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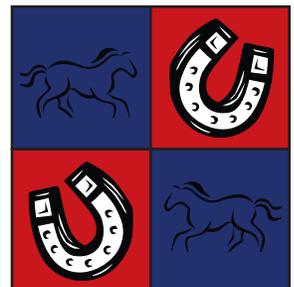
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A Message from Tom Kirsch ETI National President

Dear members,

I can't believe how fast the weather changes...HOT, HOT, HOT. This is the same way it was last year at this time. So look out for yourselves and your animals!

As you may have heard, we had to reschedule our convention/horse show, due to a bacterial infection in seven horses at LAEC. We felt, along with LAEC management, that we could not take any chances with the safety of the horses at our convention. I hope everyone understands this. Our new dates will September 22, 23 and 24. Everything will be the same as the June dates. We should enjoy cooler weather...that's a good thing! I feel so sorry for the members and staff that worked so hard to get ready for the event, but rest assured the same hard work will be applied to the new dates. Please come out support ETI and your fellow equestrians...even enter a class or two!!



I want to thank Patty Hug who is working hard to get our membership problems straighten out. She is really making progress. I would also like to thank our bookkeeper for her hard work in trying to get our books straighten out, and believe me, it is almost an impossible job. Great job, Shelly Freed.

Take care, everyone.

Tom



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Board will be on summer
break so no July meeting.
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Join us!

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Trail Coordinator Message

by Lynn Brown

At the last wrap up lecture this Spring, 2017, Dr. Fowler, Senior veterinarian from CA Dept. of Food and Agriculture, spoke to concerned horse owners.

I took the following notes relating to protecting horses from the EHV-1 Virus. Given the recent outbreak of bacterial infections in Southern California, I thought it would be useful to review some recommendations for controlling contagious equine illnesses.

These guidelines apply to horse shows and other events where there are a number of horses in a more or less confined area.

Many of the procedures listed would apply to controlling Strangles/bacterial infections. ETI members should pick and choose what seems to be relevant to deal with other contagious problems...

Biosecurity Measures for Quarantined Areas

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/equine_herpes_virus.html

Moving forward, Dr. Fowler also pointed out that the horse showing public needs to encourage show grounds managers to enhance their bio-security, and encourage that only healthy horses be transported to a show.

Quarantine of the premises means that there is no horse movement on or off the premises.

Post signage regarding quarantine and biosecurity measures in common areas, such as on the notice board outside the office, near restrooms and at each barn.



Limit premises access to essential personnel and vehicles and monitor perimeter of the premises.

Only exercise horses in designated areas. Limit number of horses in an exercise area to ensure no horse to horse contact.

Horses with fevers or clinical signs should remain in stalls until diagnostic testing is complete.

All horses shall stay in designated areas.

Monitor all horses on premises: Obtain and record the body temperatures of all horses on the premises two times a day. Obtain horse body temperatures



ideally the first thing in the morning and last thing in the evening and before administering medications which may decrease the body temperature.

Report a temperature 102°F or greater to a veterinarian for follow up collection of nasal swabs and blood to test for EHV-1.

Monitor all horses for clinical signs compatible with EHV-1, which include oculo-nasal discharge, limb edema, neurologic signs, such as wobbly gait, weakness, urine dribbling, lack of tail tone and recumbency. Report the observation of any of these signs to the veterinarian for follow up collection of nasal swabs/ blood sampling to test for EHV-1.

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If you're reading this online, look for active links and surprise "easter eggs"!



When you see this, click for a link.



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2017 NATIONAL EVENTS

September 22-24

National Horse Show & Convention, LAEC
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2017 Season High Point Shows

For High Point Show info Contact:
 Co-Chairs: Kim Estrada (818) 497-4730
rockbacknzp@aol.com Laurel
 Surprenant (661) 212-7713 equinediva@hughes.net
 All ETI High Point Shows are PAC approved.

August 20/Jr. Ambassadors

High Point Show, Conejo Creek Eq Park, Thousand Oaks

August 27/Corral 118

SVAC & National High Point Show, Arroyo/ Gateway Eq Center, Simi Valley

October 8/Corral 118

SVAC & National High Point Show, Arroyo/ Gateway Eq Center, Simi Valley

October 29/Jr. Ambassadors DOUBLE HIGH POINT

High Point Show, Conejo Creek Eq Park, Thousand Oaks

November 12/Corral 37

Red Hat Cowgirl Buckle Series and High Point Show, Conejo Creek Eq Park, Thousand Oaks
 High Point Program through Oct.
 Contact: Tracy Boldroff or Maddie Patriarca at Eticorral21@yahoo.com

2017 Gymkhana High Point Season

SEASON OVER

Individual Corral Circuit Shows/Series

Corral 6, Circuit Open Shows
 Laramore Arena; Mira Loma, Jurupa
 Call Gina (951) 681-4456 or
robbynandlanden@yahoo.com

Corral 8/Rolling Hills Estates
 English only. Held at Ernie Howlett Park.
 Contact: Dan etipresident@aol.com
 (310) 530-5618 www.eticorral8.com

Corral 37/Thousand Oaks
 Red Hat Cowgirl Buckle Series - 5 Shows
 -8:15am registration Contact: Sharyn
 Henry redhatcowgirl@yahoo.com

Corral 57/Ojai

Open Shows at Ojai's Soule Park arena
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Corral 118/Simi Horse Shows

SVAC Western & English Shows.
 High point saddle award
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horseladyusa1@yahoo.com
www.eti118.org

CLINICS

Corral 36 Riding Classes

Wed @ 9am Agoura Equestrian Center
 with Karen Curtis Contact: Jeanne Wallace
 (818) 222-2560

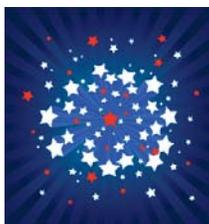
GYMKHANAS

Corral 21

Race for the Saddle Gymkhana Series.
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eticorral21@yahoo.com

Corral 43/Riverside Rancheros

Gymkhana Call Lyn (951) 780-7208



2017 ETI Trail Rides, Drives, Events

When a Corral plans a ride at Vasquez Rocks, as a courtesy, please call the Rangers (661) 268-0840



JULY

July 8/Corral 9

Inspiration Point ride Contact: Pamela Sharp (760) 803-8756

July 8/Corral 12

Moonlight ride and dinner at Griffith Park
 Contact: Patty Hug (818) 367-2056

July 8/Corral 22

Moonlight Ride, Lakeview Terrace Trail
 Boss: Tiffanie Bailey Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972
kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com

July 8/Corral 88

Tack/Vehicle/Horse sale, Pinon Hills
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alberta@corral88.org

July 11/Corral 12

Vet Clinic/Pot Luck at Cheri Blose's Home
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July 15/Corral 9

Mt Pinos Frazier Park Contact: Melissa Haggai (661) 733-7807

July 15/Corral 138

Zig Zag ride, Littlerock 9am Contact:
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July 20-23/Corral 86

Montana De Oro camping Contact: Karen Dagnan (661) 268-8771

July 22/Corral 22

Inspiration Point Ride, Wrightwood Trail
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July 22/Corral 138

Stallion Springs ride Contact: Raul rpgemini50@msn.com

July 29/Corral 357

Month end ride Contact: Heather (949) 702-0137

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Camping/Riding, Montana de Oro
Contact: Becky Borquez (818) 262-7764
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August 5/Corral 357

Pancake Fundraiser Contact: Kristen
(949) 444-1990

August 5/Corral 86

Moonlight ride, Vasquez Rocks Contact:
Rich Simpson (661) 714-8712

August 19/Corral 138

Inspiration Point ride Contact: Raul
rpgemini50@msn.com

August 20/Jr. Ambassadors

High Point Show, Conejo Creek Eq
Park, Thousand Oaks Contact SVAC:
Michelle Kraut (661) 575-7281 office@etinational.com Contact NHP: Kim
Estrada rockbacknzip@aol.com or Laurel
Surprenant equinediva@hughes.net

August 21-27/Corral 12

Morro Bay Camping Trip Contact: Patty
Hug (818) 367-2056

August 21-28/Corral 22

Morro Bay Ride, Montana de Oro State
Park Trail Boss: Kathleen Smart Contact:
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kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com

August 26/Corral 20

"Beat the Heat" breakfast ride, Hansen
Dam Contact: Deb Mader (818) 653-7628
debramader@yahoo.com

August 26/Corral 357

Month end ride Contact: Heather (949)
702-0137

August 27/Corral 118

SVAC & National High Point Show, Arroyo/
Gateway Eq Center, Simi Valley Contact
SVAC: Terry Simon (805) 522-3346
horseladyusa1@yahoo.com Contact NHP:
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Laurel Surprenant equinediva@hughes.net

SEPTEMBER**September 9/Corral 86**

Norco ride Contact: Karen Dagnan (661)
268-8771

September 16/Corral 20

Wildwood Wilderness Park, Thousand Oaks
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September 17/Corral 22

Mt. Pinos Ride Trail Boss: Tiffanie Bailey
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September 21-24/Corral 86

Rancho Oso camping Contact: Karen
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September 22-24

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September 23/Corral 357

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September 29 - October 1/Corral 14

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September 30/Corral 3

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schaubcindi@aol.com

September 30/Corral 357

Month end ride Contact: Heather
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OCTOBER**October 6-9/Corral 20**

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489-6527 imakowgirl@hotmail.com

October 8/Corral 9

Owl Canyon ride Contact: Ray Drasher
(661) 944-4359

October 8/Corral 86

Debby Does Acton ride Contact:
Debby Arter (661) 816-4345

**October 8/Corral 118**

SVAC & National High Point Show, Arroyo/
Gateway Eq Center, Simi Valley Contact
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October 15/Corral 12

Trail ride, Acton Contact: Patty Hug (818)
367-2056

October 15/Corral 37

Red Hat Cowgirl Buckle Series, Conejo
Creek Eq Park, Thousand Oaks Contact:
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October 20-22/Corral 22

