 U of M Equine Center Tours	2:00 Dentistry Ramberg Bldg	3:00 Trey Young AgStar Arena
3:00 Jim Masterson AgStar Arena	2:15 Ken McNabb Coliseum	3:00 Elements of Good Horseshoeing Cattle Barn
3:00 Managing Horses in Extreme Weather DNR Bldg	3:00 Stretching Your Hay Budget DNR Building	4:00 Parade of Expo Horses Judson Avenue
3:00 Shoeing the Reining Horse Ramberg Bldg	3:00 Shoeing the Dressage Horse Ramberg Bldg	
3:15-6:00 Breed Demonstrations Coliseum	3:15-6:00 Breed Demonstrations AgStar Arena	
4:00 Vitor Silva AgStar Arena	4:00 Vitor Silva AgStar Arena	
4:00 Nutrition Ramberg Bldg	4:00 How's Your Horse Business? DNR Bldg	
4:00 Intro to Distance Riding Cattle Barn	4:00 Vaccinations/Deworming Ramberg Bldg	
5:00 Richard Shrake AgStar Arena	5:00 Ma'Ceo Performance Big Top Tent	
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6:00 Stallion Presentations AgStar Arena	6:00 Stallion Presentations AgStar Arena	
7:00 PRCA Rodeo Coliseum	7:00 PRCA Rodeo Coliseum	

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Ashley Holtie  
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Joan Hicks  
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Shawn Sodren  
Stalls 585 and 586

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Naomi Twingstrom  
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Peruvian Horses  
Gail Benson  
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Prairie Hill Morgans  
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American Quarter Horse  
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Terra Koster  
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Foundation Quarter Horse  
Sandstorm Foundation  
Quarter Horses  
Todd Waldera  
Stalls 30 and 31

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Morgan Association  
Karyl Hylle  
Stalls 9 and 10

American Quarter Horse  
Sunset Sands  
Quarter Horses  
Les Warzynski and Sarah Steuck  
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Peruvian  
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## Wendi Cox Sentenced to 60 Years in Southern Arkansas University Rodeo Horse Theft Case

By: Dixie Edington - Banner-News  
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A jury deliberated just 31 minutes before finding Wendi Cox guilty on all counts Wednesday in El Dorado. Cox was on trial for four counts theft of property over \$5,000, two counts theft of property over \$1,000, and two counts theft of property over \$25,000 in connection with the theft of five horses, a trailer and tack from the Southern Arkansas University rodeo team's stables in November 2011. She received a total of 60 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections.

The case was moved to Union County after Cox's attorney, John Stroud of Texarkana, requested and was granted a change of venue. Circuit Judge Larry Chandler presided.

The trial began March 25 with a number of witnesses testifying for the state including the defendant's two daughters, Jaci Jackson and Jade Jackson; alleged co-conspirators William "Billy" Hamilton and George Berrish III, SAU rodeo coach Rusty Hayes, and several law enforcement officials.

In his closing arguments, Deputy Prosecutor David Butler said the state had to prove that Cox was an accomplice.

"Her truck was used. She was involved in the planning of it. Billy Hamilton said Wendi gave him a diagram. Billy came and took those horses. That is an accomplice," he said.

Butler said there was no question the property was taken.

"Two people take the stand, say they did it," Butler said. "This case all comes back down to one thing: Is Wendi Cox an accomplice to what happened?"

In his remarks, Stroud pointed out there was a lot of evidence in this case, and a lot of witnesses concerning situations in Oklahoma and in Little River County.

"What we are here for today is theft of horses at SAU on Nov. 3, 2011," he said.

Stroud attacked the credibility of some witnesses, citing that prior inconsistent statements "render them void of any credibility." He said the state had engaged in "excessive overreaching action in charging this woman."

In his rebuttal, Butler said though defense counsel felt the state had been too vigorous in prosecuting this case, "based on what happened to those kids," the state should use all means "to bring those people to justice."

When the jury returned with a guilty verdict, Butler had victims (rodeo team members) Joe Bass, Kirk Mosley, Ashley Mills, Ty Lester, D.J. Dickinson, Hope Shelton, and Shaun Smith testify as to the monetary value of their loss and how it had affected them. Muffled crying was heard throughout the gallery. When Smith concluded his statement, an emotional and visibly shaken Butler told the jury, "I did not know horses before this case started. Now I know horses."

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## !!!Winners!!!

Julia Warner, Jamestown, ND knew one of the barns in last month's Valley Equestrian News was photographed near Glyndon, MN.

Orv Alvshere identified a barn from Jackson Hole, Wyoming from the March issue.

Both will receive a three-month subscription to the Valley Equestrian Newspaper!

# Charles Wilhelm: Ultimate Foundation Training from Start to Finish

## The Need for Consistency

In training a horse, on the ground or in the saddle, or having any relationship with a horse, there are major factors involved in speaking the horse's language. In other words, we must learn to communicate with the horse. Consistency in this communication is a huge factor. Consistency in the life of a horse is very important. What does consistency mean? Consistency means that we do things in the same way each time, for example, pick up a rein or put a leg on the horse. Each time we should ask and execute cues in the same way. This is being consistent.

Sometimes a friend will show us a different way of doing things. For example, to pick up a lead or ask our horse to move its hind quarters over in a different way than we usually ask. This may be good but it is not consistent with what we usually do and it may take our horse some time to become accustomed to this new cue.

Consistency may be lost when we have had a bad day or are not feeling well. If our cues are always consistent, even when we don't feel well, we

can ride in a consistent way and have a good ride. We should not let how we feel interfere with how we work with and train our horse. For example, if you have a major headache and you go out to see your horse and the horse steps into your space and you fail to correct it as you normally would, then you are being inconsistent with your training. This means you are inconsistent with your relationship with your horse and your horse will not understand and will step into your space again. When we teach a horse to respect our space, we have to maintain that relationship. There is no time that the horse will go on automatic pilot and assume what you want and make its own corrections. So, consistency is a big factor.

One thing I see is that when some riders are feeling tired, stressed or just not enthusiastic about riding that day, they are more lazy about standards. They do not initiate cues properly, or do it halfheartedly. That brings up something else that I see regularly, not following through. In other words, the owner puts a leg on the horse and the horse does not listen. Consistency says that when I put a leg on the horse, that means the horse should move, whether

it is a side pass, moving the shoulders or hips over or whatever, it should happen. The cue means something and the follow up is important to make sure the horse moves off the leg. When we don't follow through, the horse learns that he need not always listen to and obey the cue.

Sometimes the rider's attitude can interfere with the communication with the horse and the result is that we don't have such a good ride. A rider's good, positive attitude can influence the quality of the ride. Even if the horse didn't perform 100 percent, if the rider's attitude is upbeat, the ride will be a good ride. Also, if we are not in a good mood, we tend to be less forgiving if our horse does something wrong. We may become

impatient or even take our mood out on the horse. These are all things to be aware of and avoid.

If the quality of your rides varies from day to day, you need to think about all these things. Number one, what is your attitude as you approach the ride? Number two, are you consistent in the way you communicate with your horse? Number three, are you consistently following through with your cues

and getting the horse to respond to your leg pressure, rein aids or whatever cues you are using with the horse?

Another thing to consider is that horses have their bad days, too. They can be having a bad hair day, breakfast didn't set well, or whatever as they are flesh and blood as well. That is why I always have my clients warm up their horses before they come into class. We lunge or round pen each horse to

get the freshness off, get the horse thinking about working and listening to the cues, and to see if the horse is off. Knowing and understanding your horse, what is normal and what may be off is very important. Thinking about these things and doing the best we can to stay consistent will ensure that when we get into class or out on the trail, we will have a better ride.

