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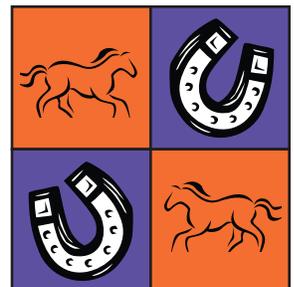


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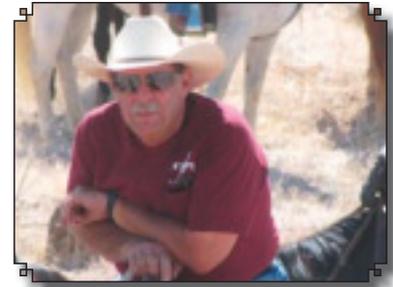




## A Message from Tom Kirsch ETI National President

Hello to all.

We held our September National Board Meeting via phone conference on September 21. We discussed our plans for the rest of the year and started planning for next year. Financially, we are doing good. The bills are all paid, our taxes are paid, and our paperwork for the Feds and state are done through July which is the first time in years. So all and all, we are doing good considering we have not been able to have any fundraisers. Patty, Linda, Nikki and Jeanne have done a great job keeping ETI alive well, along with the area directors and corral presidents. The corrals for the most part have done a outstanding job keeping ETI running in their areas. It has been a tough year for everyone.



Election materials have been sent to the corral presidents. Jeannie, Nikki and myself are going to run for office again. So if you would like to run for President, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, contact you corral President.

The Terry Kaiser trail trials will be held October 17 at Ranger Park. Information is in the magazine and on the website. Come out and ride or support your fellow ETI members.

I'm so glad to see our members out riding with their friends in small groups. It is so hard to deal with all the crap that is going on. Our animals are a great distraction from everything going on around us. So hang in there. Hopefully, things will be better in the coming months.



Tom



Corral 88's trail ride this month was at Mojave Narrows. Trail boss Cheri Kopasz. Submitted by Lilly Adams, Corral 88 members.

**National Board Meeting**  
 October 19 at 7pm  
 Foothill Trails District  
 Neighborhood Council Office  
 9747 Wheatland Ave.  
 (Corner of Wheatland & Sunland)  
**Join us!**

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 ETI HIGH POINT SHOW PROGRAM: On Hiatus



## Spring Ride Cancelled

We are sad to announce that, due to low participation, we have made the difficult decision to once again cancel The Spring Ride. We suspect that the pandemic had a hand in this. We will try again next year.



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## Coming Events Calendar

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### 2020 NATIONAL EVENTS

Unfortunately, The Spring Ride has been cancelled due to low participation.

### Individual Corral Circuit Shows/Series

#### Corral 37/Thousand Oaks

4 show series April-October  
Contact: Sharyn Henry (805) 795-6493  
[redhatcowgirl@yahoo.com](mailto:redhatcowgirl@yahoo.com)

**September 20**  
**October 18**

#### Corral 101/Hansen Dam

5 show series - February - October  
Contact: Kim Estrada (818) 497-4730  
[rockbacknzip@aol.com](mailto:rockbacknzip@aol.com)

**September 13**  
**November 14-15**  
**December 13**

#### Corral 118/Simi Horse Shows

SVAC Western & English Shows, Thousand Oaks  
Contact: Taylor Stephens  
(805) 432-6983

[taystephens98@gmail.com](mailto:taystephens98@gmail.com)  
2020 Show Schedule cancelled due to Covid

### GYMKHANAS/PLAYDAYS

#### Corral 37/Thousand Oaks

Saddle Series- 6 shows; April – November  
Contact: Raquel Brusher  
[jrmissetti@yahoo.com](mailto:jrmissetti@yahoo.com)

#### Corral 43/Riverside Rancheros

Gymkhana Call Lyn (951) 780-7208

#### Corral 210

Monthly play days third Sunday of each month, Gibson Ranch, Sunland  
Contact: Jeanette Provolt (818) 472-6537  
[countryatheart.jp@verizon.net](mailto:countryatheart.jp@verizon.net)

### 2020 TRAIL TRIALS

#### October 17/Corral 20

3rd Annual Terry Kaiser Memorial Trail Trial, Hansen Dam Contact: Becky Borquez (818) 262-7764

#### October 25/Corral 54

Trail Trials, TBD Contacts: Tracy Campbell  
[palaloosa7@gmail.com](mailto:palaloosa7@gmail.com)

### 2020 ETI Trail Rides, Drives, Events

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



### OCTOBER

#### October 3/Corral 37

Gymkhana (double point, Thousand Oaks)  
Contact: Raquel Brusher  
[jrmissetti@yahoo.com](mailto:jrmissetti@yahoo.com)

#### October 3/Corral 88

Phelan Parade Contact: Deborah Jasper  
[deborah\\_jasper@snowlineschools.com](mailto:deborah_jasper@snowlineschools.com)

#### October 3/Corral 357

Acorn Day (volunteers needed), O'Neill Park Contact: Debbie (949) 244-0670

#### October 4/Corral 43

Gymkhana, Riverside Rancheros Contact: Lyn Morris [lyn4539@earthlink.net](mailto:lyn4539@earthlink.net)

#### October 7/Corral 83

Trail ride, BVS Hart Loop Contact: Carol Hellyer (661) 821-0361

#### October 8-11/Corral 22

Campout/ride, Alabama Hills/Lone Pine  
Trail boss: Allan Johnson Contact: Kathleen Smart (626) 590-6972  
[kathleensmart99@gmail.com](mailto:kathleensmart99@gmail.com)

#### October 10/Corral 36

Reyes Adobe Days Parade, Location TBD  
Contact: Susan Carr [susancarr3@mac.com](mailto:susancarr3@mac.com)