Sage Hill Ride, Live Oak Trail Boss: Paul
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October 21/Corral 357

Imperial Beach ride Contact: Rich (714)
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October 28/Corrals 9, 86 & 138

Halloween costume ride Contact: Karen
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October 28/Corral 357

Month end ride Contact: Heather
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**October 29/Jr. Ambassadors
DOUBLE HIGH POINTS**

High Point Show, Conejo Creek Eq
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October 29/Corral 38

Playday at Martinez Arena, Burbank
Contact: Diana Hoch dianahoch@att.net

October 30 - November 3/Corral 14

Pahrump to Shoshone Drive (tentative)
Contact: Sue Martzolf (760) 662-6102

NOVEMBER**November 4/Corral 20**

Devil's Punchbowl, Juniper Hills
Contact: Becky Borquez (818) 262-7764
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November 4/Corral 138

Mescal Canyons ride, Llano Contact: Elaine (661) 946-1976 emac43031@gmail.com

November 6 – 10/Corral 14

Death Valley Drive Contact: Sue Martzolf (760) 662-6102

November 12/Corral 37

DOUBLE HIGH POINTS

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November 18/Corral 12

"Turkey Ride", Sylmar Contact: Patty Hug (818) 367-2056

November 19/Corral 22

Le Chene ride Contact: Sharon Richardson (661) 268-0754 RidinwCruz@gmail.com

November 18/Corral 86

Pancake breakfast auction/poker ride Contact: Heather Kaufman (661) 360-5151

November 26/Corral 357

Month end ride Contact: Heather (949) 702-0137



DECEMBER

December 2/Corral 86

Haggai Hills Ride, Palmdale Contact: The Haggai's (661) 733-7807

December 3/Corral 138

Christmas Toy ride Sunday Contact: Laura (661) 433-8616 mybech1@gmail.com

December 9/Corral 20

Ho Ho Ho ride, Stonehurst Park Contact: Linda Fullerton (818) 612-3305 lindawrightcolor8@gmail.com

December 9/Corral 357

Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade Contact: Jimmy (714) 612-1789

December 17/Corral 22

Christmas Ride, Griffith Park Trail Boss: Paul Jacques Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972 kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com

December 17/Corral 38

Christmas caroling, Burbank Contact: Diana Hoch dianahoch@att.net

December 30/Corral 357

Month end ride Contact: Heather (949) 702-0137

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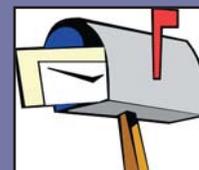


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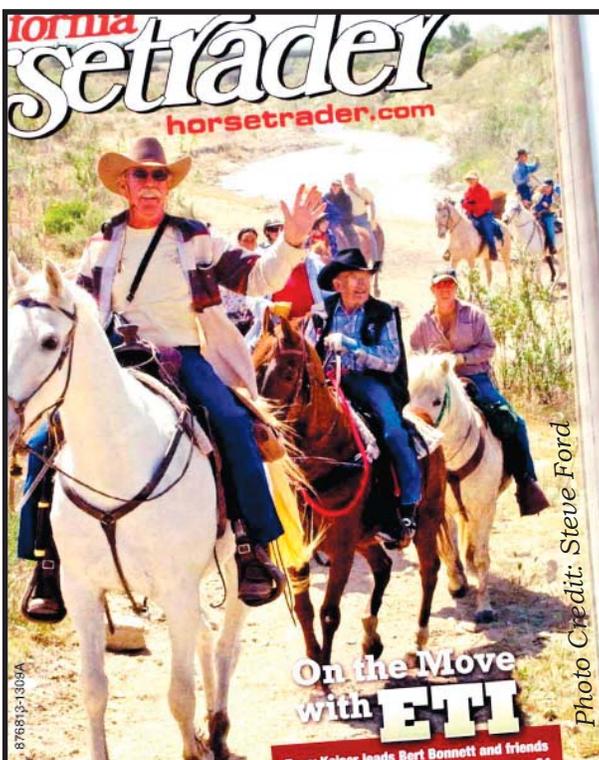


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2017 - 2018 Jr. Ambassador Court: Queen Raina Tikka, 2nd Little Princess Amaras Ovayan, 1st Little Princess Anita Ovayan and Little Miss Eliza Cameron



Outgoing Queen:
Megan Kitcko



2017 ~ 2018 Jr. Ambassador Court



Queen
Raina Tikka



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Amaras Ovayan





2017 ~ 2018 Jr. Ambassador Court



Horsemanship
Award: Anita
Ovayan and
Raina Tikka



Most
Photogenic:
Amaras Ovayan

A huge thank you to
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for being so generous
and allowing us to use
their home for this
event.





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Friendship
Award:
Eliza Cameron



Poise &
Personality
Award:
Anita Ovayan





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Written Test Winners:
Raina Tikka and Eliza
Cameron



Rosie, Michelle's daughter,
can't wait until she's old
enough to participate!



2017 ~ 2018 Jr. Ambassador Court



The outgoing and incoming courts thank Michelle Kraut, the program director.



Thank you to our judges...
Karen Kraut,
Amy Strassner
and Lisa Jacobs!



Horse Latitudes...WHAT Just Bit My Horse? And Me?

Written by Jeannine Roman



Snakes! The word is enough to strike fear in the hearts of horse owners and airline passengers everywhere.

The risk of your horse being bitten by a snake is low, but if it does happen, quick, calm thinking on your part and immediate veterinary care are keys to an uncomplicated recovery. Having an understanding of how to handle a snake bitten horse can be the difference between a serious emergency and a life-threatening emergency. A snake bite is a genuine emergency for your horse.

Horses seldom die from snake bites. However, they are more sensitive than most any other domestic animal to viper venom and can suffer nasty, prolonged complications (of course). According to Kenneth Marcella, DVM, horses are extremely sensitive to snake venom. They are followed, in order of sensitivity, by sheep, cows, goats, dogs, humans, pigs and cats. Hurray, we beat pigs at something!

About 116 species and subspecies of snakes are found in the United States, 19 are venomous. In Southern California we generally encounter two: the Western Diamondback and a sub-specie, the Mojave Green (cranky fellow with very dangerous venom). There are far fewer venomous snakes here than other parts of the country, but that does not mean that we should not be aware of them.



Diamondback

Mojave Green



TRIVIA: There are no snakes in Alaska, Hawaii or Ireland.

The current theory of herpetologists is that snakes make a conscious decision whether to envenomate (the process by which the venom is injected). It's now felt that the decision to inject venom during a bite is a voluntary action on the part of the snake. It takes a tremendous amount of effort for a snake to make venom, so it is not going to waste it. When a snake is being aggravated by a 1,000 pound horse the snake knows there's no way it is going to kill the horse and does not see it as a meal anyway. Snakes will envenomate foals, ponies and humans because the snake sees them as smaller and not much of a threat. Anyway, that's the current thinking of herpetologists. I'm not sure how many snakes have read these theories, but one can always hope.

"Dry" bites deliver a large dose of bacteria from the snake's mouth and will cause infection. Because it's never immediately clear if the horse has been envenomated, it's best to take precautions. The "dry" bite, either from non-venomous snakes or venomous snakes that withhold their venom, should be considered puncture wounds. Infection is the main concern, and as with deeper bites, a tetanus booster is advisable.

In the United States, nearly ninety percent of bites occur between April and October. With Southern California's year round warm weather, encounters and bites can occur here at any time. Horses sometimes are bitten on the legs, usually after stepping on a snake but more commonly they are struck on the nose. Frequently horses may innocently sniff a snake that they see on the ground and get bitten, they may lay down on the snake or when curiosity overcomes caution (what's that rattling noise - is it my grain bucket?). Rattlesnake + Curious Horse = Veterinarian. Always.

About one-half of horses bitten are actually envenomated. Of those, death is usually caused by severe symptoms during the initial reaction to the bite (heart and/or breathing problems), or chronic, secondary conditions (laminitis, pneumonia, wound complications, etc.) With a bite involving the injection of venom, the adult horse's sheer size typically dilutes the toxins enough to make an immediate fatal event rare. Severe swelling is the most immediate significant concern, especially if bitten on the nose. Because a horse can't breathe through his mouth, suffocation is a real threat



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as inflammation compresses the nasal passages and cuts off the horse's air supply.

For a bite on the nose, you need to keep the airway open until the horse gets medical help. The most effective tool is any flexible small tube (garden hose, large surgical tubing, etc.) cut into eight inch long segments. Any lubricant like Vaseline will help to insert the tube. This is probably the only piece of equipment that is really useful in a "horse snake bite kit". I've actually had to do this once, and it is amazingly effective in getting the horse breathing again. Of course, I stopped breathing during the whole process, but nobody, as usual, seemed to care.



If the horse's muzzle is severely swollen, if a thin trickle of blood runs from each nostril or you can see two small holes or bloody spots about an inch apart, he's been bitten by a venomous snake. (Bites by nonvenomous

snakes seldom cause significant swelling.) If marked swelling is present and the horse's breathing becomes "noisy" (like snoring), lubricate the tubes and insert them carefully into the lower portion of the nostril. Push them in about four inches, deep enough to stay put on their own. A tape or string tied on the outside will keep them from sliding out or being inhaled into the trachea. Sometimes the swelling can be so massive and so quick that the nasal passages are cut off almost immediately. Nasal tubes inserted before the nasal passages swell and shut down can allow adequate air to negate the need to perform a tracheostomy. Be careful doing this and only if significant swelling and breathing difficulty are apparent.

A secondary complication of snake bite is tissue destruction. This complication usually develops hours or days after the bite and can go on for weeks. Any area of tissue death creates large wounds that easily become infected and can lead to life-threatening gangrene. A major complication of a nose bite is that some of the severely swollen facial tissues may die and slough off, requiring 2 to 3 weeks of treatment as an open wound. The difficulty of getting a horse to eat and drink in this condition is significant and may require hospitalization.