Charles Wilhelm

# GOT CAMP GEAR?

By Ley Bouchard

Many venues and options await the horsewomen/men who wish to get away for a nature destination at any time of the year. After a long winter such as we have experienced, it helps us to recover from the winter doldrums when we plan our next excursion, with or without our horse pal.

Horse hotels come in many variations. From visitor center corrals, where you can leave your steed for a few hours while you take in local sites or overnight to a motel that has free stabling; we will talk about and provide you the information you need to make your journey fun and safe.

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free for as long as you need, free of charge.

Inside, friendly welcome center specialists like Kendra Meidinger will provide you with free maps and other materials to make your trip to Wyoming interesting and fruitful. Wyoming has many special places for horse people to enjoy year round: Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, Devils Tower, to name a few. Check out equestrian spots in WY.

If your destination is Sun Canyon Ranch in Dove Creek, Colorado, you are in for a treat. Gloria McMahon, owner and manager of this scenic spot, welcomes equestrians with or without horses. You can ride for miles in the San Juan National Forest, Delores River Canyon, four mountain ranges and more. Hunters and non-hunters alike enjoy the wildlife: desert big horn sheep,



National Park destination, a great night before you enter the Park could be in Paradise Valley at Livingston, Montana, right off Interstate 90. John and Tillie Lamey cater to horse people with a welcome mat for your critters. Pets and horses have a home away from home here. With Livingston Peak overlooking the motel, your horse will be comfortable in the free livery stable while you rest in comfortable beds, watch some cable television and enjoy a hot shower or bath. A laundry is also available if you need to get caught up; Lamey's welcome you day or night.

One of the most modern, convenient and nicest visitor centers I have seen is near Cheyenne, Wyoming. Exit off the freeway and you may catch a view of the horse herd playing and grazing on the hilltop overlooking one of Wyoming's newest visitor centers which provides a wonderful spot to learn about what Wyoming has to offer and a respite for your horses. Back your trailer into the corral they have waiting for your horses to run

elk, mule deer, mountain lions, bear, fox, many species of bird and ample fishing opportunities including fly fishing. The reservoir is stocked with salmon. Sun Canyon Ranch, just south of Grand Junction, provides many opportunities for additional places to enjoy. Sun Canyon Ranch has a horse hotel, accommodates RVs, has a lodge, cabins, and when you're not riding you may raft, kayak, hunt, mountain-bike, bird-watch and fish. Ancient Pueblo dwellings are nearby for hikers and riders to enjoy.

### Planning Your Trip

It is fun to fantasize away the cold, gray, days of winter by thinking about and planning your summertime fun! Make a checklist of the items you need for your trail riding and camping destinations. Check out the new items available that will make your trip easier, safer and more comfortable.

Andy Beland, owner of Trailhead Supply recommends the CamelBak Hydration System, "the award-winning compact solution for everyday adventures." Another must-have is the Camp Time Roll-a-Chair. Beland recommends this light-weight fold-up chair for all occasions whether on the trail or not.

Sarah Crampton from Action Rider Tack



Top left: Deb Frey gets in the saddle at the Wyoming Visitor Center near Cheyenne; www.wyomingtourism.org. Center left: The CamelBak Hydration System; www.trailheadsupply.com. Center right: Easy-Mount Step Stool; Left: Action Rider Aluminum S Hackamore; www.actionridertack.com.

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# Questions to Ask Yourself Before Trailer Shopping

By Heather Benson

Spring is upon us and the summer trailering season is close at hand. Before you head out to find that perfect ride for you and your horses, take a moment to ask yourself a few quick questions to help make the process as smooth as possible:

## How Much Will You Use Your Trailer?

It seems simple enough, but many people end up with far more trailer than they really need by not starting with this question first. Be realistic about the type and frequency of travel that you and your horse engage in. Will you just be using it to haul a few times per year to the vet, clinics, etc. or are you a serious competitor that needs something that can manage to put on thousands of miles

per month? If you travel infrequently, you can probably get by with a very basic used trailer, just be sure you have a good floor, good lights/brakes and that the trailer is structurally sound. If you travel often, find the best and most durable trailer in your price range. It will pay for itself in comfort, convenience and maintenance over and over again.

## What Do You Do With Your Trailer?

If you plan to show or camp with your trailer, you may want to explore adding a full dressing room or living quarters. A living quarters trailer may be fancy, complete with a fireplace and flat screen TV or it can be as simple as making room for a mattress in the gooseneck that overhangs your truck. Storage is another prime concern. If you plan to use your trailer frequently for riding events, make sure you have enough saddle racks, tack hooks, etc. to meet your needs.

## How Many and What Types of Horses Are You Hauling?

The number question is an obvious one—the more horses you haul at any one time, the larger trailer you need. The second part of the question is not so obvious. Are you going to haul short, stocky cow horses or tall, leggy Thoroughbreds? Are you going to be hauling your safe, easy-to-load show horse or do you need to trailer young horses that have not been handled extensively? These factors will dictate things like trailer interior height/width (big horses need big spaces) and where/how dividers and doors fit in your trailers. When working with horses that have not been handled much, including mares with foals, having a trailer that allows you to have a larger, open space may be the key to everyone traveling safely. Conversely, having sturdy dividers like those found in a slant-load, makes it easier to get several

gentle horses on the road quickly. What Kind of Tow Vehicle Do You Have? Before you drop thousands of dollars on a new trailer, make sure your tow vehicle has the specifications to haul it. Besides the obvious of what type of hitch-bumper pull or gooseneck, you need to consider how much towing capacity your vehicle has available. Towing capacity can be found in the owner's manual of most vehicles and many trailer dealerships will do the double-checking for you if you drive the tow vehicle to the lot. In addition, many dealerships also allow you to hook your tow vehicle to a trailer you are considering and go for a test drive to see how it pulls.

*Photos on opposite page, top: Today's living quarters trailers come with all the bells and whistles, including fireplaces and flatscreen TVs. Center: Even the smallest of bumper hitch trailers can be outfitted with a cook-out area. Bottom: Horse Trailer 8581 Pic: Horse trailers today allow both you and your horse to travel in style and comfort. Below: Knowing what you want before you shop is key to enjoyment of your trailer for years to come. All photos courtesy of Featherlite Trailers.*



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# What Makes Today's Trailer Great

By Heather Benson

At one time, horses transported themselves anywhere we needed them to go-on foot. Herds of horses were driven by riders from town to town and cowboys dallied up an extra horse or two on the saddle horn when just a few head needed to be moved. Nowadays, we accomplish the same thing using ten-horse semi-trailers and our bumper-hitch two-horse!

Over the past century, horse transportation has become big business and has seen many changes, most of them for the positive well-being of our horses. Jumping a horse up in the back of the pickup bed has been replaced by air-ride, air-conditioned luxury rides for our equine friends. Many of these modern amenities have made it safer and easier to get our horses from point A to point B while some of them are purely for the comfort and convenience of us.

## Better Safe Than Sorry

Safety on the road and inside the trailer is probably the number one issue that today's horse trailer manufacturers have put to the forefront of their engineering priorities. In recent years, companies have introduced features such as wraparound LED lighting for greater visibility, rubber wall liners that protect kicking horses from injury and additional escape doors to make entry and exit easier for human handlers.