#### October 10/Corral 88

Trail ride, Mojave Narrows, Victorville  
Contact: Deborah Jasper  
[deborah\\_jasper@snowlineschools.com](mailto:deborah_jasper@snowlineschools.com)

#### October 10/Corral 357

Trail maintenance, O'Neill Park Contact: Debbie (949) 244-0670

#### October 11/Corral 36

Reyes Adobe Days Playday, location TBD  
Contact: Susan Carr [susancarr3@mac.com](mailto:susancarr3@mac.com)

#### October 12/Corral 12

Trail ride, Oak Grove Park Contact: Patty Hug (818) 367-2056 [pattyhug@ca.rr.com](mailto:pattyhug@ca.rr.com)

#### October 13-15/Corral 83

Campout & ride, Alabama Hills  
Contact: Doris Lora (661) 333-7797

#### October 16/Corral 10

Saddle Club, Mitchell Ranch Contact: v Gina Cruz [ginakeilcruz@yahoo.com](mailto:ginakeilcruz@yahoo.com)

#### October 17/Corral 20

3rd Annual Terry Kaiser Memorial Trail Trial, Hansen Dam Contact: Becky Borquez (818) 262-7764

#### October 17/Corral 35

Trail Ride, Glendora Contact: Dottie Hilliard (626) 335-7112 [equidot@aol.com](mailto:equidot@aol.com)

#### October 17/Corral 65

Trail ride, Ordway Farm Contact: Helen Ordway [heordway@gmail.com](mailto:heordway@gmail.com)

#### October 17/Corral 88

Dusty Spurs Gymkhana, Phelan  
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[deborah\\_jasper@snowlineschools.com](mailto:deborah_jasper@snowlineschools.com)

#### October 17/Corral 103

Mojave Narrows ride, Hesperia Contact: Dawn Walker (760) 961-7879

#### October 18/Corral 10

Driving Derby (Location TBD) Contact: Gina Cruz [ginakeilcruz@yahoo.com](mailto:ginakeilcruz@yahoo.com)

#### October 18/Corral 37

Horse show (double judged), Thousand Oaks Contact: Sharyn Henry (805) 795-6493 [redhatcowgirl@yahoo.com](mailto:redhatcowgirl@yahoo.com)

#### October 18/Corral 70

Trail ride, location TBD Contact: Rebecca Larkin [larkin206@gmail.com](mailto:larkin206@gmail.com)

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Cookie trail ride Contact: Yolanda  
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**October 18/Corral 210**

Playday, Gibson Ranch, Shadow Hills  
Contact: Jeanette Provolt  
[countryatheart.jp@verizon.net](mailto:countryatheart.jp@verizon.net)

**October 24-25/Corral 22**

BBQ/Trail plan meeting Contact:  
Kathleen Smart (626) 590-6972  
[kathleensmart99@gmail.com](mailto:kathleensmart99@gmail.com)

**October 24/Corral 36**

Harvest Moon Barn Dance, Location TBD  
Contact: Susan Carr [susancarr3@mac.com](mailto:susancarr3@mac.com)

**October 24/Corral 66**

Annual charity trail ride, Barstow  
Contact: Beth (760) 953-2576

**October 24/Corral 86**

Winery trail ride Contact: Karen Dagnan  
(661) 268-8771

**October 24/Corral 88**

Dusty Spurs Gymkhana (Rain Date),  
Phelan Contact: Deborah Jasper  
[deborah\\_jasper@snowlineschools.com](mailto:deborah_jasper@snowlineschools.com)

**October 25/Corral 2**

Schooling Horse Show, Rose Bowl  
Riders Contact: Ann Regan  
[annregan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annregan@sbcglobal.net)

**October 25/Corral 38**

Halloween Playday, Martinez Arena  
Contact: Diana Hoch [dianahoch@att.net](mailto:dianahoch@att.net)

**October 25/Corral 54**

Trail Trials, TBD Contacts: Tracy Campbell  
[palaloosa7@gmail.com](mailto:palaloosa7@gmail.com)

**October 27-November 6/Corral 14**

Death Valley drive (100 miles) Contact:  
Sue Martzolf (760) 662-6102

**October 31/Corral 88**

Dusty Spurs Gymkhana (Rain Date),  
Phelan Contact: Deborah Jasper  
[deborah\\_jasper@snowlineschools.com](mailto:deborah_jasper@snowlineschools.com)

**October 31/Corral 138 & 86**

Halloween ride, Vasquez rocks Contact:  
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[leah.frankenberg@gmail.com](mailto:leah.frankenberg@gmail.com)

**October 31/Corral 357**

Costume trail ride, O'Neill Park Contact:  
Debbie (949) 244-0670

**NOVEMBER****November 1/Corral 43**

Gymkhana, Riverside Rancheros Contact:  
Lyn Morris [lyn4539@earthlink.net](mailto:lyn4539@earthlink.net)

**November 3-13/Corral 14**

Death Valley drive (60 miles) Contact: Sue  
Martzolf (760) 662-6102

**November 7/Corral 35**

Trails Day Big Dalton Canyon, Glendora  
Contact: Dottie Hilliard (626) 335-7112  
[equidot@aol.com](mailto:equidot@aol.com)

**November 7/Corral 37**

Gymkhana/Holiday Extravaganza,  
Thousand Oaks Contact: Raquel Brusher  
[jrmisseti@yahoo.com](mailto:jrmisseti@yahoo.com)

**November 7/Corral 83**

Wild Hope Clinic Contact:  
Amber McGee (661) 547-3982

**November 7/Corral 88**

Trail ride, Deer Haven, Pinon Hills  
Contact: Deborah Jasper  
[deborah\\_jasper@snowlineschools.com](mailto:deborah_jasper@snowlineschools.com)