TRIVIA: A snake bite with teeth marks in the shape of a horseshoe is from a non-venomous bite. Fang marks (one, two or three) that are side-by-side puncture wounds in the skin are by a venomous snake. The larger the fang spread, the larger the snake (who can inject more venom).

An association appears to exist between Western Diamondback venom and equine heart damage. Affected horses can develop an irregular heart rhythm, risking sudden death or development of heart failure within a year of the bite. If it is or suspected to be a Western Diamondback bite, it is important to have the horse's heart examined prior to return to exercise. Cardiac failure can occur weeks to months after the bite. Cardiac failure appears to be more common in horses than any other species (of course). Kidney damage and hemolytic anemia can also occur weeks to months after the bite, so continued evaluation is required.

IF YOUR HORSE IS BITTEN:

- Call your veterinarian immediately. The sooner the horse gets treatment (antivenin), the greater his chance of avoiding severe symptoms such as suffocation, laminitis or heart arrhythmia.
- Don't panic. No yelling. Quiet swearing is okay. Stay calm because your horse can pick up your anxiety. If your horse senses you are upset and anxious, he'll join you.
- Don't try to trap the snake. A dangerous waste of your time. Your vet does not need to know the specific kind of snake, but if you do catch a glimpse, make an effort to remember what you saw. Keep dogs and cats away from the snake. If the snake is in an enclosed area,



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call Animal Control.

- Do not try to remove the venom. Trying to suck the venom from a snake bite is a really stupid idea. It does nothing for the horse and there's a chance you'll do yourself harm. While venom degrades in the stomach, if you have even a minor cut in your mouth, it could enter your bloodstream and then into your lymphatic system. Venom enters the lymphatic system within 15 minutes or less.
- Do not cut the snake bite wound or apply suction. These methods may increase your horse's risk of infection by contaminating the wound site and probably won't help anyway.
- Do not apply heat, a compress, ice packs, immerse the wound in water or irrigate the wound with water. All these can lead to tissue damage.

DO THIS IF BITTEN WHILE RIDING:

- Call your veterinarian immediately on the cell phone you always carry with you with his number on speed-dial (just saying). Ask if he can meet you on the trail or the closest place he can get to.
- If the horse is bitten while you are riding, DO NOT GET OFF THE HORSE. You could be stepping down onto a now pissed off snake (or his buddies). The snake can strike again. If you get bitten, you will not be able to help your horse. Slowly ride the horse at least 30 feet away from where you think he was bitten, carefully check the ground around you and then get off.
- Slowly walk the horse to the nearest spot where a trailer can come to the horse. If you cannot get to a trailer, slowly walk back to the stable. Do not ride the horse back to the stable since this will get his blood pumping faster and thus spread the venom faster.

DO THIS IF BITTEN AT HOME:

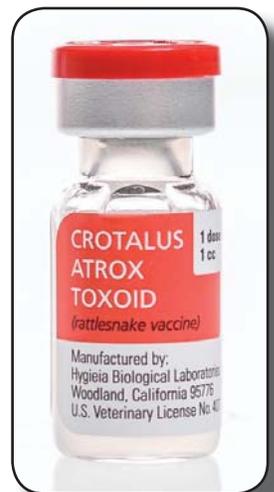
- Call your veterinarian. Duh.
- If it appears to be a nose bite with swelling starting, establish an alternate breathing avenue before the

swelling becomes so great as to prevent the insertion of nasal tubes. Getting the airway open is your primary concern.

- If you find a bitten horse in his stall, corral or pasture, confine the horse and keep him quiet. Movement will speed up the distribution of venom throughout his body. The less he moves, the slower he'll absorb the toxin into his bloodstream. In a stall or corral, be alert, the snake may still be there.
- Don't do anything that would make the horse raise his head; gravity helps slow the toxin from spreading. If bitten on the nose, avoid touching his face unless you have to insert nasal tubes. I know you want to kiss it to make it all better, but the area is painful and he's likely to raise his head if you are trying to touch his head.

TRIVIA: A rattlesnake with wet rattles makes no noise so be extra alert when riding in wet leaves or grasses. Snakes don't rattle their tails when hunting...they are very quiet. A startled snake may not rattle at all before striking defensively.

There is a rattlesnake vaccine labeled for horses. Red Rock Crotalus Atrox Toxoid (Rattlesnake Vaccine) is made with venom of the Western Diamondback. Studies have shown it to be effective in neutralizing this snake's venom. While different snake species' venoms differ, it is believed that antibodies made against one rattlesnake venom may be at least partially effective at neutralizing other venoms. Ask your veterinarian what her recommendations are regarding this vaccine.



You can take precautions to make it more likely that the snake will see you before anyone gets hurt. You may have heard that you should make noise while riding so snakes will stay away. This is nonsense because snakes are deaf...they have no ears (honestly, who comes up with these things?).



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They can feel vibrations through the ground. If your horse is just walking along, they'll feel the vibrations from the ground, and they will get the heck outta Dodge. But if you're trotting or galloping you may come upon a snake faster than it can react by moving away and then it could strike.

Be wary of anything that looks like a branch strung out on a trail. For some perverse reason, rattlesnakes love to stretch themselves out across a trail (working on their California tan?). They are so well camouflaged, they can look just like a branch! Don't tie a horse up in tall grass. Snakes are stealth predators and feel comfortable hiding in leaf litter and under rocks. Don't put your hands or feet anywhere you can't see the whole area where you are placing them.

Logs are another favorite hiding spot for snakes. Many an unfortunate horse has been bitten after stepping or jumping over a log, surprising the snake snoozing on the other side. Ride around logs if you can. Give snakes a wide berth--a snake can strike from two-thirds the length of its body. Remember, you and your horse are much bigger than it is and it really is more afraid of you than the other way around.

TRIVIA: Rattlesnakes can only strike from a coiled position. Rattlesnakes can swim. They will not chase you. They leave that to Bull Snakes.

Talk to your veterinarian now, before an emergency arrives, about what kinds of supplies you should have on hand if you have a snake bit horse. Know how to get to the nearest equine hospital. You never know when your horse will require emergency hospitalization and knowing how to get there in the middle of the night is a good thing. As always, you should prepare yourself to be your horse's first line of defense in any emergency.

Now that we have discussed the always fascinating subject of horse snake bite, let's not forget the other critters that can puncture your horse:

Snake bites are the most life-threatening bites your horse can encounter, but he could also be bitten by spiders, scorpions, centipedes, Africanized bees, honey bees, wasps, yellow jackets and fire ants. All of these cause varying degrees of

painful swelling and complications.

- In the case of a large number of stings (Africanized bees), a horse may go into anaphylactic shock if he has been exposed to the same toxins in the past. This is an emergency. Call the vet.
- Only with bee stings will an embedded stinger be left behind. Remove the stinger by scraping a credit card across it to separate it from the skin. Don't pull or tweeze the stinger as this will push venom into the skin.



- Stings of black widow spiders, brown spiders and tarantulas can



cause chills, fever and labored breathing. Dapsone is a treatment for brown spider bites. An antivenin is available for treatment of black widow bites. Stings of centipedes and scorpions cause local reactions and tend to heal very slowly.

- A paste of baking soda and water applied to the site of the sting can give relief. If the swelling is significant, ice packs may be used (remember, not for snake bites). After use of the baking soda paste and ice packs, Calamine lotion or Cortaid will help relieve itching. Watch for infection at the bite site.

Horses aren't the only ones in danger from snake bites. Because of our smaller size humans are more likely to be envenomated than horses. If you are bitten you should follow the same care approach you would with your horse:

- Get medical attention immediately--don't delay. "Medical attention" means an Emergency Room, not your neighborhood Urgent Care strip mall facility. You need serious emergency care. If you are in an area where you can call an ambulance that is your



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best option. Don't drive yourself to the hospital.

- Bitten on your hand or arm, remove any rings, watches or tight clothing. If bitten on your foot or ankle, see if you can get by with removing your shoe.
- Try to keep calm. Try to minimize movement as much as possible. Find a safe place to sit down. Venom can drop your blood pressure and sitting down reduces your chance of fainting in the first few minutes after a bite.
- Let the bite site bleed freely for about half a minute. This process may allow some of the venom to flow out of the wound.
- Immobilize the bitten area if a limb and keep the bite site lower than your heart. Use a tourniquet only if you absolutely can't get medical attention right away. Don't tie it too tightly and don't compress an artery. Remove at 10 to 15 minute intervals for 5 minutes. Use of tourniquets for human first aid is just as controversial as for horse first aid. Within the medical profession, the treatment of venomous snake bites is often controversial and the use of tourniquets is very controversial.
- Again, don't cut the bite open or try to suck the venom out. Like tourniquets, suction devices are controversial and generally not recommended. They can worsen local tissue injury. If you do use a suction device, do not cut over the bite. Trials on pigs have shown that suction devices appear to be effective only within three minutes of a bite, if at all.
- No heat, ice or any other type of cooling on the bite. Research has shown this to be potentially harmful to tissues.

- Don't drink alcohol or caffeine as these drinks make your body take in the venom more quickly. No food or drink while waiting for care. You want to keep you metabolism as slow as possible.
- No aspirin, Advil or other NSAIDS after a snake bite. Tylenol is okay.

TRIVIA: There is positively no homeopathic cure for snake bite. None.

The consensus of all the research I looked at regarding commercial snake bite kits was that they are dangerous and should not be used. This was supported by the Snake Bite Poison Line who had a few thousand unprintable words on the subject of commercial over-the-counter snake bite kits.

If you have a venomous bite and you can't get to medical care or while you are waiting for care to arrive, you can call the National Poison Control Center's Snake Bite Poison Line: 1-800-222-1222. They are open 24/7 and are a tremendous source of information and well, comfort.



TRIVIA: People who spend a lot of time around horses may be particularly sensitive to antivenins made from horse serum. People previously treated with horse-derived antivenin for snake bites probably will develop a lifelong sensitivity to horse products (such as horse dander). If you are sensitive to horse proteins, ask the doctor to do a sensitivity test before injecting an equine derived antivenin product.