As many horse owners know, it can be the littlest of things that make the biggest difference when dealing with a stressed animal in transport. Design elements such as the SafeBump Roof System found in Double D Trailers can make all the difference between major injury and minor head thump. Double D has added a thick block of high density styrofoam between a layer of Galvalite on the bottom and aluminum on the top. This not only prevents a rearing horse from injuring his skull but also provides an extra layer of insulation to keep the trailer cooler. Another safety feature found on today's trailers is noise-reduction technology to reduce spooking incidents once horses are already inside. Featherlite has redesigned feed doors and tie rings on their 2013 trailers specifically to prevent loud surprises for your horse while on the road. The new doors lock more securely and the tie rings are coated with rubber to keep the interior noise level down while traveling.

## Equine Comfort Comes First

Equine comfort while traveling is a first concern for both the serious competitor who cannot afford to have their horse exhausted by travel and by the casual rider who doesn't wish to see their equine friends sore from jangled legs and nerves.

One feature that has quickly become standard for many horse trailers is an air-ride suspension system. Typical air-ride systems allow for more absorption of bumps which translate into a smoother ride for your horses. During the Atlanta Olympic Games, it was noted by horsemen that the few horses that arrived in air-ride trailers recovered days quicker than horses in standard trailers, which

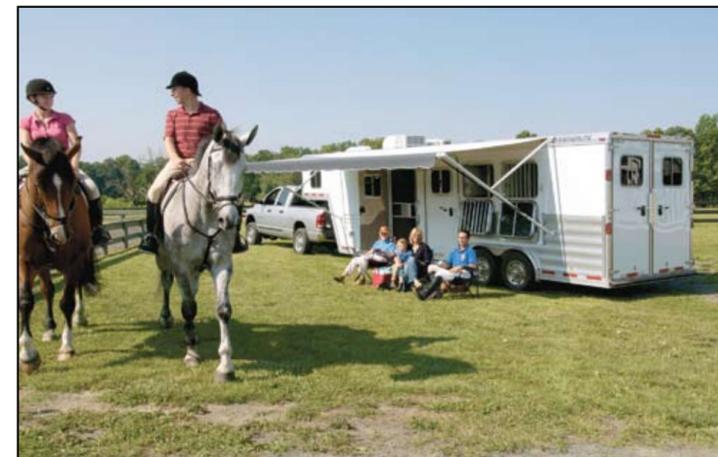
translated into better performance in the arena. Since that time, many trailer manufacturers have installed this technology in new trailers as well as creating systems to retrofit old trailers.

Another equine comfort that has been given great focus in trailers is that of ventilation. Whether you are traveling five miles down a gravel road or going cross country, ensuring that your horse has fresh, clean air during the trip is essential. Trailers today come with a variety of venting systems as well as those installed with drop-down feed doors on the outside. The ability to open and close such doors, depending upon conditions, has made them a preferred feature for many horse owners.

## Trailer Storage Solutions

Gone are the days where you had stuff your saddle in the gooseneck and hope your horse didn't eat quite all of it during the trip! Today's trailers feature a dizzying variety of storage solutions, from rear-facing tack racks to large "tack rooms" nearly the size of living quarters mounted in the front. Most trailer manufacturers offer the opportunity to customize trailers for storage needs, allowing you to put what you want, where you want it. In addition, several companies now specialize in creating custom upgrades for both tack and living quarters on standard, off-the-lot trailers. People-Pleasers

Last but not least, there are the amenities designed specifically for the ones who paid for the trailer-YOU! The trailer of the 21st century has the option of adding just about every comfort of home-from living quarters complete with Jacuzzi tubs and your favorite recliner to swing-out canopies for watching the sunset. Even your smallest bumper hitch trailer can now be outfitted with a custom cook-out with friends. Featherlite has contracted Sierra Custom Interiors to outfit their living quarters trailers, allowing buyers to choose their own custom cabinet woods, fabrics for seating and curtains, wall coverings and counter-tops. In the world of living quarters trailers, if you can imagine it, you can have it!



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# EARLY AMERICAN RACING AND BLACK JOCKEYS

By Janice M. Ladendorf

Beginning in colonial times and through most of the nineteenth century, black jockeys and trainers played a major role in horse racing, especially in the South. They succeeded in both quarter and distance racing. Eight of the first sixteen Kentucky Derby winners carried black jockeys. Until after the Civil War, black jockeys and trainers usually were slaves, but slaves who could be treated like professionals by their wealthy owners. To reach races, they had to be allowed to travel. Sometimes winning jockeys earned enough money from perks, tips, and side money to buy freedom for themselves and their families. When they became trainers, some of them had the authority to manage large stables and sums of money for their masters.



In the American colonies, quarter racing preceded distance racing. It began on the heavily wooded Atlantic seaboard where short races could be run down the main streets of towns or on straight paths cut through the woods. Southern gentlemen soon began breeding sprinters for these races. During them, cheering spectators lined both sides of the primitive courses. Race days were times to drink, gamble, and watch cock fights or wrestling matches. As pioneers moved west, they took this sport with them.

In colonial times, one of the centers of horse racing lay in Halifax County, North Carolina. Willie Jones was one of the wealthiest and most prominent men in that area. He owned Austin Curtis, who was one of the best black jockeys and trainers in the South. Curtis was probably born in 1759. He and Jones were one of the first successful manager-athlete combinations in America. As oval tracks were built outside of many Southern towns, quarter horse racing began to die out on the seaboard. In 1773, Willie Jones and Colonel Delony agreed to put on a final fling. They organized a match race with a prize of 100 hogsheds or 147,000 pounds of prime tobacco leaf. Austin Curtis rode Paoli for Willie Jones and Ned rode The Big Filly, a horse Colonel Delony had borrowed from Colonel Atherton. In the quarter mile race, both horses had to carry 160 pounds. Due to the clever

riding of young Austin Curtis, Paoli won by a head. No other pair ever defeated The Big Filly.

In early America, distance races were run in a series of four mile heats that tested stamina, as well as speed. Severe whipping and spurring was often used to keep the horses running in the last mile. Unlike quarter racing, distance races were run on oval courses and not accompanied by cock fights or brutal wrestling matches. Both plantations and groups of slaves could bet on the results of these races, but quarrels sometimes escalated into duels. Local jockey clubs managed these tracks and ladies enjoyed attending their race meetings.

After the match race, Willie Jones began the changeover to thoroughbreds with Austin Curtis as his trainer. During the American Revolution, Curtis saved much valuable bloodstock from the British, including the famous stallion, Flimnap. After the war, Willie Jones successfully petitioned the North Carolina legislature to give him his freedom. After Curtis found the Medley mare for him, she scored many victories and produced many champion fillies. When Willie Jones died in 1801, he left Austin Curtis \$200, a house, and fifty acres of land. Curtis bought an additional three hundred and fifty acres of land and freed his son, William. When he died in 1809, his obituary stated, "He possessed the esteem of many – and the confidence of all who knew him."

One of the best known jockeys in the early nineteenth century was Monkey Simon. He was born in Africa and brought to South Carolina in 1790. By 1808, he had been moved to Tennessee and was owned by two minor children. Their lawyer leased him out annually, most often to Colonel George Elliott. Whites called him Monkey because he was a short hunchback who had exceptionally long arms and legs. He rode for many owners, but respected none of them. Many stories are told about his



sassy remarks and satirical songs. He enjoyed intimidating other jockeys during races and sometimes spat tobacco juice into their eyes.