**November 7/Corral 138**

Trail ride, Mescal Creek Contact: Elaine  
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**November 7/Corral 357**

Trail maintenance, O'Neill Park Contact:  
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**November 8/Corral 37**

Horse show, Thousand Oaks Contact:  
Sharyn Henry (805) 795-6493  
[redhatcowgirl@yahoo.com](mailto:redhatcowgirl@yahoo.com)

**November 11/Corral 83**

Trail ride, Pacific Crest Trail Contact:  
Debra Stella (661) 341-0286

**November 12/Corral 66**

Trail ride, Mojave Narrows Regional Park,  
Victorville Contact: Beth (760) 953-2576

**November 13/Corral 10**

Saddle Club, Mitchell Ranch Contact:  
Gina Cruz [ginakeilcruz@yahoo.com](mailto:ginakeilcruz@yahoo.com)

**November 14-15/Corral 101**

Horse Show (double judged, LAEC  
Contact Kim Estrada (818) 497-4730  
[rockbacknzip@aol.com](mailto:rockbacknzip@aol.com)

**November 15/Corral 103**

Carol Rosique ride, Phelan Contact: Dawn  
Walker (760) 961-7879

**November 15/Corral 210**

Playday, Gibson Ranch, Shadow Hills  
Contact: Jeanette Provolt  
[countryatheart.jp@verizon.net](mailto:countryatheart.jp@verizon.net)

**November 21/Corral 12**

Trail ride, Sylmar Contact: Patty Hug  
(818) 367-2056 [pattyhug@ca.rr.com](mailto:pattyhug@ca.rr.com)

**November 21/Corral 20**

Trail ride, Vasquez Rocks Contact:  
Susan Kaiser (818) 749-4508  
[susanekaiser@gmail.com](mailto:susanekaiser@gmail.com)

**November 21/Corral 86**

Trail ride, Quigley Canyon Contact: Jodie  
Robitaille (661) 618-1562

**November 21/Corral 88**

Dusty Spurs Gymkhana, Phelan  
Contact: Deborah Jasper  
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**November 28/Corral 357**

Trail ride, Trabuco-Rose Preserve Contact:  
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**November tbd/Corral 138**

Trail ride, Leona Valley Contact: Marcy  
(661) 878-1791 [horsinground@att.net](mailto:horsinground@att.net)

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**December 5/Corral 138**

Christmas ride, Acton Contact: Kimberly  
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**December 9/Corral 83**

Trail ride, Cal City Contact:  
Doris Lora (661) 333-7797

**December 11/Corral 10**

Saddle Club, Mitchell Ranch Contact:  
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# Coming Events Calendar

### December 12/Corral 20

Ho Ho ride & caroling, Shadow Hills  
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### December 12/Corral 35

Christmas Parade, Glendora Contact:  
Dottie Hilliard (626) 335-7112  
[equidot@aol.com](mailto:equidot@aol.com)

### December 12/Corral 88

Christmas Caroling, 2912 Snowline Drive,  
Pinon Hills Contact: Deborah Jasper  
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### December 13/Corral 101

Horse Show, Hanson Dam Eq Center  
Contact Kim Estrada (818) 497-4730  
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### December 20/Corral 22

Christmas ride, Griffith Park Trail boss: Paul  
Jacques Contact: Kathleen Smart (626)  
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### December 20/Corral 36

Caroling on horseback, Location TBD  
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### December 20/Corral 38

Christmas Caroling, Burbank Contact:  
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## NON-ETI EVENTS

### AVDR Gymkhana

Antelope Valley Desert Riders  
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### Carousel Ranch Therapeutic Riding Program (661) 268-8010

### ELSA

Experience.Learning.Support.w/Animals  
Therapeutic riding program  
(310) 403-966 [www.elsainc.org](http://www.elsainc.org)

### Head's Up Therapy on Horseback

Nancy (818) 848-0870  
[www.headsuptherapy.com](http://www.headsuptherapy.com)

### Ride On Therapeutic Horsemanship

program for disabled riders  
(818) 700-2971 [www.rideon.org](http://www.rideon.org)

### Shadow Hills Riding Club Therapeutic Riding Program

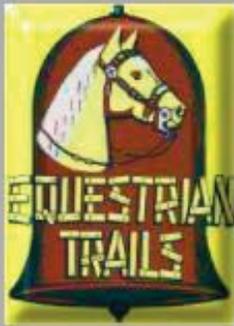
Contact Johnny: (818) 352-2166  
[www.shadowhillsridingclub.org](http://www.shadowhillsridingclub.org)



We're not products of our environments, we're products of our expectations.

Wes Moore





3rd Annual  
 Terry Kaiser Memorial  
**TRAIL TRIAL**  
 To Benefit ETI National

**Jr Ambassador  
 Raffle**

**Belt Buckle to  
 1st place in all 3  
 categories  
 Ribbons  
 1st - 10th Place**

Saturday, Oct. 17th, 2020 \*\*Rain Date: November 7th  
**Ranger Park | Lake View Terrace**

Entry desk opens at 8 am, First Riders out at 9 am

**MASKS REQUIRED! Social distancing - One at a time at Entry Desk**

**\*\$35.00 ETI Members \*\$45.00 Non-ETI Members  
 \*\$20.00 Schooling \*This includes \$8.00 drug fee (rev 9/9/2020)**

**Stallions must be pre-approved, and riders must be over 18**

**All riders under 18 must wear helmets**

For more information, Becky Borquez (818) 262-7764 or beckyborquez1@gmail.com

Ranger Park | Corner of Foothill Blvd and Clybourn in Lake View Terrace



**Buckles to 1st, Prizes to 2nd & 3rd OPEN, NOVICE & JUNIOR DIVISIONS**

Rider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ETI Member? Corral# \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Horse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Open: \_\_\_\_\_ Novice: \_\_\_\_\_ Schooling: \_\_\_\_\_ **EVERYONE UNDER 18 MUST WEAR A HELMET**  
 Junior: \_\_\_\_\_ (14 and under, Jan 2020) Jr. Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Helmet \_\_\_\_\_ Waiver \_\_\_\_\_  
 No Refunds without doctor/vet statement

Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check# \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: ETI Corral 20. Mail with waiver to: 9724 La Canada Way, Shadow Hills CA 91040



## Candidates for 2021-2022 ETI National Executive Board

### Nominations for President

**Tom Kirsch, Corral 22** (current President)



I have been a member of ETI For 47 years. I'm a life time member and a member of corral 22. I was the co-chair of the Spring Ride for 20 years, and I am the co-chair of the Death Valley Ride and have been involved with the ride for 37 years. I have been involved in hundreds of ETI functions over the years.

I'm the current President of ETI National and have also held the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President as well as being the President of ETI from 2000 to 2004. During my first years as President, I reorganized the office and set the organization on a more balanced fiscal plan. When I returned as President in 2016, I once again had to bring the ETI office and organization back to a more efficient and responsive office and organization. The changes are bringing ETI back to a better financial status along with cleaning up our tax problems. We are in a much better place than four years ago.

I believe in our organization and am proud to be a member.



### Nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

**Jeanne Catron-Gonzalez, Corral 12** (current 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President)

My husband and I have been members of ETI 25+ years. In this time, I have participated in and helped to put on horse shows, trail trials, trail rides, play days, driving play days, dressage events, horse camping, and rode as part of a MAU. These have been at corral and national levels.

I have held officer positions in ETI Corral 12, ETI National, in another equestrian club, and in non-equestrian organizations.

Many of my friends are horse/mule people whom I met through my involvement with ETI. I firmly believe that ETI still offers great value to the equestrian community, and I want to help it thrive.



### Nomination for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

**Nikki Ahten, Corral 20** (current 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President)

I have been an ETI Member for 29 years. My very first ETI event was a camping trip to Bandito where Bert Bonnett led us on a night ride to Newcombs Ranch - we got lost riding on "deer trails" and arrived after they closed. However, they graciously opened and made us all chili cheeseburgers to sustain us for the uncertain ride in the



## Candidates for 2021-2022 ETI National Executive Board

dark back to camp. I have been hooked on horse camping and ETI ever since!

I have ridden horses all my life and enjoy my little herd of three living on my property. I love having easy access to the trails right out of my backyard and would like to see it remain that way for generations to come. Two of the three horses belong to my daughters who love to ride as well. My oldest completed the Equine Science program at Pierce College and has been an ETI member all her life! I'm hoping to contribute to the next generation of ETI members and leadership through my children and others we can wrangle in!



I have served as Corral 20 Vice President, President, Newsletter Editor, Membership and am the current 2nd Vice President of ETI. I have also worked the ETI National Convention for 20+ years and have been chair of the stall reservations for many of those years. I have judged and helped organize numerous ETI trail trials as well. I would like to see ETI continue to thrive and grow in the coming years as well as help it stay dedicated to it's mission of being "dedicated to

equine legislation, good horsemanship, and the acquisition and preservation of trails, open space, and public lands." I have spent many hours at city hall and community meetings fighting anything that threatens the equestrian way of life...be it developments or the high speed rail. I believe ETI and its membership can be a strong force in that endeavor as well! I would be honored to continue to serve on the ETI board and do all I can to serve its members.



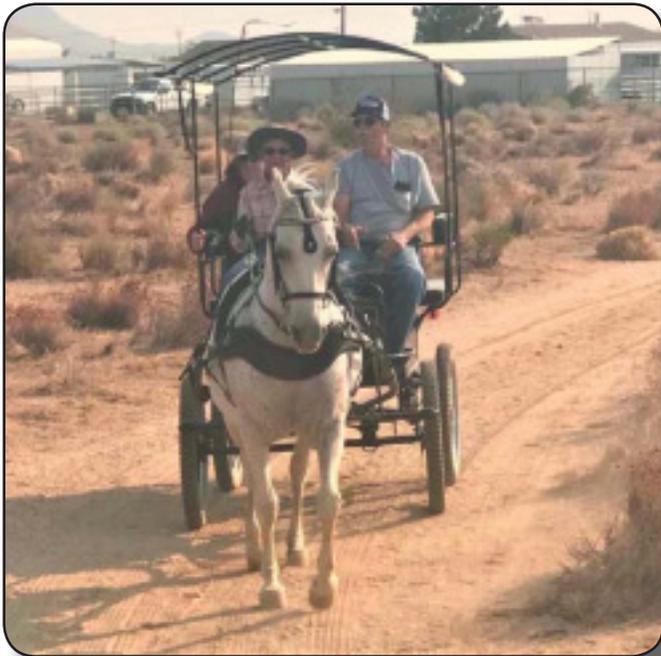


## Corral 14 Fall Drive, Long Ears Ranch September 25-27

Written by Linda Elder, Corral 14 Secretary

Mara Wada and Jeannie Gordon hosted our Spring Drive at their Long Ears Ranch in Mojave, California. They had plenty of room in their arena for people to park and stake their stock, and for those who preferred a pen there where corrals available. Participants began arriving around noon on Friday and setting up their camps. Linda Elder drove her Arab with her new carriage from her home to the drive site, where she had already left her trailer.

Julie took her horse up to the "Pizza drive through" on the way out.