There is also an antivenin derived from sheep which can reduce the risk of allergic reactions. However, the sheep





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derived antivenin is cleared from the body more rapidly so more treatments may be needed than the older horse derived antivenin.

One last thought...dogs. Since many of us take dogs along when hiking or riding, snake precautions should be made for them. There is a dog rattlesnake vaccine available made by the same company which makes the horse vaccine. I highly recommend snake avoidance training classes for dogs. I've been impressed with how effective they are in getting dogs to leave snakes alone. All outdoor dogs, yes, even terriers (who can't resist a fight of any kind), will benefit from this training. One benefit of snake avoidance training is that your dog will be able to alert you to the presence of a snake before you see it, either on the trail or in your backyard.

TRIVIA: Kingsnakes kill and eat rattlesnakes. Hogs, guinea fowl and peacocks (if you buy one, your neighbors will kill YOU) will also kill snakes.

If you do a lot of riding, hiking or just messing around in areas where it is reasonable to assume rattlesnakes might be, call your medical insurance carrier and ask if your plan covers the costs of antivenin. While the ER doctor is putting the 10th vial of antivenom into you, you should know if you need to take out a second mortgage. Or not.

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Lone Pine to Bishop Wagon Trail 2017

Written by Mary Jo Steele, Corral 14

We are ever grateful for the opportunity to gather at the Lone Pine Film Museum. Amazingly, this marked the 17th year we have accomplished this drive. Over the years, we have had to change our itinerary due to Dept. of Water and Power establishing a no camping rule. In a way this was, as many things turn out, some bad - some good. The good is that we have found better campsites, for the most part.

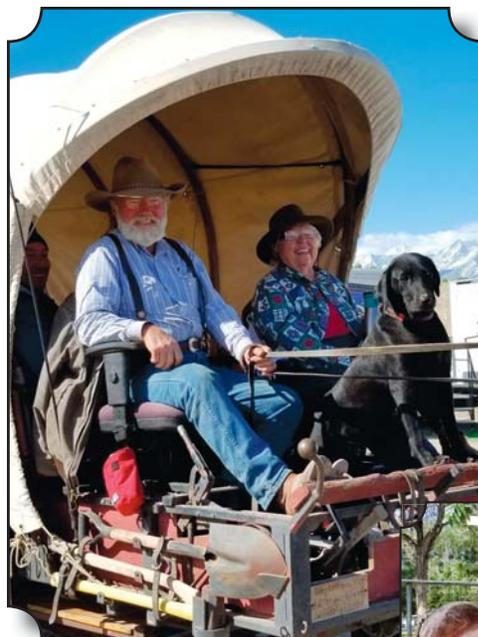
We lined out on Monday morning about 8:30 on our first days adventure. We visited the So. Inyo Healthcare facility where we were warmly received by ambulatory as well as wheel chair patients. Our route has changed again, and after leaving the facility, we were able to access a dirt road within just a few hundred feet. This was a relief to everyone who has in the past had to endure about a mile on 395 before turning north onto the outlying route. Grant Jackson and his friend Garth were kind enough to help with gates starting with this first one and were always there for the wagons when we had to pass through.

We started our trip with a beautiful, cool morning. As the day progressed, however, that changed into threatening clouds and then into showers about five miles out of camp. Everyone donned rain gear and more jackets. Norm stayed in the driver's seat while his wimpy swamper dived for the canvas cover. Our team was not too happy about the wet stuff either. Of course when we got into camp, the weather improved slightly, and we were all able to dry out as the wind continued to blow. When someone asks me what clothes to bring on a wagon train, my response is always "one of everything!"



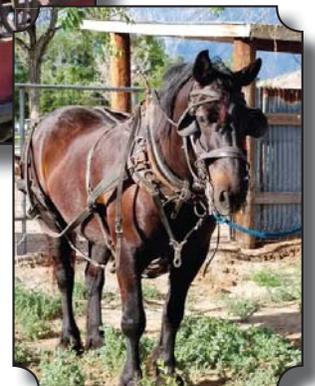
The first night is not in the A listing, but I think everyone will agree that the rest of the camps are very welcoming. We also have made the acquaintance of some valued friends. These include Bob Sigman and Karen at the Museum, the director of the Southern Inyo Healthcare facility we always visit, and the Stewards who so graciously open their ranch and homes to us every year. Of course, not to be left out is Lee Roeser who extends a warm welcome to us at the end of the drive at Mann Ranch in Bishop.

This year's drive was a small but exciting group. We had five wagons and seven outriders.



Lloyd Stueve drove his beautiful Percheron mares. He was joined in his wagon by Karen and Tom Johns. They have neither wagon nor team but love to join us on these trips. Their daughter Elaine met

them each night at camp with their camper. Now you might say that's kinda cheating, but they have paid their dues tent camping for years.





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Ewe (Ava) Vaars was an outrider with Nora's wagon. She trained the beautiful mustang she rode, Cool Beans aka Beanie and also was intent on learning how

and knew their job. Nora's big test was on the second day when we had to cross a bridge she had a runaway on (not this team) on a past wagon train. She was doing a happy dance when she got to the other side! She had a lot of moral support with Sue, Beth, Jeanette and Ewe. What a great team these Barstow girls make.



to harness the big horses that Lloyd drives. There are a few pictures with this article of how well she caught on.

We had some new folks join us this year from Carson, NV... Mike and Mary Kuckenmeister. They were both going to ride, but Mike's horse was injured just before this event. In true pioneer spirit, giving up was not an option. Mary brought her mule, and Ron Remy graciously invited Mike to swap for him. Thanks, Ron, for giving him a seat. Both Mike and Mary promise to return.

We were also lucky to have the photographer Sandy Powell join us for most of the trip. You never know where Sandy and her camera and ladder will appear. She is like a pop up target.

I have to say a few words here about Nora Moran and her little team of used to be renegades. I will admit it looked hopeless a year ago, but thanks to Sue Martzolf's and Beth Uzonyi's encouraging assistance and Nora's perseverance, her little team acted like they had always been this well behaved

Gail Seebold did her homework with her horse Bo and trained him to stake out. However, he hit a learning curve and injured his leg on the tether line early on the drive. She decided to haul to the camps and met us each evening promising to be back next year.

Laurie McNally was also a first time wagon outrider. She rode her black TW Coal. She fit right in with the program and said she had a great time. We had a good time visiting with her dog Panda. Panda turned into a good wagon dog, and Laurie, if she ever disappears, you know where to find her. Laurie always has a smile and positive outlook. She was a real plus to Norm's wagon group. Also outriding with our wagon was Denise Smith. She and her mule May along with Mary Kuckenmeister on her mule Birdie were a great help in doing a true outrider job. They stayed with the train,





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usually one near the front and the other near the back, so they could carry messages when needed. Good job!

Our layover at Taboose Creek is always a high point of the drive. The creek was running swift and cold with the snow melt. Weather was a little better but still that always present wind to blow dishes away and dirt into food. The potluck still tasted great though.

Thursday of our drive we go around a reservoir. It is usually accomplished without much comment. Not this year. Somehow where there was a road last year there was now a huge sand dune to go up!! Norm was the first to try it, and his mules gave out 3/4 of the way up. We had to toss anything heavy from the wagon, including me and the dog Panda,

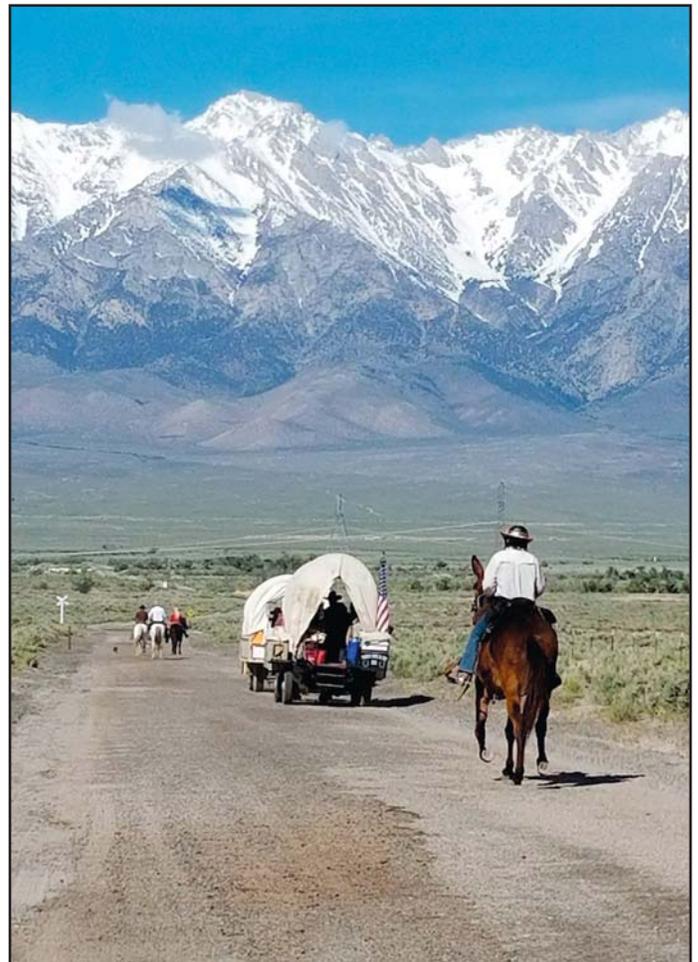
Lloyd Stueve made it without help. Nora and her little team needed some man power to make it. And coming up last and with style and a smile was Jeannette Hayhurst and her Mini Danny. Anyone who says minis can't keep up needs to watch this pair do it all.

Still being blasted by a cold stiff wind, the wagon train traveled through the satellite farm and on to the wild life ponds arriving at Mann Ranch in Bishop still haunted by wind. The wildlife ponds are a perfect way to end our trip. The road winds through large ponds with birds of all kinds giving us a cautious look. The trees sway in the wind, and after four days of desert, the greenery is almost blinding.