When Simon was in the saddle of Capt. Jesse Haynie's Maria, she never lost a race. Andrew Jackson wanted to beat Maria in the worst way, but never succeeded. He took great pride in his Ashland, was still Abe's home and would always open to him. In 1867, Abe returned there to die.



Later when he found and bet on De-Witt's mare and Western Light, again Simon and Maria defeated them. Simon remained a slave and died in a cholera epidemic in 1833.

Charles Steward was another well known jockey. His father was a free man, but his owner refused to sell him. When he turned twelve, he was sold to William Ransom Johnson, the Napoleon of the American turf, and soon began winning races for him. Later he became a highly successful trainer who had to hire an agent to handle his money. He purchased his first wife, but when she failed to be faithful, he sold her and her children. In 1837, he was sent to Kentucky with the stallion, Medley, to run Johnson's stable there. When his second wife died, he asked to be sold to Alexander Porter of Louisiana. Before he left Kentucky, he bought his son and left him with his grandmother. Porter agreed to pay Johnson \$3500 for Steward if he was satisfied with him after six months and he was. After he died, his racing stable was gradually closed down. By then, Steward had married his third wife and he became the family coachman. He stayed with the Porter family during the Civil War and afterwards as a free man. In 1884, he narrated his story to Annie Porter and it was published in the October issue of

Harper's New Monthly Magazine. Abe Hawkins raced before and during the Civil War for his master, Duncan Kenner. As a freeman, he raced for other owners and earned so much money that his bank account grew plumper and plumper. At one time, he offered what was in it to his former master. Kenner refused the money, but stated that his plantation, racing stable, had established race courses in Tennessee, and ran a racing stable from the White House. One by one, he bought four horses to race against Maria, but she and Simon first defeated Decatur, then Dunganon, Pacolet, and Tam O'Shanter. Later when he found and bet on De-Witt's mare and Western Light, again Simon and Maria defeated them. Simon remained a slave and died in a cholera epidemic in 1833.

weight for shorter races. They also had to compete with many white jockeys and faced racial discrimination. In 1901, on the Harlem track in Chicago, racial strife between white and black jockeys escalated into violence.

Isaac Murphy was born a slave in 1861. When he was fourteen, he won his first race at a weight of ninety-five pounds. He won three Derbies and always rode to win. He was the first black athlete to earn a million dollars. Brutal flipping and crash diets damaged his health and he died in 1896, possibly from poison administered by one of his rivals.

Jimmy Winkfield was the last of the great black jockeys. He was born in 1882 and won the both the 1901 and the 1902 Derby. When he could no longer get rides in America, he migrated to Europe in 1903 where his winnings made him a wealthy man. In 1913, he led the racing colony of people and horses from Moscow to safety in Warsaw. On the trip, they covered about one thousand miles. He quit riding in 1930 and died in France in 1971. Along with a few other post war black jockeys, Murphy and Winkfield were inducted into the Hall of Fame at the National Museum of Racing in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Note: Based on a book by Edward Hotaling, Great Black Jockeys: The Life and Times of the Men who dominated America's First National Sport. Prima Publishing, 1999.

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MONTANA MUSTANG HAD A MESSED UP MIND When we read the quote, "A time to plant and a time to reap," we pause to think And are reminded of seeding going smoothly and yet, some days out of sync! Some wild horses and runaway teams while seeding, have been subdued by skill. We 'get a kick out of' rare instances of mishaps with a horse-drawn drill. For centuries grain was seeded by the broadcast method, scattered by hand. It was for the wild birds, also, an ideal feeding time, while seeding land. Horse-drawn drills were invented and later it was a tractor-drawn field day; Now, air-seeding forces seed into the ground with never a runaway.

RUNAWAYS/RUNAROUNDS/ROUNDOABOUTS WERE A GENUINE HOOF-DA Training draft horses was a serious and repetitive human task. Most horses gave remarkable efforts to what the trainers did ask. For years, millions of acres were seeded by a human and a four-horse team. He stood on the back of the drill dropping kernels of grain in a planting scheme. Sometimes the bored driver would walk behind the drill and mostly downhill For exercise or diversion, during those long hours on a horse-drawn drill. Sometimes he'd run out of seed at the far end of the field to his dismay! It took an unproductive trip for seed, but better than a runaway.

GUIDANCE SYSTEM FOR FOUR HORSE TEAM/UPSETTING APPLECARTS? In spring seedling, a 'prime' team of work horses would find themselves far apart, With two horses inserted between them, perhaps a pair of green upstarts. The two dependable horses were the 'guidance system' that was needed. The 'inner 2' could be green broke but warnings needed to be heeded. If the 'inner 2' were rank renegades or an exasperating pair Or a night-'mare' or buyer-beware, it could often lead to despair! And lucky was the driver who had two great, well-trained, teams to make his day; Compared to the driver who took chances and then got 'carried' away.

NEITHER BORROWERS NOR LENDERS (OF TROUBLE) BE LOGGERHEADS Four well-broke and well-trained horses in cadence, pulling at the homesteads, Was a perfection sight to behold. They'd look like four precise bobbleheads. The skill of the two teams and the teamster could perform many miles or rounds. The rhythmic sound of 16 hooves and harness chains were gratifying sounds. But speaking of exasperating underheads, blockheads or knuckleheads, There's that ever-present accident 'going to happen' a driver dreads. Bringing not a question of if, but when, and yell to everyone "Gangway!" When the equine misadventure occurs and then becomes a RUNAWAY!

MARE, MARE, QUITE CONTRAR/EXASPERATING RENEGADES An old wooden four-horse drill had discs to break the soil and flexible spouts And metered gears to drop kernels into the ground on preplanned routes. Two 'inside' horses were blocked in by poles at each end and it was a chore Before hitching them to back them over the two neck yokes and those four Blockheads could act up like the Keystone Kops and stand obstinately out of reach, Of the two eveners, he'd shout, "Move, you Rascal," or some figure of speech, While trying to hitch three tons of powerful draft teams that rubbed the wrong way Gave them an inclination to head south. In other words ... a runaway!

OF COURSE, THE HORSE HAS A MIND OF HIS OWN The grain drill rolled more easily due to tall, five-foot, wooden wheels steel clad. The teams pulled in harnesses from hames on a collar on a sweat pad. Standing on a platform in back, drivers could guide them on unplanted ground. Teams would rest while seed was shoveled into the drill. Later, they were homebound. When the field was finished or at sunset after days of horse-tail views, Chores awaited as their arrival coincided with a chorus of 'moos.' Tomorrow's repeat of hitching and hooking front poles and the disarray Of teams disliking 'closeness' brought the possibility of a runaway!

GOING IN CIRCLES/WHAT GOES 'ROUND, COMES 'ROUND NOT BROKE? /DESERTION?/HIGH-TAILING IT? Perhaps the gifted teamster overestimated his training skill Or the challenge of a wild Montana Mustang could be a personal thrill? If that 'horses patoon' ever achieved a green-broke stage, that was a stretch. He resisted touch. He'd nip butts, back away, refuse to budge, here's the catch. There's the sketch of that bad actor, as part of the drill team. He was a pig in a poke; He made the team skedaddle, stressed the outer drill wheel, until it broke. An outside horse, threw its head and hooked the bridle while being led astray. The mustang and three unwilling partners-in-crime, performed a RUNAWAY!