The plans were to try to get an early start on Saturday morning so everyone went to bed early. Saturday morning dawned smoky and very windy, "good old Mojave Breeze". Some of the members were wondering if we were still going to drive, but our pioneer spirit kicked in and we all tacked up to go. There was a total of nine wagons and seven swampers and passengers as well as eight outriders. Katie Christman lead out on her mule Sam followed by Sue Martzolf and her swamper Kevin driving her three up of Haflingers. Following wagons included Mark Mallory driving his team of black mules, Jim Porter driving his team of red mules, Jeanette Hayhurst with her swamper Judy Zimmerman driving her team of mini's, Nora Moran with her swamper Beth Uzonyi driving her team of red mules, Dolly Kouri with her swamper Kathy Donnelly and her passengers Richie Pauley and Jim Elder driving his mules Molly and Judy, Linda Elder with swamper Rick Maness and passenger Janet Maness driving her Arab, Clifford Meridth and Melissa Billingsley driving their three up of mustangs and Mara Wada with

After every one had settled in, visited each other's camp and caught up on current news there was Pizza supplied by the Corral and a wonderful salad bar provided by Mara and Jean. Around 6pm Sue Martzolf and Kevin, Jim Porter, Cindy and Mark Mallory along with outriders Denise Smith and Julie Porter went out for a short drive.





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swamper Jeannie Gordon driving her team of donkeys.

Out riders included Katie Christman on her mule Sam, Denise Smith on her mule Lucy, Julie Porter on her sorrel horse, Cindy Mallory on her black mule, Leslie Troncale on her black mule with white socks, Wendy Bailey riding a borrowed horse from Paul Frisbey while Paul rode one of his other horses, and Deb Mayer riding Ellie.



We made a loop through the desert west of Long Ears for approximately 11/2 hours and returned to Long Ears for a water stop. After a brief stop we continued on going east and crossing Mojave Tropic Road to make a loop at the base of the Rosamond Hills.





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We stopped in a dry lake bed for a 30 minutes dry lunch and then continued east for approximately a mile and turned north on 25<sup>th</sup> street for a mile before turning west to head back to Long Ears. We once again had to cross Mojave Tropic, and our wonderful outrides stopped traffic until we were all safely across. We had a wonderful drive of about five hours and returned to camp tired, but happy. First priority upon returning was to take care of our animals. The teams were unharnessed, the riding animals unsaddled, and all were fed and watered. Then the drivers and riders were able to relax. A few people loaded up and headed for home while others stayed for the Pot Luck dinner.

At 5pm, we had our wonderful Pot Luck dinner with too many delicious hot dishes to remember along with many different types of salads and desserts. We followed dinner with our meeting and sat and visited until bedtime.

Sunday morning dawned clear and calm. We fed our stock and then had a breakfast with some of the left overs from the pot luck as well as several different sausage and egg dishes prepared by our members and sweet rolls, juices and coffee. Following breakfast, more members left for home while other hitched up for a short drive before going home. Linda Elder drove her Arab Shaba back home.

We all had a wonderful time and want to thank Mara and Jean again for their wonderful hospitality. We are looking forward for their drive next year.





## Tevis Cup

Written by Kimberly Dwight, Corral 138 President

I completed my 100 miles on September 3. 100 miles in 24 rides which is much more my speed than 24 hours!

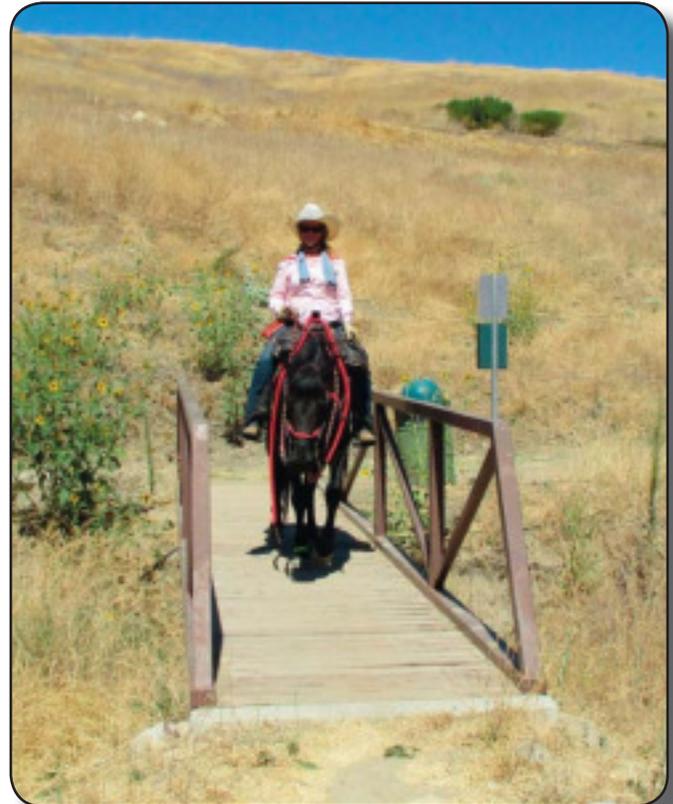
I've been doing the ETI Trail Rider Award Program for over 20 years and have over 5,000 hours in the saddle. I never had a device to keep track. Most of my rides are around two hours. I estimate everything. Since I ride slowly and take a lot of pictures, I figure two miles an hour would be about right for keeping track of my hours for the Tevis. I don't want to exaggerate.

I'm not an endurance rider. I'm only good for a couple of hours at a leisurely pace. 100 miles in 24 hours seems like a nightmare. But when everything collapsed this year, a friend told me about the Virtual Tevis: 100 miles in 100 days. Anyone can do that; it's only a mile a day. I ride often, just not long. So, I signed up. I don't remember if arena hours are included because I don't ride in an arena, just on trails. I repeat the same trails but enjoy different company. It was a piece of cake for me. The only stipulation was it had to be the same horse. I usually ride Buckwheat, my Oak Creek (no longer wild) gelding. Friends ride Licorice, my pokey Azteca.