There is one thing that can be said for our wagon drives... They are never boring. There are so many changing elements that each day can be a new adventure. Maybe you should try it sometime.



before all hands that could help pushed the wagon. Grant, Garth and Mike dug out under the wheels and wet the sand. Norm started the team, and everyone pushed so we could make it to the top. Ron Remy and





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Fun at Rancho Oso with the Jr. Ambassadors

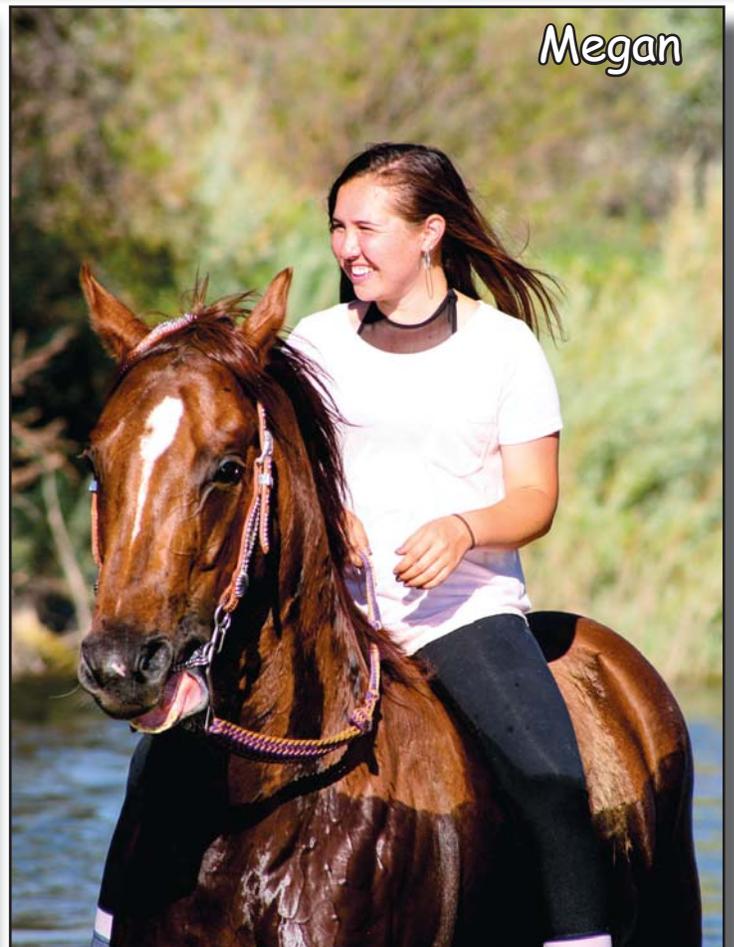


Cheri Ovayan, 2nd Little Princess Amaras Ovayan, Outgoing Queen Megan Kitcko, future Jr. Ambassador Rosie Kraut 1st Little Princess Anita Ovayan and program director Michelle Kraut.

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Trail Coordinator Message (cont.)

by Lynn Brown

Restrict pet and vehicle traffic from exposed-horse areas...Do not permit dogs in horse quarantine areas as they can carry contagion on their feet and on their fur. Vehicles not permitted in quarantine stabling area.

Limit direct horse-to-horse contact

Limit potential horse contact in common areas, such as wash stalls, aisle ways and arenas.

Limit potential horse-to-horse contact when possible by closing upper stall doors to restrict horses from extending their heads into the aisle ways.

Limit stress to horses: An EHV-1 exposed horse may potentially be incubating the virus. With stress, an exposed horse has a higher likelihood of developing clinical disease and shedding a significant amount of virus from the nasal passages.

Limit EHV-1 exposed horses to low level intensity exercise.

Eliminate sharing equipment and personnel: Clean and disinfect all brushes, halters, cross ties, lead ropes and tack, which have previously been shared.

Avoid allowing your horse to drink from common water tanks, and only use your own bucket for watering your horse.



Avoid use of common halters, cross ties, lead ropes and tack. Use individual equipment for each horse; avoid sharing equipment.

If equipment must be shared, clean and disinfect all equipment before and after each use.

Clean and Disinfect: Clean all surfaces of organic matter (dirt, manure, etc.) before applying a disinfectant. It is important to remember that organic material decreases the effectiveness of the disinfectant, especially if 10% bleach is used as the disinfectant.

Clean all shared equipment and shared areas to remove dirt and manure before application of a disinfectant.

Completely clean and disinfect the stall of the known-infected horse and any equipment and objects that may be contaminated.

Isolate new clinical cases as soon as they are found: Isolation is critical to controlling disease. Ideally, at the onset of suspicion of a compatible clinical sign of Equine Herpes Virus -1, isolate the horse a minimum of 30 feet from all other horses.

Restrict designated personnel to work on positive or suspect cases. Ideally, these designated individuals would not handle any other horses on the property. If personnel must go between stabling and isolation, the isolated horses should be handled last thing.

Restrict access to the isolation area to essential personnel and the isolated animals.

Handle isolated horses last; personnel handling isolated horses should not be handling other horses without changing clothes. Provide disposable coveralls for use if a change of clothes is not feasible when entering and exiting the isolation area.

Clean and disinfect the stabling area where the positive or suspect horse had been before being moved to the isolation area.





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June was dedicated to the National Spring ride and Convention, so we didn't have any rides scheduled in June. We have several exciting rides coming up for the summer! Come join us on our moonlight ride in Lakeview Terrace! We will ride to a quaint establishment in Kagel Canyon!

July 8 - Moonlight Ride / Lakeview Terrace

July 22 - Inspiration Point / Wrightwood

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Due to the extreme heat, our Wednesday evening, June 21, Corral 35 event inviting the Glendora Community and its neighbors to visit a Petting Zoo of Farm Animals provided by the Cal Poly Pomona Department of Agriculture, was rescheduled for Wednesday, July 12. This event is the first of a Summer Series of Community Outreach Programs presented by Corral 35. These events are provided free of charge to all attendees as part of our appreciation for the support of the City of Glendora to local Equestrians. Our partnership with the City in the usage and maintenance of the Carlyle Linder Equestrian Park in Glendora is very much appreciated by Corral 35 members. By providing educational and entertaining programs to the Community, Corral 35 is alerting folks to the existence of horses and the equestrian life style, in hopes of generating future horse lovers by way of exposing children and adults to these remarkable animals. At this event, pizza and soft drinks will be served. Folks will be able to interact with horses of Corral members, as well as the zoo farm animals. Corral members are asked to bring their horses and demonstrate some horseback skills in the arena. A short demonstration on grooming and "Tacking Up" will be presented. These Outreach programs are usually presented on the third Wednesday of the summer months in lieu of our regular Corral meetings. Watch for our next event, listed below, in July which will follow the Petting Zoo and Horsemanship Demonstration on July 12.

Our Wednesday evening July 19 event will be a special opportunity for local hikers, bikers, and equestrians, but especially dog owners to participate in a Rattlesnake Avoidance dog training clinic at the Equestrian Park starting at 6:00pm. Carl Person will present his program and training. The cost by Carl will be \$85.00 per dog. Website address for sign up and information is www.AnimaliaHerp.com.

August brings the "Moonlight Madness" llama show presented by our llama owning members of Corral 35. This takes place the weekend of August 5 thru 6th. Always fun, and most events are held in the cool of the evening.

Also in August, the San Dimas Sheriff Mounted Posse will hold a training test and exercise on Saturday morning August 19. More info to come later.

Along with the usual trail rides, Corral 35 is looking forward to a summer of evening socials and a lot of horsing around.

Be sure to come pet a goat or feed my horse, Sera', a carrot on July 12, and as always, watch where you step (snakes and other stuff).

Dottie Hilliard

Corral 36

Mountain Ridge Riders
Agoura/Calabasas/Malibu/Monte Nido
Pres. Susan Carr
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Monte Nido 4th of July Parade ... & Picnic

Santa Monica Mountains equestrians to participate!
The THEME - Hot Wheels + Hooves: Show Us Your Horsepower!

This year, Corral 36 will enter a float in the Parade. Can you offer to help create a fantastic float? Of course, you get to ride on the float!! Please contact Susan Carr at (310) 403.9665 or Email: susan@elsainc.org.

How to enter the parade with your horse, pony, donkey or mule.

New ETI Insurance Rules!



Those folks bringing a horse, pony, donkey or mule to the parade who are not members of ETI will need to purchase a \$5.00 single membership or a \$7.00 family membership for the insurance coverage. You will need your doctor's name & phone number, plus medical insurance card information.

Forms can be provided upon request by email. Cash or checks made payable to Equestrian Trails, Inc., in the appropriate amount. Call (818) 222-7669 or email Stephanie@abronson.com

Your RSVP to Stephanie will be much appreciated.



Local Trails – 2017 Monte Nido Trails Maintenance Fund

Remember...trail clearing only happens when you participate physically or with your hard-earned \$\$\$ so we can hire a work crew. Our coffers are empty as we recently cleared the Middle Trail.

To contribute to our Corral 36 Trails Maintenance Program, please send your contribution to Jeanne Wallace, 1710 Cold Canyon Road, Calabasas, CA. 91302. For information, call (818) 222-2560.

Pierce College Recreation for Kids:

Introduction to Riding and Horsemanship (ages 8-12)

Class meets at Mill Creek Equestrian Center, Old Topanga Canyon. Program designed to give students a "hands on" experience with a focus on fun and safety. 6 – one-hour riding lessons followed by 6 one half hour sessions on horse care. Classes start July 2, 2017.

Horse airlifted to safety after fall in Malibu Creek State Park



By ABC7.com staff, Sunday, June 04, 2017 10:00PM CALABASAS, Calif. (KABC) --Los Angeles

County firefighters rescued a horse in Malibu Creek State Park, airlifting him to safety after a fall from a steep slope.