HEAT, DOWNPOURS, HORSEFLIES, BREAKDOWNS AND ATTITUDES=EXASPERATION That Montana Mustang was a classic example of a negative horse Who refused to assimilate anything worthwhile from the harness course. He resisted anyone's touch. He'd stand on hind legs in defiance, And despised the harnessing process like an everyday non-compliance. He disliked: saddles, bridles, waiting around and being late for a meal! He could eat, drink and make road apples. His greatest asset was 'eye appeal' He had an attitude, not a warranty. His reputation far and away, Surpassed previous renegades when he took off ... starting a RUNAWAY!

WHEELING AND DEALING/LOST WHEEL AND LAST WHEEL In the intrigue clouds judgment. Training mustangs wouldn't be a feather in his hat. Woebegone? Yes, they were gone! The driver stood there looking at A four-horse drill team going in a circle. He waited till they came by. The driver climbed back on the drill and made them stop, those 'catchers in the wry.' The soon-to-close village hardware store had one wheel left. So the last drill wheel Replaced the lost drill wheel. That day, you might say, Dad would 'wheel and deal.' Thank you for following my true horse tail, from my play-by-play of horseplay Of a stand-up driver, who's stood-up by a Mustang ... and a RUNAWAY!

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# Tax Court Case Involving Cow and Horse Activity

By John Alan Cohan, Attorney at Law

The outcome of cases in Tax Court depend somewhat on the philosophical approach of the individual judge hearing the case. Some judges are more sympathetic than others to losses incurred by taxpayers in the horse and livestock industries.

Some cases involve a combination of activities, such as Smith v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo 2007-368. This involved a cow and dairy farm, a cutting horse operation, and dog breeding. The court held that the cow and dairy farm was engaged in for profit under the IRS hobby loss rules, but not the other activities.

The taxpayers had taken significant tax deductions against their income from the activities, thus prompting an IRS audit, which they lost and then appealed to the Tax Court.

As discussed in the decision, the taxpayers believed that their dairy farms were not doing well, so they sought a niche market in Normande cattle. They installed a milking parlor with automatic milking equipment and other improvements were made, pastureland reclaimed, and miles of fencing installed.

The taxpayers had a formal 7-year business plan written by a professional that focused on importing of bull semen from France. They obtained certification as an organic farm with a view towards selling milk at higher prices than conventional milk. They consulted with experts, maintained a separate checking account, and focused on ways to maximize revenue. Gross revenues exceeded \$100,000 for some years, but there was still a net

loss. The taxpayers said they expected to increase revenue due to the organic certification.

They took steps to maximize revenues that the court said demonstrated their intention to show a profit (despite ongoing losses). They hired a full-time farm manager who, the court noted "did approach the operation of the cow activity in a businesslike manner," although he did not keep many formal records. The manager lived on a trailer on the property, and the taxpayers retained decision-making authority.

Through study, the taxpayers gained expertise in the breeding of cows and in the use of Normande cows for dairy purposes. They grazed the cattle rather than confining them because they believed that grazing positively affects the longevity of the cattle. They sought professional advice and successfully used their previous dog-breeding expertise in the farm venture. They spent an average of 20 to 30 hours per week on the cow and dairy farm activity, and the court said this was "significant."

The court ruled in favor of the taxpayers on the cow operation. The court noted that the taxpayers reduced expenses, had a farm manager, spent a significant amount of time on the farm, had a separate checking account, and focused on a competitive breed. Their formal business plan helped them win the case.

The court, however, ruled against them regarding their horse activity. The taxpayers showed and bred cutting horses. There was no business plan and very little by

way of books and records. Oral testimony about the horse activity was "lacking in specifics." The taxpayer who testified "discussed horse bloodlines but failed to indicate much about his horses, such as the year and cost of purchase, the training regimen, the events entered, purses and competitions won, breeding efforts, profit analyses, business plans, necessity of expenses, sale price, and so forth."

The bank account used for the horse activity was the taxpayer's personal checking account. There was no evidence to show the horses purchased or their progress and profitability. There were no budgets, operating statements, or analysis to show the financial aspects of the activity.

The court said: "Someone with the intent to make a profit from cutting horses could be expected to have adequate information from which to analyze the expenses and to project the progress of the activity. The activity was for the most part undocumented and there was little or no interest shown in the financial aspect of the activity or its prospects."

The court noted that the taxpayer consulted with numerous experts, but didn't have details of the specific advice obtained. There was no explanation of "how the advice he obtained was used or how it assisted in the attempt to seek profits from the activity." The court said that that this factor was in favor of the taxpayer, despite the limited nature of the evidence. Still, the court ruled against the taxpayers on the horse activity.

The court also ruled against the taxpayers on their dog breeding activity, for much of



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the same reasons as it denied the horse activity deductions.

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# Consider Curcumin for Joint Inflammation

by Juliet M. Getty, Ph.D.

Ever hear of curcumin? It's the active ingredient in the spice, turmeric, which has been used for centuries in Indian cooking, as well as in Ayurvedic medicine. It exhibits anti-oxidant properties (neutralizing damaging free radicals), and has been used to treat a long list of conditions, including diarrhea, respiratory infections, dermatitis, and even cancerous tumors.

Most notably, curcumin reduces inflammation and pain by inhibiting the cyclooxygenase enzyme 2 (COX-2), while maintaining COX-1 enzymatic function. That's good news, because the COX-1 enzyme protects your horse's stomach lining. COX-2 inhibition is a far better route to take for pain control than the more commonly used non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as phenylbutazone (bute), flunixin meglumine (Banamine), or aspirin; these inhibit not only COX-2 enzymes, but also the protective COX-1 enzymes. Firocoxib (known as Equioxx for horses and Previcox for dogs) is an NSAID that only inhibits the COX-2 enzyme, offering a safer option for horse owners. But curcumin supplementation offers a natural approach that can be highly effective and far less

costly.

Osteoarthritis is a common source of pain for horses. This disease is characterized by a progressive deterioration of joint cartilage, making it less able to protect the joint against friction. The underlying cause of pain is due to a release of cytokines and reactive oxygen species -- inflammatory substances that can lead to further degradation of joint tissue. There are many joint supplements on the market designed to slow down cartilage loss, increase production of lubricating synovial fluid, and reduce pain. Curcumin is not typically added to these joint supplement preparations. Furthermore, it can be a natural alternative to intra-articular hyaluronic acid or polysulfated glycosaminoglycan (PGAG) injections.

### What is Turmeric/Curcumin?

Turmeric is derived from the underground stems (rhizomes) of the plant *Curcuma longa*, a member of the ginger family. It has the familiar yellow color of Indian curry and American mustard. Curcumin is the biologically active phytochemical found in turmeric. Chemically known as diferuloylmethane, with a molecular formula C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, it has been shown to have dramatic health benefits. Most

research involving curcumin has been done with humans. However, researchers<sup>1</sup> from the United Kingdom and Germany recently revealed that curcumin significantly reduces the inflammatory pathways found in horses suffering from osteoarthritis. Thomas Schell, DVM (developer of Cur-Ost), has also done extensive research<sup>2</sup> on the use of curcumin's therapeutic action on equine osteoarthritis. Using Quarter Horses, Morgans, Thoroughbreds, Arabians, and Paso Finos, all with varying degrees of lameness from degenerative arthritis, he found improvement when comparing lameness scores before and after administration of a nutritional formula containing curcumin, as well as vitamins E and C.

### Safety and Dosage

With humans, dosages as high as 12 grams per day<sup>3</sup> for a three month period have been shown to be safe. For longer term supplementation, 500 mgs per day is more readily accepted. This amounts to ¼ teaspoon of turmeric.