I signed up in July. The starting date was August 1, the day the 100 mile 24-hour race would have taken place in Auburn. It was too hot to ride most of the first week. Another friend installed the Endomondo app on my phone, and now I know more about distance and elevation than I really care to. I discovered that a lot of my rides were an hour and 50 minutes! But the 3 ½ hour ride in Inspiration Point would only be written down for TRAP as three hours.

At the end of August, I discovered I'd ridden 45 hours that month and guess how many miles? 90, exactly double, which is what I would have estimated.

So, anyone who has dreamed of doing the Tevis Cup endurance race can still sign up and complete it. Due to all the fires, the completion date for accumulating the 100 miles has been extended to December 31. So, anyone who has ever thought of "riding the Tevis Cup" can still do it.





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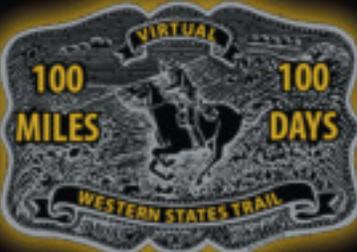


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## Your Blanketing Questions Answered

Written by Joanne Meszoly (Updated Apr. 29, 2020; Original: Nov. 7, 2019)

Wondering about fit, materials, construction or other horse blanket features? Here are some commonsense answers to all your blanketing questions.



It's strange how the everyday practice of blanketing horses causes so much uncertainty in conscientious owners. Stranger still is the degree of passion blanketing arouses among horse caretakers. Some people scoff at the idea of clothing any animal, much less a horse; others are equivocal, pulling out the sheets and rugs occasionally for special circumstances; and still others fastidiously bundle up their horses from late fall to midspring as they would dress their children headed out into a snowstorm. Is one faction right and the others wrong? Is blanketing a boon or a bane to the horses themselves? What are the facts and truths about this wintertime ritual?

To the question, "Must I blanket my horse?" the short answer is "no." The horse generates his own blanket—a haircoat that is long enough and thick enough to withstand the coldest days of winter. It's an adjustable covering that flattens against or elevates above the skin as the horse grows warmer or cooler.

"Hair is a great insulator, and it fluffs up to warm the horse," says Michael Foss, DVM. "Heat rising from the body warms the air, but that air doesn't go anywhere because it's trapped between the hairs."

As for the question, "Should I blanket my horse?" the answer could also be "no," but special circumstances make "maybe" or "definitely" the correct

responses for certain classes of horses. Blanketing is necessary for competition horses and foxhunters who are routinely clipped during colder weather to maintain a sleek appearance, reduce sweating, shorten cooling-out time and speed drying after rigorous workouts. Aged horses whose appetites and digestion may not supply enough fuel to keep flesh on their bones and their internal "furnaces" stoked require shelter or blanketing during bad weather.

Relocated horses transported from a warm locale to a much colder climate often need additional covering for their first colder winter. Horses relocated before the autumn equinox have time to grow a woollier coat to match the colder weather, but even then they may not be sufficiently insulated for the new climate.

"I've seen horses come from California to Montana, and the first winter those poor guys just don't seem to have the coat," observes Duncan Peters, DVM. "There's probably a little temperature involvement and something to do with the horses' ability to recognize how much coat they need to grow."

Added to these "must haves" are all the horses who are blanketed mostly for the owners' peace of mind and/or convenience (it's a lot easier to lift off a layer of mud caked onto a blanket than to curry it out of a winter coat). There's no harm done in blanketing for reasons other than the horse's health, but in all cases, the addition of clothing increases your management responsibilities. If you choose to clothe your horse, the crucial decisions aren't the color and style of the "outfits" but your daily judgments about how much protection your horse needs and the best way to protect him from the irritations and hazards that accompany blanketing.

The Q&A's that follow address 10 common uncertainties facing horsekeepers about when, why and how to blanket.

**Q: What weather conditions are hardest on horses? When is blanketing most beneficial?**

**A:** Cold wind causes horses the greatest discomfort and



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more rapidly saps their energy because it whips away body heat faster than any other condition. Cold rain is a close second, chilling the skin through conduction and flattening of the hairs' insulating loft. "In Washington we get a lot of rain, and it can be below freezing for two to three months, though seldom below zero," says Foss. "But I think that 35 degrees and rain is much harder to deal with than lower temperatures."

Still air, frigid temperatures and snowfall are not particularly chilling to horses already adapted to colder regions. Snow accumulates atop their long winter coats without penetrating to the skin or drawing away body heat. In fact, that layer of snow serves as a sort of insulated blanket over the haircoat.

In extreme or severe weather conditions, shelter--stabling, sheds, windbreaks or other forms of natural cover--are better protection from the elements than a single garment. If you blanket your horse to protect him against wind and cold rain, use a waterproof garment to keep the rain from soaking the fabric and penetrating the haircoat.

### **Q: Do blankets really prevent the growth of the winter coat?**

**A:** Horses grow two coats each year, beginning just after the summer and winter solstices, and blanketing does not prevent this natural cycle. Exterior temperatures are not the triggers for these seasonal changes and, in fact, your horse's winter coat has begun growing while you're still donning shorts and T-shirts. By the time you think about blanketing your horse, his winter coat is well under way.

A trigger deep in the horse's brain responds to both increasing and decreasing daylight and relays messages to the rest of the body to prepare for the coming season. In mid- to late August, after two months of diminishing daylight hours, the horse's winter coat clears the skin's surface. About that same time, the summer coat begins to fall out, with peak shedding occurring around the fall equinox. You aren't as aware of this annual event as you are of spring shedding because shorter hairs are

flying about. Unlike the uniformity of the summer coat, the winter coat is made up of assorted hair lengths, including short, fine hairs and long "guard" hairs. Local climate influences the winter coat's characteristics, so that horses living in the Sunbelt grow shorter winter coats than northern horses.