The horse fell from a slope Sunday afternoon.

His unmounted owner was leading her horse encouraging him to step over a large log. When a hind foot stuck on the log, the



horse accidentally backed over the edge of the slope, falling into heavy brush at the bottom of the steep decline. Ending up lying quietly on his side, the owner called for help.

Because of her training in Natural Horsemanship, which she practiced diligently, her horse trusted her, and she could keep him calm. The horse lay on his side for more than an hour, waiting quietly.

First to reach the scene was a Deputy Sheriff. The horse recognized that help had come, and nickered to the deputy. Next to the scene was the helicopter crew, who asked if the horse had been tranquilized. They noticed that the horse's breathing was calm as he waited. No, not yet, said the owner.

Last to arrive was a veterinarian from Conejo Valley Equine in Thousand Oaks, who responded to the scene, tranquilized the horse before he could be attached to a harness and hoisted out of the narrow canyon by helicopter.

The owner watched as her horse was then carefully lowered and laid down in a field. She praised the helicopter crew, saying that they were amazing!

The extent of the horse's injuries was some scrapes and bruising. He spent two nights at the West Coast Equine Hospital in Somis, and then was sent home.

Owners last comment – "I'm self-imposing community service at the Agoura Animal Shelter to work with their horses."

Ed. Note: Once again the wonderful Anderson Sling saved a horse! Want to become a member of the Los Angeles County Equine Response Team?



Photos from ABC7.com staff.

Ulcers in Every Horse? Possibly.

A special lecture was sponsored by Richard Stevens, DVM, of Conejo Valley Equine clinic. Your Corral 36 Editor was invited to attend. Here's what I learned:



Are you aware how many horses get gastric ulcers? Hoyt Cheramie, DVM, MS, DACVS, has scoped over 3,000 horses. Most of them had ulcers. He has provided a great database on EGUS, Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome for Merial Limited.

EGUS is similar to Gastric Esophageal Reflux Disease - GERD (in humans known as heartburn, which believe it or not many, many of our horses suffer. Even a good trail horse whose rider may not keep his/her balance with much skill on their horse, will suffer from ulcers or GERD.

In horses, gastric acid production goes on for 24 hours a day, which equals 16 gallons of acid, plus up to 15 gallons of saliva per day. That's a lot! Humans produce a fraction of that amount of acid and saliva.

Saliva acts like sodium bicarbonate – a buffer for all that stomach acid. Horses are grazing animals, and are supposed to be eating small meals most of the time. Grazing and chewing helps to buffer the acid to a level needed for digestion. Horses are also healthier eating from the ground rather than from feeders set higher.

Physical and behavior stress causes the production of cortisol, which can add to the development of ulcers in horses. Some clinical signs are: reluctance to perform, stiffness, not supple in movement, horsey heartburn, and behavior changes from stress at a competition.

So what can you do? Start an Ulcer Management Prevention Program. Pharmaceuticals, Nutraceuticals, and Supplements. Talk with Richard Stevens, DVM, at Conejo Valley Equine in Thousand Oaks. (805) 496-0505.

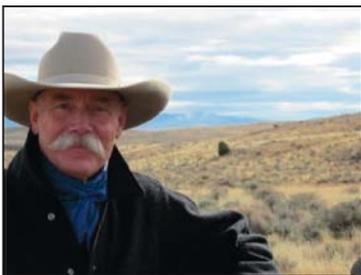
The Death of "Natural Horsemanship"

DECEMBER 09, 2015

<http://besthorsepractices.com/author/maddy/>
BestHorsePractices.com website owner, Maddy Butcher

Natural horsemanship is dead. Long live natural horsemanship.

Natural horsemanship is a trending phrase that got attached to a style of work and a way of connecting with horses that Bill and Tom Dorrance offered up a few generations ago. It involved working with the horse on its behavioral level.



Natural horsemanship is defined by the instinctual patterns and social understandings we see in a herd, or even between two horses.

Randy Rieman

Most specifically, it embraces the concept of **pressure and release**.

Pressure and release is defined by the micro-movements and movements between two horses. For example, the head turn or ear pinning of one horse will dictate the movement of a second horse. If the second horse doesn't understand, the pressure or energy will increase. e.g., the first horse may charge or kick. When the second horse acquiesces, the first horse lets off the pressure or releases.

Furthermore, the work of natural horsemanship can extend to myriad physiological, neurological and anatomical details like:

- bend (lateral flexion)
- the hind quarters as engine
- the flight or fight response of the autonomic nervous system
- the positive reward cycle involving the neurochemical, dopamine

Natural horsemanship is dead; the term has lost its meaning. But the work is alive and well.

BestHorsePractices.com website owner, Maddy Butcher

"My father's most important message: The horse is the rider's partner, not a piece of sporting equipment! Treat the horse as you would your best friend." ~Ingrid Klimke about Reiner Klimke

What You Can Learn From A Feed Tag

Commercially prepared, bagged, horse feed requires a feed tag. It's the law, no exceptions. The purpose of feed tags is to protect customers and honest merchants from deception and confusion. Initially, feed tags were created to standardize weights and measures listed on feeds. Imagine the confusion if every bag of feed listed the amount contained in that bag in different units. Some would list bushels, others would list pounds and still others may list grams. Current feed tags go further in that they assure the feed meets certain standards such as guarantees of nutrient content. These guarantees provide the customer with a basis in which they can begin to compare feed products.

Feed tag "rules" and "regulations" are written and enforced by the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO). Each individual state has their own regulatory personnel who are members of AAFCO. These state regulatory people are charged with the task of inspecting feed tags, testing feeds, and interpreting and enforcing feed tag rules and regulations. Since each state has their own offices and people, rules and regulations are occasionally interpreted differently in different states. In other words, a



feed tag that is perfectly acceptable in Vermont may not be acceptable in California. Every commercial horse feed tag is required to contain certain information. Feed tags are to include the brand name, product name, purpose statement, guaranteed analysis, list of ingredients, directions for use, caution statements or warnings, name and address of manufacturer, and a quantity statement. All this information is important to help the customer select a feed product that is appropriate for their individual animal.

Beginning at the top of the feed tag, the brand name and/or the product name is listed. Ideally, the product name should reflect the intended use of the product. For example, a product that includes the word "Development" is assumed to be a feed for young, growing horses or pregnant mares. Since product names can be deceiving, AAFCO may also require a purpose statement to be included under the product name. A purpose statement identifies the specific group of horses for which the product is intended. A purpose statement may read: For maintenance of mature horses. This product would be intended for mature horses that are not pregnant, lactating or being worked. Another example may read: For horses in training or work. This product would be intended for horses that are being actively ridden or worked. The take home message regarding the purpose statement on a feed is to match what your horse is doing to the purpose statement. In other words, don't feed a feed designed for a mature horse to a young, growing horse.

The next item on a feed tag is the guaranteed analysis. The list of nutrients which are guaranteed is specific to different species of animals. In other words, the nutrients guaranteed on a feed intended for poultry is different than for a feed intended for horses. A commercial horse feed tag guarantees the following information: minimum crude protein, minimum crude fat, maximum crude fiber, minimum and maximum calcium, minimum phosphorus, minimum copper, minimum zinc, minimum selenium, and minimum vitamin A. Since these nutrients are guaranteed on a horse feed tag, the state feed regulatory office will actually sample and analyze the feed for these nutrients. If the feed does not contain the proper amount of nutrients, the regulatory people can issue fines and even stop the sale of the feed.

Some people wonder why more nutrients are not guaranteed on the feed tag. The simple answer is that if we listed more guarantees, the state regulatory people would have to analyze for more nutrients, and they are not staffed and willing to take on this task. Another common question concerns the mathematical units used to express the guarantees. Again, AAFCO designates the units, and the feed manufacturer cannot deviate from the standards imposed in the rules. Therefore, everyone will need to get used to ppm (parts per million) as a nutrient concentration.

Following the guaranteed analysis is the list of ingredients.

Normally, these ingredients are listed in descending order from the ingredient in highest concentration to the ingredient in lowest concentration. Not all feed companies strictly adhere to this guideline. Some companies will rearrange or group ingredients on a feed tag with only limited regard to the amount of ingredient in the feed. The other issue with listing the ingredients contained in a feed is the terms used to describe the ingredients. In general, two different sets of terminology exist: individual terms and collective terms.

Individual terms list ingredients according to their common name. For example, corn is called corn and barley is called barley. Collective terms allow the manufacturer to utilize terms such as "grain products" which may include corn, barley, oats, or several other ingredients. They can also use terms such as "processed grain by-products" which may include a host of ingredients from wheat mill run to peanut skins. The problem with collective terms is that you do not know exactly which ingredient is being used or the amount of ingredient in the formula. Other collective terms often utilized include forage products, plant protein products, roughage products, and molasses products. The reason collective terminology is utilized is that it allows manufacturers the ability to eliminate ingredients or switch ratios of ingredients without constantly changing the feed tag.

Unfortunately, many states do not allow manufacturers to select the terminology they would like to utilize. Therefore, if a state requires collective terms, this will make it difficult for feed customers to compare feed tags.

Following the list of ingredients are feeding instructions for the feed. Some states will allow feeding instructions to be printed on the feed bag rather than on the feed tag. The feeding instructions typically restate the type of horse for which the feed is intended along with a daily feed intake range that will properly fortify the horse with essential nutrients.

The feeding instructions will also include guidelines for providing forage (hay or pasture) along with clean, fresh water and salt. The take home message for feeding instructions is that they provide guidelines for using the product. If the customer chooses to feed $\frac{1}{2}$ of the minimum recommended level, they cannot possibly hope their horse will receive adequate nutrition from the bagged feed. If your horse does not require the amount of feed indicated on the feeding instructions, simply ask the manufacturer if they have a more concentrated product that can be fed at the level of intake which makes you comfortable.