An appropriate dosage for horses has not been established, though one tablespoon per day works well as a maintenance dose. If diarrhea or changes in appetite occur, discontinue use. Do not administer NSAIDs along with turmeric

or curcumin-containing compounds. Also, keep in mind that turmeric slows blood clotting and therefore should be discontinued if you are planning any surgical procedures.

### Personal experience

My off-the-track Thoroughbred suffers from osteochondral fragments (bone chips) in his fetlock joint. Originally I treated him with a low dose of bute, along with lecithin<sup>4</sup> to prevent gastric ulcers, but I switched to feeding turmeric at a dosage of two tablespoons per day. I kept feeding lecithin as a precaution. He is doing just as well as he did with bute, and his limping has not returned. He runs in the pasture with ease. After two months on this two-tablespoon therapeutic dose, I have decreased it to one tablespoon per day and will soon reduce it further, relying on more only as needed. I have found it to be palatable and easy to mix with feeds.

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# From the Horse's Mouth: Industry News

## Animals Disease Traceability Rule Effective

LAKEWOOD, Colo. – The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) released its new Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) rule earlier this year. Its main purpose is to ensure a rapid response when livestock disease events take place. The new rule takes effect March 11, 2013.

“There are a tremendous number of animals on the roads every day; a national program is needed to protect the entire livestock industry,” said State Veterinarian, Dr. Keith Roehr. “An efficient and accurate animal disease traceability system helps reduce the number of animals involved in an investigation, reduces the time needed to respond, and decreases the cost to producers and the government.”

On January 9, 2013, the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Veterinary Services published the final rule. Their mission is to protect American agriculture by helping ensure the health of livestock; this new rule is a vital component of that mission. The goal of ADT is to improve the traceability of animals that move between states involved in a disease outbreak.

The new federal traceability rule requires the State Veterinarian's Office to meet new animal disease traceability performance standards which will increase CDA's capabilities to respond to a significant livestock disease and ultimately help protect the Colorado livestock industry from the negative impacts of a disease outbreak.

One of the main components of the new rule involves animals travelling interstate. They must be officially identified per their species' requirement and be accompanied by an interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) in some cases with their individual official animal

identification listed. Animals travelling directly to slaughter may be identified with USDA-approved back-tags. Other terms of shipping may be agreed upon between individual states or tribes, such as acceptance of brands and owner-shipper statements. The State Veterinarian's office recommends veterinarians contact the receiving state to ensure proper import requirements are met.

Livestock producers affected the most by the rule will be those who have cattle; other species have minimal changes to current identification standards. A summary of changes by species can be found at [www.coanimalid.org](http://www.coanimalid.org).

For cattle, the following animals must be identified with official ID ear tags:

- All sexually intact cattle and bison over 18 months of age,
- All female dairy cattle of any age,
- All dairy males (intact or castrated) born after March 11, 2013, and
- Cattle and bison of any age used for rodeo, shows, exhibition, and recreational events.
- The most common official ID ear tags for cattle that will be used by producers and veterinarians are:
  - o 840 tags (RFID, “bangle” visual tags, or a combination RFID/bangle)
  - o Brucellosis or Bangs' Tags (orange metal or orange RFID)
  - o Silver, “Brite” or NUES Tags (silver metal)

### Additional Resources

- USDA Traceability Website: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/>
- Final Rule Q & A: [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/downloads/rule\\_movement\\_general.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/downloads/rule_movement_general.pdf)
- USDA ADT Materials and Guides by species: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/materials.shtml>
- CDA Traceability Information: [www.coanimalid.org](http://www.coanimalid.org)

## Equine Tax Parity Act Introduced

On March 6, 2012, Congressman Andy Barr (R-KY) introduced the Equine Tax Parity Act (H.R. 998), which would make horses eligible for capital gains treatment after 12 months, rather than 24, similar to other business assets.

Under the current federal tax code, gains from sales by individuals of property used in a trade or business, including horses, qualify for long-term capital gains and are subject to the maximum capital gains tax rate of 15% for taxpayers earning less than \$450,000 or 20% for those earning more. Since the individual tax rate can go as high as 39.6%, the lower rate is a real advantage.

“Horses held for breeding, racing, showing or draft purposes qualify for the capital gains rates only if they are held for 24 months. All other business assets (except cattle) qualify if held for 12 months.” Said AHC president Jay Hickey. “We believe this is unfair to the horse industry and there is no reason why we should not be treated the same as all other businesses.”

The Equine Tax Parity Act would end this discriminatory treatment of horses under the tax code and allow horse owners to enjoy the reduced rate upon sale after holding a horse for 12 months. For most owners and breeders shortening the capital gains holding period to 12 should be a benefit. Reducing the holding period by half would give many horse owners and breeders more flexibility to sell and market their horses. It would mean that every sale of a horse which is held for at least 12 months will qualify as a capital gain or loss unless that horse is held primarily for sale.

“We appreciate Congressman Barr introducing this legislation and highlighting this unfair tax treatment of horses, we will work with the Congressman to get it passed,” said Hickey.

## Eleven U.S. Riders Head to Rolex/FEI World Cup Final

By USEF Communications Department

Lexington, KY - The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) will be well represented at the Rolex/FEI World Cup Final April 24-28 as 11 American show jumpers will head to Göteborg, Sweden for the 2013 Final.

After 25 North American World Cup Qualifying Events throughout the 2012-2013 season, the following riders have qualified in this order in their respective Leagues:

East:  
Kent Farrington (Wellington, FL) will ride R.C.G. Farm's Uceko; Uceko is a 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding.

Katie Dinan (Wellington, FL) will ride Grant Road Partners LLC's Nougat Du Vallet; Nougat Du Vallet is a 12-year-old Selle Francais gelding.

Beezie Madden (Cazenovia, NY) will ride Abigail Wexner's Simon and Cortes 'C' Simon is a 14-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding; Cortes 'C' is an 11-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding.

Reed Kessler (Lexington, KY) will ride her own Cylana and Ligest; Cylana is an 11-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare, Ligest is a 13-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding.

McLain Ward (Brewster, NY) will ride Grant Road Partners LLC's Antares F and Super Trooper De Ness; Antares F is a 13-year-old Wurttemberg gelding. Super Trooper De Ness is an 11-year-old Belgian Warmblood stallion

Charlie Jayne (Elgin, IL) will ride Alex Jayne and Maura Thatcher's Chill R Z; Chill R Z is a 10-year-old Zangerscheide stallion.

Christine McCrea (East Windsor, CT) will ride Candy Tribble's Romantovich Take One and Candy Tribble and Windsor Show Stables' Wannick WH; Romantovich Take One is a 13-year-old KWPN gelding Wannick WH is a 10-year-old KWPN stallion.

West:  
Rich Fellers (Sherwood, OR) will ride Harry and Mollie Chapman's Flexible; Flexible is a 17-year-old Irish Sport Horse stallion.

Ashlee Bond (Hidden Hills, CA) will ride Little Valley Farms' Cadett 7 and Wistful; Cadett 7 is a 16-year-old Holsteiner gelding, Wistful is a 10-year-old KWPN mare.

Karl Cook (Woodside, CA) will ride Signe Ostby's ASB Conquistador and Jonkheer Z ASB Conquistador is a 12-year-old Belgian Warmblood stallion; Jonkheer Z is an 11-year-old Zangerscheide stallion.

Lucy Davis (Los Angeles, CA) will ride Old Oak Farm's Nemo 119; Nemo 119 is a 14-year-old Holsteiner gelding.