The winter coat grows until close to the end of the calendar year. The next summer's coat starts sprouting in the hair follicles in January, and by late March the loosening winter coat begins falling out as the shorter replacement hairs move into place.

Blanketing won't prevent the growth of the winter coat, but it does cause the hair to grow in shorter because the environment beneath the blanket is warmer. When consistently covered, the horse's body thinks it's in a South Carolina mini-climate even if the reality is wintry Wisconsin. Blanketing also flattens the hairs, creating an appearance of greater smoothness and sleekness in the naturally more disorderly winter coat. If maintaining a short, sleek coat is your objective, include the horse's neck in your coverage; when left unprotected, the neck hairs continue to grow luxuriantly to fend off the cold.

### **Q: If I want to keep my horse's winter coat shorter, at what temperature or in what month do I need to begin blanketing him? When can I stop blanketing him in the spring?**

**A:** There's no specific blanketing chronology



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that guarantees a shorter, slicker winter coat. Blanketing "season" is determined by personal preference along with the local meteorological conditions, such as day length and nighttime temperatures. Sometime in the lingering days of summer and early autumn, your horse's coat begins to look a bit more ruffed up and woolly. This is the time to begin tricking the horse's thermostat into believing he's a south Texan. Daytime conditions are often still sunny and mild at this time, and blanketing horses round-the-clock risks daily overheating. The wise choice is to begin nighttime blanketing with a light cover when overnight temperatures hit 50 degrees or less.

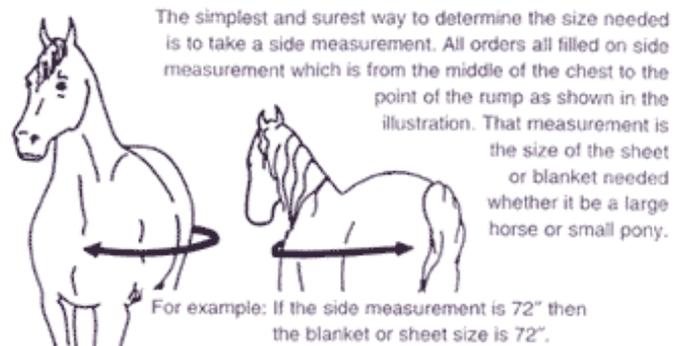
"When I was in Montana, we had 60-degree variations where temperatures went from 85 to 25 degrees in a 24-hour period," says Peters. "Anytime it gets down to the low 40s, especially if you have a major daily temperature fluctuation, it's a good time to start blanketing. In Montana, that can be late September, early October or even August. In California, you may not blanket until November."

The same guideline serves in reverse when it's time to put the blankets away in the spring. Most owners begin weaning their horses of their layers during the daytime and ultimately celebrate the end of blanketing once nighttime temperatures remain above 50 degrees. In northern or mountainous regions, that may not occur until midsummer.

### Q: What should I look for in a well-fitted blanket? Are certain styles better suited to particular body types?

A: Evaluating a blanket's fit is a combination of measuring, testing and "eyeballing."

Blankets are sized by length, measuring from the center of the horse's chest back to his tail. Standard sizes range from 64 inches for small ponies to 90 inches for large draft horses. Careful measuring of the horse you're clothing is the key to selecting a blanket that gives him full, comfortable coverage.



### SIZE CHART

From Ground to Withers	Approximate Blanket Size	Cooler Size Back x Drop
9.2 – 10 Hands	52"	66x72"
10 – 10.2 Hands	54"	66x72"
10.2 – 11 Hands	56"	66x72"
11 – 11.2 Hands	58"	72x78"
11.2 – 12 Hands	60"	72x78"
12 – 12.2 Hands	62"	72x78"
12.2 – 13 Hands	64"	78x84"
13 – 13.2 Hands	66"	78x84"
13.2 – 14 Hands	68"	78x84"
14 – 14.2 Hands	70"	78x84"
14.2 – 15 Hands	72"	84x90"
15 – 15.2 Hands	74"	84x90"
15.2 – 16 Hands	76"	84x90"
16 – 16.2 Hands	78"	84x90"
16.2 – 17 Hands	80"	84x90"
17 – 17.2 Hands	82"	90x96"
17.2 – 18 Hands	84"	90x96"
18 – 18.2 Hands	86"	90x96"

Withers fit is critical to the horse's comfort and the blanket's stability. A well-fitted blanket rests comfortably over the withers and shoulders and produces no pressure or rubbing as the horse moves or reaches down to graze or feed. "You don't want that front opening to lie in the slope of the withers," says Peters. "Anywhere above or below the slope is fine." "Cutback" designs with their U-shaped openings at the start of the topline may be better suited to horses with high withers; high-necked blankets that place the opening midway up the neck rather than at its base are also comfortable for most horses. Flat or low withers pose fitting problems because blankets are more prone to slip around and even roll to one side. Straps encircling the horse's hind legs may prevent the blanket from slipping beneath the horse, but they don't keep the blanket centered. Low-withered horses may have to be fitted with a roller/surcingle to keep their blankets



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in place.

Loosely fitting garments are subject to shifting and rubbing and can entangle the horse's legs. Jenny Bates, manager of George Morris and Chris Kappler's Hunterdon show barn, observes that this type of misfit often occurs on horses whose shoulders protrude. "People tend to buy too large a blanket, and it slips back, putting more pressure on points of the shoulder," she says. "In that case I like the blanket to fit higher up around the base of the neck."