Many feed tags will also contain caution statements and warnings. These warnings will vary from "do not feed moldy or insect infested feed", to "do not feed additional sources of selenium with this product".



These statements are intended to protect the customer and ultimately their horse from sickness. Of course, it is impossible to list all potential caution statements, so common sense should always prevail.

If you ever have a question or concern, contact the feed manufacturer.

The final piece of information on the feed tag is the name and address of the feed manufacturer along with the quantity statement. The name and address of the manufacturer provides information for the customer should they have a question on the product. It also provides the state regulatory agencies with contact information if they should have a problem with the product. The quantity statement indicates the weight of the amount of feed in the bag. To date, horse feed bags typically hold 50 lbs. of product.

With this brief overview of horse feed tags, what can we learn from a feed tag? We can certainly learn the intended purpose of the feed and determine if this feed is correct for our horse. We can learn something about the nutrient guarantee of the product. Learning about the ingredients utilized in the feed may be difficult if the manufacturer is using "collective" instead of "individual" terms. From the feeding instructions, we can learn if we have chosen a product which fits the feed requirements of our horse. If we must feed more or less feed than recommended, we need to discuss this with the manufacturer and possibly choose a different product. From the caution statement, we can learn if other supplements or feeds are necessary with this feed product. We can also learn feeding practices that may reduce the chance of sickness associated with a feed. Finally, we can learn the net weight of the product in the bag and the name and address of the feed manufacturer. Can we compare two tags and learn which feed is best? The answer is likely no, since we only have limited information available to us on the feed tag.

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ETI Corral 38 held a neat Play Day at Martinez on May 21. It was a fun day, and all entrants had a good time. Corral 38 will have another Play Day at our Annual Halloween event in October.

In meetings with Councilman O'Farrell, local equestrians were invited to participate, regarding the construction of a equestrian, hiking and biking bridge across the L.A. River at Atwater. The equestrians supported a simple, safe Pre-Fabricated Bridge instead of the expensive LaKretz Bridge. At the time this bridge project was originally proposed, Mr. LaKretz had donated \$6 million dollars to cover the entire cost of that bridge. The cost of the LaKretz Bridge, due to years of delay, has ballooned in cost to \$16 million dollars. The Pre-Fabricated bridge could be in place for about \$ 5 or \$6 million dollars.

The Los Angeles City Council voted in June to fund the LaKretz Bridge, much to the frustration and disappointment of Atwater equestrians. However, a bridge is a bridge, elaborate or simple. ETI's Lynn Brown worked closely with the L.A. Bureau of Engineering who will build the bridge to make sure that safety concerns for equestrians were put in place. Equestrians have to cross directly over the fast moving L.A. Bike path to access both exit and entrance to the bridge. We must have safe crossing features and methods to slow the bikes down at the crossing area.

The Bureau of Engineering are on board, and will install the safety features on the LaKretz Bridge.

The ETI Convention has been rescheduled for September 22 to 24.

Lynn Brown



Corral 43

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Corral 83

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Corral 83, Tehachapi Mountain Riders have been enjoying some nice rides even though the weather has warmed up significantly.

At the end of May, several of our members went to Mule Days in Bishop and had a great time. We filled up ten campsites, about half with ETI members. We ran into other ETI members there that were also camping. There were even a couple people from our area in the parade. It sure was a fun five days. The weather was pleasant the whole time.

June 2-4 was the 13th annual Cox trail ride and weekend camp out with ECH and Corral 103 at Hesperia Lakes in Hesperia. There were about 30 riders, and we also had a great BBQ, silent auction, raffle tickets for great prizes, and entertainment by our very own local Highview Band. It was pretty hot, but the breeze always helps out.

July 4th, we are planning on riding in the Newberry Springs parade. It is only about two miles long, and it will be hot! We purchased red/white/blue stars and stripes matching saddle blankets, and we will wear red/white/blue along with carrying the orange bandanna in honor of 'Expedition Orange', honoring the Agent Orange veterans.

There is no general meeting in July.

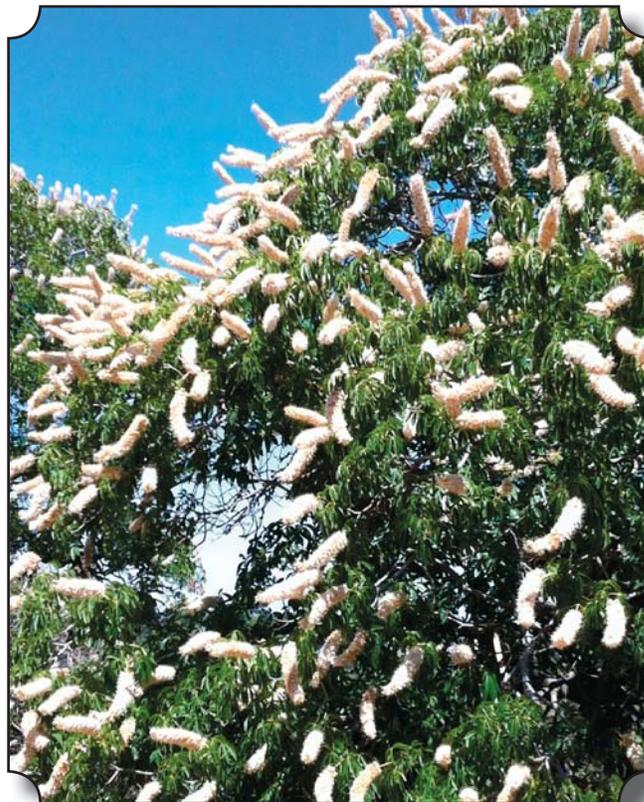
August 20 is our annual tack cleaning day at the Bredelis ranch in Newberry Springs. Anyone that wants to camp the night before is welcome. It will be hot, but they have a lake!

June 8th, seven riders enjoyed the Golden Hills area in Tehachapi, staging in the parking lot of the former golf course, now Nature Park designated for riding and hiking. Linda Lackey led the ride around the back nine, then past some neighborhood cul-de-sacs into the foot hills between Hwy 58 and Golden Hills and finally back into the nature park. That was a nice two hour ride with a short rest stop about the half way point. Thank you, Linda, for taking us on a very nice ride through the grassy hills dotted with cactus and under the shade of the beautiful oak and cottonwood trees. All riders are encouraged to check their horses for ticks after a ride.





ride. In May and June, the beautiful Buckeye trees are in bloom. Also still many wild flowers and various berries are in bloom. Stallion springs has elderberry, gooseberry, wild roses and some not so wild flora that has migrated from the gardens of local residents. One young buck was spotted bounding away from the group of riders. Marcy Watton took fantastic pictures of the Stallion Springs ride. Thank you, Marcy.



Also special thanks to all the out of town visitors who left hoof prints on our trails...Jan Wanamaker, Dana Colin, Marcy Watton, Pam Thomas, Tawna Wilder Born. Also, it was nice to see Sharon DeSilva back in the saddle after a few months absence, recovering from a broken foot.



Tuesday, June 13th, Corral 83 joined by riders from Corrals 22, 86, & 138, enjoyed another nice ride. Carolyn McIntyre led thirteen riders through the Mustang Wilderness Trail in Stallion Springs for what Corral 83 refers to as the Buckeye

We may not be in a drought anymore, but it's still important to

ALWAYS BE PREPARED FOR FIRES!

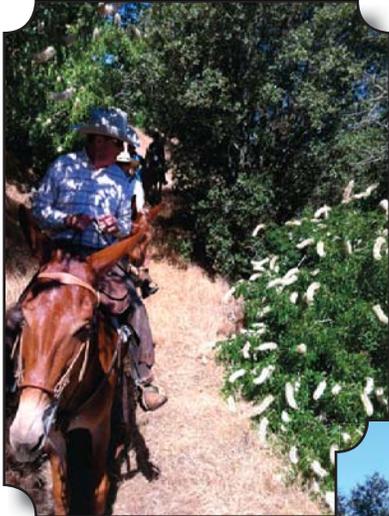
THIS SEASON -- When you drive past the Fire Dept Forestry Unit on Las Virgenes Rd. and notice that the warning sign says "**HIGH FIRE DANGER**", take special notice!!

We are at risk! Our children are at risk! Our animals are at risk! Our homes are at risk! Hell's Bells! The mountains are **DRY**. **BE PREPARED!!**

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Kimberly Dwight, from the Antelope Valley area, rode her very handsome Buckwheat, an Oak Creek Wild horse, who seemed to enjoy being back near his home turf. The Southern Tehachapi Mountains have been home to several small bands of feral horses that make up herd of roughly 130 horses.

be the demo horses. Tiernan, the Oak Creek wild horse, had not yet been backed prior to this event where Cristobal rode him for the first time.



Amber McGee with 2 mustangs from Lifesavers, Cristobal Scarpati and Teirnan, a Tehachapi Mountain wild horse. Photo credit Hazel Patterson.

People interested in more information or acquiring their own Wild Horse of the Tehachapi Mountains may contact Diana Palmer, caretaker for the Oak Creek horses. Diana has posted many photographs and videos of the horses on You tube. <http://www.oakcreekwildhorses.com/> visit this website for more info.



Sadly, due to the heat, Corral 83 has postponed a ride that was being considered for Wednesday, June 21, to be led by Gail Forrest. We are in record breaking territory with our current heat wave. Most riders are in the saddle by 7am and back home by 10 am just to beat the heat. With temperatures like this, it is time to head for the back country, higher elevations. Or, if you are lucky enough, head to the coast for some temps in the 60's and 70's. That is 40 degrees cooler than what Bakersfield is experiencing this week.

Amber's trip to the Mystic was nearly postponed when last minute issues with her tow vehicle and trailer gave her a very uncomfortable feeling. You know we have all experienced them at one time or another. First one thing goes wrong then another and as they pile up you start to wonder "is this some sort of sign I shouldn't go?" For me, it is usually when things are really going great, hitting on all eight cylinders, everything is green light, horses hop in the trailer without any problems, smooth sailing, then I get that crazy feeling this is all too good to be true.