For more information about the 2013 FEI World Cup Final visit: <http://www.gothenburghorshow.com/>

For more information, contact Lizzy Chesson, Director of Show Jumping High Performance Programs (908) 326-1166 or email [lchesson@usef.org](mailto:lchesson@usef.org).

## EQUINE HERPES VIRUS TYPE 1 (EHV-1) INFORMATION UPDATE

Equine Herpes Virus Type 1 (EHV-1) is described to be a highly contagious pathogen that is ubiquitous in horse populations throughout the world. Infections in horses can result in a variety of ailments that include respiratory disease, abortions, neonatal deaths and the neurologic disease termed Equine Herpes Myeloencephalopathy (EHM). Recently, alerts of Equine Herpes Myeloencephalopathy being diagnosed in multiple states have been issued. States having cases of EHM diagnosed in recent months include California, Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, Tennessee and Utah. Horses of different breeds and representing vastly different disciplines and activity have been affected.

The apparent increased frequency of disease and severity of symptoms being seen has lead Kentucky State Veterinarian Robert Stout to conclude extra precaution needs to be initiated and implemented to help mitigate the associated risk. We are directing Kentucky facility managers and the managers of shows/exhibitions planned to be held in Kentucky to immediately review their biosecurity practices and if needed elevate their biosecurity plan to minimize opportunity of horses having direct or indirect contact with one another. Indirect contact would include common water and feed sources as well as shared equipment and common areas. The goal of a biosecurity plan is to prevent the transmission of infectious agents among individuals. The components of a successful program will include cooperation of management, facility layout, decontamination, and when applicable immunization. Each of these factors directly affects the success or failure of the program. A copy of the American Association of Equine Practitioners biosecurity guidelines and EHV resources can be found at [www.aaep.org/ehv\\_resources.htm](http://www.aaep.org/ehv_resources.htm). Our office is happy to assist facilities, show management and event veterinarians in evaluating their individual plans and when a need is identified, assist in adapting the plans.

As an additional preventive measure, we encourage horsemen to consult their veterinarians and after evaluating their animal's vaccination status consider if there is need or benefit to stimulating an immune response by vaccinating against EHV-1. We acknowledge the available vaccines' labels make no claim to prevent neurologic disease; but based on our experience managing outbreaks of this disease, and in consultation with infectious disease experts and research scientist, we continue to be of the opinion the vaccine does have a meaningful level of efficacy and may aid in reducing the impact of a disease incident.

In response to the identified increased risk, we have and will continue to operate with elevated regulatory surveillance and equine health inspection activity at events in Kentucky. Exhibitors can expedite their passage through our inspection points by having their health documents organized and horses loaded in a manner that will allow visual inspection. In addition to the surveillance and inspection activity we will be working closely with show managers and veterinarians to insure immediate notification and quick response to any suspected communicable disease.

We continue to monitor these disease events, will adjust our strategies as warranted and provide updates as changes occur.

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Here is the AAEP EHV Resource page: [http://www.aaep.org/ehv\\_resources.htm](http://www.aaep.org/ehv_resources.htm) (included within this page are resources for veterinarians and horse owners).

We also have an additional EHV FAQ good for horse owners located here: [http://www.aaep.org/health\\_articles\\_view.php?id=370](http://www.aaep.org/health_articles_view.php?id=370)

## Reminder: Protective Headgear Rule Change for Dressage to Go into Effect April 1, 2013

From the USEF Dressage Department

Lexington, KY - The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) wishes to remind all dressage competitors of the rule change to DR120. This change goes into effect on April 1, 2013 and necessitates the usage of protective headgear by anyone mounted on the grounds at all USEF dressage competitions.

DR120 has been amended to require protective headgear as follows:

From the time horses are officially admitted to the competition grounds by competition management, anyone mounted on a horse at any time on the competition grounds including non-competing riders, riders on non-competing

horses, and those competing in all classes and tests, including Para-Equestrian tests must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. Protective headgear is defined as a riding helmet which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. The harness must be secured and properly fitted.

If there are questions regarding this rule or the use of protective headgear at USEF dressage competitions please contact Halle Griffin by email at [hgriffin@usef.org](mailto:hgriffin@usef.org) or by phone (859) 225-6918.

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March 15, 2013 LEXINGTON, KY – The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. is pleased to welcome several new Pony Club Riding Centers for 2013. New Riding Centers now offering Pony Club education to members include:

- Heron Mead Farm Pony Club Riding Center in Robeson, PA; Eastern PA Region; Kari Stenberg, CA.
- Desert Equisports Pony Club Riding Center in Cave Creek, AZ; Southwest Region; Tiffany Aritz, CA.
- Saddlebrook Equestrian Center Pony Club Riding Center in Tomball, TX; Rio Grande Region; Alison Spurlin, CA.
- Will Star Riding Academy Pony Club Riding Center in Bemidji, MN; Northern Lakes Region; Crystal Shepard, CA.
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Cornwall, CA.  
•Little Creek Farm Pony Club Riding Center in Decatur, GA; South Region; Dana McDaniel, CA.  
•Northwest Arkansas Pony Club in the Midwest Region; Michael Munson, DC from Rogers, AR.

You don't have to own a horse to be in Pony Club. Because these Riding Centers

offer access to a horse or pony as part of their business, members may participate in Pony Club activities just as if they own a horse. Additionally, adults wishing to take part in Pony Club educational opportunities may join a local Horsemasters Group. Pony Club promotes

teamwork, a sense of responsibility, safety, self-confidence and leadership, while teaching members riding and the care of horses. Members build upon their horsemanship by progressing through the Standards of

Proficiencies and earning certifications as each level requires an increased depth of knowledge and skill. There are opportunities to compete through events such as Rallies and Championships, and to create friendships and skills that last a lifetime.

About Pony Club - The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (Pony Club) was founded in 1954 as a nonprofit national youth organization to teach riding and horsemanship through a formal educational program. There are approximately 10,000 Pony Club members in over 600 clubs and riding centers throughout the country. Many of the nation's top equestrians, including several of our Olympic team members, business professionals, government leaders and career military officers, have roots in Pony Club. Youth members range in age from as young as 4 through age 25. Pony Club also offers educational opportunities to over 500 adult members in its Horsemasters Program. [www.ponyclub.org](http://www.ponyclub.org).



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# Upcoming Events

April 5-7: Ranch Sorting National Championships, North Central Regional - Douglas Co Fairgrounds, Douglas, WY; Eligible States for World Series Awards: CO, IA, MN, MT, ND, NE, SD, UT, WY, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Canada, Wyoming State Fairgrounds, 400 W. Center, Douglas, Wyoming 82633 www.wystatefair.com

April 6: UMECRA Endurance and Competitive Trail Riding Clinic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at HHH Ranch in Hastings, Mn. Contact: Sue Schedin srshorses@gmail.com 612-239-0746

April 6: Fun Show at Houck Horse Company Arena at 10 a.m. in North Branch, MN 651.277.1095

April 6: Barron County Tack Swap and Horse Expo at 9 a.m. at the Barron Area Community Center in Barron, WI; 715.296.8305

April 6: Tri-State Health Day at 7:45 a.m. at the Big Sky Arena in Caledonia, MN; 507.459.3546

April 6-7: Clinic at Lost Creek Ranch Indoor Arena at 11 a.m. in Beldenville, WI; 715.273.6070