Picnic at the Mystic

On June 24, Hazel Patterson hosted a single day event at her ranch in Nipomo, CA. Members from Corral 83, Tehachapi mountain riders, were invited as well as a number of others, to observe a trainer from Argentina, Cristobal Scarpatti Rodriquez, as he worked with wild horses. The event was well attended. Amber McGee took two wild mustangs from Lifesavers rescue as well as one Oak Wild Horse with her to



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Well, Amber made it to the Mystic Ranch, had a fantastic time at a very well attended event, good picnic, horses performed exactly as she anticipated. Tiernan experienced his first ride. Awesome! All good.

After spending 2½ wonderful days away from the triple digit heat of Kern county, Amber headed home. Unfortunately, she got a flat tire out in the Cuyama Valley and waited a very long time for auto club services to arrive. A kind law enforcement officer stopped to check on her and informed her it was 109 degrees outside, per his gauge. He made attempts to find a quicker response for the tire change. The horses were very well behaved as they waited, that is something to be said for three greenies. Amber spends time working with the green horse to be able to stand quietly when needed and it really paid off on this day.



All are back home safe and sound and wiser for the experience.

Happy Trails,
Doris Lora,
Scribe/Secty C83

Corral 86

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Heat Wave! Remember Bronski Beat. Yes, that's what our horses as well as us riders are going through this month and maybe for a few more, hopefully less. News says "the worst is yet to come"...like that's a surprise. Note: We live in a desert!

was a day to remember as we rode the beautiful trail and all gathered for lunch at a picnic spot.

This year, we had a bit of a snag in our plans. I had made sure there were no events planned so the overflow parking would handle all the trailers. Well, that turned into a nightmare. They were so backed up, people who had pulled permits that day couldn't get their people in, and they were upset. I had said, "In the saddle by 10:00, and we're off!" So I had to wait until 10:10am to tell each trailer we were turning around and heading over to Hansen Dam which was quite literally down the street. So by 10:10, my family and I were greeted by twenty riders waiting to get going on this adventure. And an adventure it was.

I had not been there in quite some time, and if I were a cat, I doubt I would be able to find my way out of a paper bag. I had forgotten I was told several days before most of the trails had been washed out. Well, I and my ten second memory had forgotten that part. But what I did know was there were plenty of others who knew the Dam like the back of the hands. So, let's go and have fun.

Whoever it was that said the trails were gone...they were not kidding. I laughed so hard when I saw my trail tracker at the end.





Tree's had overgrown due to all the rains. Trees were down. There were many water crossings. But literally none of them were recognizable. Due to the heat, we wanted to stay in the shaded, wooded area. That we did.

That day our horses proved they are truly trail horses. They can take what we give out and take care of us. The ride was not without some scrapes and bruises, but in the end, everyone was okay. It was a definite adventure. Thanks to everyone who helped out and helped with some horses that needed a little scooch. You never know what to expect...At least this ride, but it was well worth it!

After the ride, a few of us sat on the grass under a nice shaded tree and shared lunch and laughter. We did it!

Never a dull moment with ETI Corral 86!

So Happy trails...
Melissa Haggai
ETI Corral 86 Scribe

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While the circumstances surrounding the decision to postpone the Convention are unfortunate, I'd like to applaud those who had to face this difficult situation and resolved to PUT THE HORSES FIRST. The safety and welfare of the horses are most important.

So we'll see you in the near future for a "Blast from the Past!" In a hopefully-cooler September!

Yes, well, SUMMER

We know it comes every single year, but when the summertime heat hits in earnest, we all feel a bit surprised and unprepared and eventually, after days of little relief, grumpy and short-tempered.

It's very tempting to resort to short-cuts when doing anything right now. But don't shortchange yourself or your horses in practicing heat safety. Proper cooling, hydration and electrolyte levels are critical.

The magic number is 130!

Add the temperature and the humidity together. If the total is less than 130, it is safe to exercise and ride. But use common sense. Scale back, take breaks, and adjust your schedule – whatever it takes to stay healthy. Moderation is key!

**All of our horse shows in this 2017 season are:
118 SVAC (Simi Valley Awards Circuit) and
ETI National High Point Horse Shows:**

Next Horse Show is August 27!

Big Finale is October 8
and is DOUBLE-JUDGED
(Rain Date - OCTOBER 22)

Hightail it on over to the Arroyo / Gateway Equestrian Center in Simi Valley!

Check our new and improved website at www.eti118.org for rules and updated points and class



and division standings.
Yeah, 118!

**Celebrate America! Happy 4th of July!
Keep it safe and sane!**

Always put your horse first, and he will last.
Good riding 'til next time.
~ Beth Haney

Corral 126

Santa Clara Valley Equestrian Riders
Fillmore/Santa Paula
Pres. Danelle Williams
(805) 644-7094

Corral 138

Barrel Springs Riders
Antelope Valley/Palmdale
Pres. Kimberly Dwight
(661) 478-2770



Hansen Dam ride: The dozen members who braved the heat June 25 had a wonderful ride in Shadow Hills. We didn't get lost or confused because we had Debra Mader from the area leading us. We stayed in the water or shade of the big trees or the bamboo and had a great time. We had members from Corral 86 and 20 join us.



Our next rides are:

July 15: ZIG ZAG, Littlerock. 9:00 Kimberly (661) 478-2770
jdwright@aol.com

July 22: Stallion Springs in Tehachapi. Contact Raul
rpgemini50@msn.com

August 19: Inspiration Point in Wrightwood. Contact Raul
rpgemini50@msn.com

Kimberly Dwight

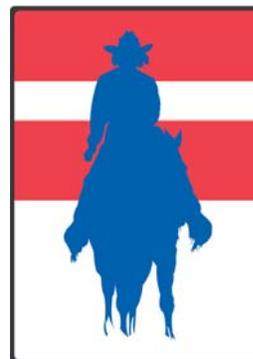
Corral 210

Sunland Riders
Sunland/Gibson Ranch
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Send cards in A.S.A.P. Don't hold them. For Single membership, list only the person applying for membership and no one else.

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Name (last): _____ First _____ Corral _____ *

Mailing Address: _____ Spouse: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Occupation: _____

Email Address: _____

_____ Junior (under 18) Birthdate _____ Dues Paid _____

_____ Adult (over 18) Dues Paid _____

_____ Family Sr " _____ Jr. # _____ Dues Paid _____

New _____ Renew _____ or Changing from Corral # _____ to Corral # _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's signature if Junior only membership-under 18

All ETI rides and events require that participants complete both sides of the ETI Waiver and Release.

Non members must complete a Single Event form and pay \$5.00 for an individual for the day or weekend-camping membership. \$3.00 of this is to be sent with the forms back to the ETI office. A family membership for the event is \$7.00; \$5.00 goes to the ETI office.

The Waivers/Release as well as Single Event forms need to be received at the ETI office within two weeks of event.

* CHECK Please send me information for a Corral in my area. ETI (818) 698-6200

ETI National Programs

Gymkhana High Point Series was initiated in 2010. The program is based on CA Gymkhana Assoc. (CGA) rules. Open to all age riders in all Corrals. Chairperson is Tracy Boldroff (tracyboldroff@sbcglobal.net). Contact her to join the High Point Gymkhana Program or to have your Corral hold a High Point Gymkhana or become the chair.



Horse Shows ETI has a National High Point Circuit. High Point Co-Chairs for 2017 are Kim Estrada (818) 497-4730 rockbacknzip@aol.com Laurel Surprenant (661) 212-7713 equinediva@hughes.net. Non-ETI members can participate in our ETI High Point Shows. But to be a part of the National High Point Circuit you must be an ETI member. You can sign up for the Circuit any time during the season, but must compete a specified number of times in your chosen classes to win awards. Points towards year end awards start accumulating on the date you sign up with the high point program.



The **Junior Ambassador Program** is open to all ETI youth age 7 to 21. Boys are welcome for the Prince and King category. Applications for the program may be obtained by calling Michelle Kraut at the ETI Office (818) 698-6200 or office@etinational.com. The completed forms are due back in the office in May 1st with all fees, sponsors, autobiography and pictures. This is a great way for our youth to represent their Corral and ETI. Participants volunteer their time at several mandatory events as well as many horse shows; trail trials, parades, trail dedications, quarterly dinner meetings and fun events just for the Junior Ambassador Court such as the retreat! Contact Michelle or any of the girls who have participated for more info on the fun activities.



Trail Rider Award Program (TRAP) keeps computerized logs on how many hours members are riding. In this day and age, when trails are giving way to housing developments, it is crucial that records be kept on trail usage. ETI Corrals in all areas are finding themselves having to defend their riding areas more and more against encroaching civilization. On several occasions, TRAP records have been instrumental in maintaining trail access.



ETI TRAP acknowledges hours in the saddle with shoulder patches & pins that can be attached almost anywhere. The fee to join TRAP is only \$12.00 (you must maintain current ETI membership); then the TRAP membership is maintained each year for only \$6.00. You will start by receiving the TRAP main shoulder patch and your log sheets. As you achieve the hour goals additional patches will be sent to you. Carol Elliott is the TRAP chair. Please contact (760) 963-8209 or happy2appy@yahoo.com.

Trail Trials: An ETI Sanctioned Trail Trial consists of a trail ride, usually averaging between two and three hours, with trail obstacles along the way. Obstacles are natural, or simulate naturally occurring conditions for the horse and rider to negotiate. We now have a DVD from a clinic demonstrating obstacles and tips to compete or put on a Trail Trial. It is important to remember that the people doing the judging at sanctioned Trail Trial event are volunteers following the rulebook and are doing thwe best they can. Safety, control, and common sense are the number one priorities for all ETI sanctioned Trail Trials. Trail Trials are open to ETI members and Non-members. There are three divisions: Juniors for youth 14 years (as of Jan. 1st) and under; Novice and Open. Please contact the ETI office at (818) 698-6200 office@etinational.com.