April 6-7: Rumble on the Red Shoot, Red River Winter Shows arena, Crookston, MN; contact www.wildricepeacemakers.com, gmlund@arvig.net or 218-584-8685

April 6-7: Central MN Team Penning at Red Horse Ranch Arena: www.redhorserancharena.com

April 12-14: Ranch Sorting National Championships, North Eastern Regional - Dream Park Equestrian Center, New Logan Township, NJ; Eligible States for World Series Awards: CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, MI, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, VA, VT, WV, Quebec Canada Dream Park Equestrian Center, 400 US Route 130 South Logan Township, NJ 08085; www.dream-parknj.com

April 13-14: Laurie Hedlund FEI Trainer & Competitor at Stoney Meadow Farms Linwood, KS (913) 908-6692

April 13: CSDEA Spring Tack Sale from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Eisenhower Community Center in Hopkins, MN; 612.360.0848

April 13: Mn Half Arabian Horse Assoc. WSCA and Schooling Show at 8 a.m. at the Oasis Equestrian Center in Linstrom, MN; 651.784.3703

April 13: 7th Annual Olmsted County 4-H Horse Project at 8:30 a.m. in Rochester, MN; 507.281.4667

April 13: Game Show at Hi Circle Vee Ranch at 10 a.m. in Isanti, MN; 612.803.5950

April 13: Tack and Horse Sale at 10 a.m. at the R&J Arena in Verndale, MN; 218.445.5849

April 14: Fun Show at 10 a.m. at Houck Arena in North Branch, MN; 651.277.1095  
 April 14: WSCA Royalty Clinic at 1 p.m. at the Mermaid in Mounds View, MN; 612.325.4410

April 18-21: MQHA State Show at Red Horse Ranch Arena in Fergus Falls MN: www.redhorserancharena.com

April 19: TS Production added money 4D Barrels and 3D Pole Bending at 5 p.m. at the R&J Arena in Verndale, MN; 218.445.5849

April 19: Opening day of the Prairie Meadows Racetrack in Altoona, IA. Racing through Oct. 12.

April 20: Opening Day racing at Fort Pierre Horse Races in Fort Pierre, SD. Racing through May 5.

April 26-28: Ranch Sorting National Championships, South Central Regional - Will Rogers Memorial Center, Fort Worth, TX; Eligible States for World Series Awards: AR, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX Will Rogers Memorial Center, www.meetinfortworth.com/will-rogers-memorial-center

April 27-28: Wrangler Team Penning at Red Horse Ranch Arena near Fergus Falls, Minn. See http://www.redhorserancharena.com for more info.

# Horse Riding Rules, Etiquette and Safety Tips Sons of Wind Farm Featured at MN Horse Expo

*Editor's Note: The tips below were compiled from several organizations including the MN Trail Riding Association, Leave No Trace and Yahoo.*

Trail Etiquette is becoming more and more important as we watch out for the conduct of our fellow riders and guard against any actions which would jeopardize our riding privileges. There is an increasingly competitive demand for these spaces. Proper and conservative use of the trails will keep it available for equestrians and other users alike.

### To Prevent Erosion and to Preserve Your Natural Resources and Your Trails:

- Always stay on marked horse trails
- Call ahead for trail conditions and specific rules of those trails
- Avoid riding during muddy season
- Please use switchbacks and do not make shortcuts
- At stream crossings, ford only at designated area
- Do not trespass on surrounding personal property
- Saddle or Harness animals away from trees; if it is necessary to take short breaks such as lunch, you may tie your horses to trees but do not allow them to chew on the trees
- Do not cut living trees
- Pack out all litter from trail and camp areas
- Clean up your camp area before leaving; either spread manure and hay or pile in designated area

- When meeting hikers or bicyclists, you should rein in, reduce gait to walk and allow room to pass
- Recognize that some people are unfamiliar with or afraid of horses
- Be careful with campfires. Clear an area round fire ring.
- Routinely check your horse for ticks,

- consider using a tick repellent
- Water your horse only at free-flowing water sources, thus avoiding stagnant water
- Avoid riding on roads
- If your horse kicks, tie a red ribbon in it's tail
- If you have an unruly horse which you cannot control at all times, please do not bring that animal on a public ride where you may be jeopardizing the safety of others.

### For an Enjoyable Trip

- Domestic pets (dogs) must be leashed at all times
- Carry Drinking Water while riding Horse Tie Rules
- Tie up your horses at one of the picket lines if a picket line is available. There are now enough pickets for almost everyone for all but the busiest weekends.
- If you put up a portable electric corral, make it as large as possible, without bothering your neighbor camper, so as to minimize the trampling affect on the grass. Keep away from trees.
- If you tie your horses to your trailer, pick a parking spot where the last person parked so as to minimize the number of trampled down spots.
- Clean up your manure and hay before you leave. Manure bunkers are located in all areas of the campground and wheel barrows are available for your use. No trash in the manure bunkers - take that to the dumpsters.

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Merrimac, MA – March 13, 2013 – The Sons of the Wind School of Equestrian Arts is gearing up for its 2013 Tour, where they will be conducting informational clinics for dressage riders and trainers, as well as showcasing the talent of their Lusitano mounts. The second stop of the tour will be at Equine Affaire in Columbus, Ohio, from April 11-14, and then they will be traveling to the Minnesota Horse Expo from April 26-28. During these events, Sons of the Wind will be teaching clinics focused on different training techniques that can help improve a horse's dressage performance.

One of the clinics conducted by Sons of the Wind will focus on long-lining. Vitor Silva and Julie Bottum will concentrate on when to use it during the training progression of a horse, which is unique depending on the horse's discipline. They will also discuss developing the strength of a performance horse through the Pendulum of Elasticity. This clinic will include recommendations on how to ride and train horses through specific exercises as well as common mistakes and evasive behaviors of the horse.

There will also be a clinic about how to do lateral work. Sons of the Wind will focus on testing the riders' aides and reinforcing the basics. They will also be observing common mistakes and evasive behaviors during the training of lateral work at all three gaits, while discussing how to work through these problems. The next clinic will discuss tempo changes: from recognizing when to start the progression to common mistakes, and then the solutions through training exercises. The final clinic will focus on when

and why to introduce the piaffe/passage progression into your training. They will discuss how to recognize whether to start with piaffe or passage training first. This clinic will also include common problems in training and techniques to solve those problems.



The Sons of the Wind Tour will also include Cornell University from April 5-7, 2013, and the Midwest Horse Fair in Wisconsin from April 18-21, where they will also be conducting clinics. In addition to the clinics, Sons of the Wind will be performing a Quadrille and athletic movements including Airs Above the Ground for those in attendance.

For more information about Sons of the Wind School of Equestrian Arts please visit www.sonsofthewindfarm.com. Photo Credit: Equine Affaire Ohio and Minnesota Horse Expo to Feature Classical Dressage Clinics by Sons of the Wind Farm. Photo Courtesy of the Client.

## Breaking News

March 27: Oklahoma passed legislation to permit horse slaughter in its state in spite of the EU horse meat scandal. OK Authorities are investigating threats against Rep. Skye McNeil who introduced the bill. The bill is awaiting signature by Oklahoma's governor.

2013 Annual American Equine Summit Unites Against Horse Slaughter

The 2013 Annual American Equine Summit will take place Saturday, April 27 – Sunday, April 28 at Equine Advocates Rescue & Sanctuary in Chatham, NY. This invitation-only Summit will unite the equine community's foremost experts to speak about how to end horse slaughter which, although opposed by more than 80% of Americans, is now legal in the US.

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