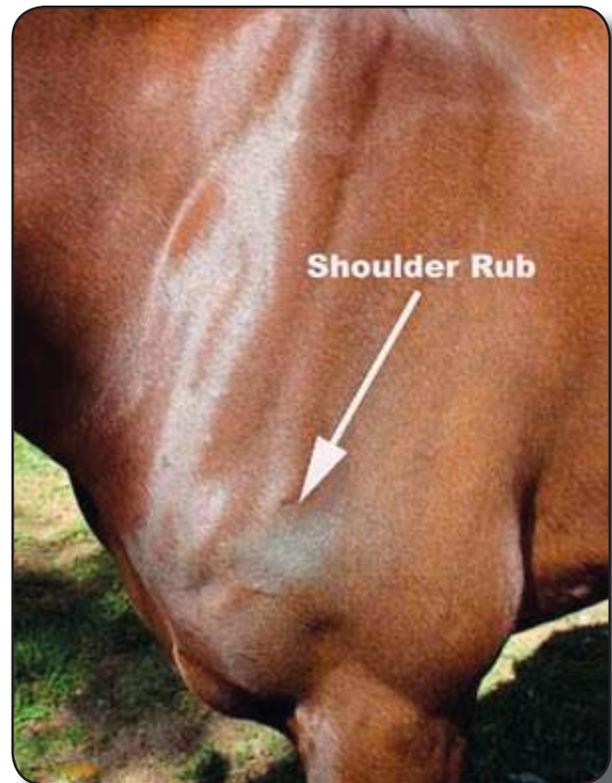
A well-fitted blanket covers the horse's barrel entirely, hanging to below his elbows and stifles. Big-bodied animals, such as warmbloods, may require oversize blankets for full coverage.

Proper adjustment of the fasteners is critical to blanket safety. Adjust the surcingle so that you can slide your flat hand between it and your horse's belly. "If it's hanging down four to six inches," says Peters, "a horse can easily stick a foot in there when he lies down." The hind-leg straps require a little play to allow the horse freedom of movement, but if they are hanging down to the hocks, they, too, can catch on things. To prevent the leg straps from rubbing the gaskins and to make the blanket more secure, either loop the leg straps through one another before fastening them on the same side or crisscross them by clipping them to the opposite sides of the blanket.

**Q: My horse's blanket seems to fit well, yet after a few months of wearing it, he has unsightly rub marks on his shoulders. Is there a way to prevent these bald patches or at least to encourage the hair to grow back quickly?**

**A:** Shoulder rubs are not necessarily a sign of an ill-fitting blanket. Just light pressure and friction affect the haircoat, which acts as a buffer to protect the skin from this sort of wear. For some horses, sufficient rubbing may occur in a day's time to change the look of the hair, and irreversible damage for that season's coat can occur almost before you notice. Typically, in the

early stages, patches of hair look roughed up or dull, and once the hair shafts are injured, there's nothing that will mend them.



"Conformation makes some horses susceptible to rubs," says Peters. "They are broader through the shoulders." Fitting the horse with another style of blanket may relieve the rubs, but less expensive options can smooth over the few rough spots of an otherwise well-fitting blanket. Covering the horse's neck and shoulders with a stretchy "undergarment"--almost like an equine sports bra--absorbs the friction created by the blanket.

Another solution is to line the blanket with a buffer layer. "I've seen baby diapers pinned to the insides of blankets when people don't want to buy another blanket with a different design," says Peters. Fleece may also be sewn into the front of the blanket as a permanent modification. The simplest approach is a daily spritz of silicone grooming spray on the inside of the blanket to decrease the friction against the hair.

If a horse gets chafed by his blanket, the marks



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remain until he sheds. Says Peters, "Some people use vitamin E, aloe vera or other creams and ointments [to encourage hair growth], but I'm not sure that any of them helps." Some "cat hairs" may pop up in the bald areas, but the coverage will remain sparse until the summer coat starts to surface in February or March.

### **Q: Are the benefits of high-tech materials used in blanket manufacture worth the extra expense compared to blankets made from traditional fabrics?**

**A:** The ideal blanket is lightweight; it "breathes" by allowing the passage of air; it's waterproof; it's insulated to hold heat close to the horse; it resists tears and stains and repels dirt. The more of these qualities a blanket has, the better, but these features come at a cost--hundreds of dollars for designs incorporating the same high-tech fabrics and fabrication techniques used in high-end outdoor wear for people.

Horse owners who choose the new over the traditional justify the higher purchase prices because of the reduced costs for blanket repairs and replacement garments. "We used to always use New Zealand rugs [for turning out], but they've become hard to find," says Bates, who has worked at the Hunterdon barn since 1994. "I was forced to buy the newer products this year, and so far, they are holding up. They are also easier to clean."



### **Q: How can I tell if my horse is too hot or too cold under his blanket(s)?**

**A:** Sweating is the most obvious sign that a horse is overheated, and a blanketed horse sweats first beneath the material, then along the neck and behind the ears. Overheating typically occurs in horses turned out during warming daytime weather in the same heavy blankets needed for still-cold nights. When temperatures rise from early morning teens to midday 50s, horses in heavy turnout rugs are likely to sweat. Blanketed horses who go on a romp or fear-driven run may also work up a sweat, which then turns clammy and cool under their blankets as they resume standing around in the cold air. On days of significant temperature swings from chilly to warm, err on the side of less turnout clothing. Horses can raise their temperature to the comfort zone by moving around or basking in a sheltered, sunny spot, but when blanketed they have no cooling alternative other than sweating.

Cold horses reveal their discomfort by shivering, which is a reflexive action of the muscles generating more body heat. Clipped horses who are insufficiently blanketed for the current weather conditions can become thoroughly chilled, particularly when they are unable to move around at will. Heavily covered horses can become chilled if their own sweatiness or rain-soaked blankets press their hair flat and hold the moisture against their skin. Shivering for an hour isn't a health risk, but over several hours, the horse is sapped of energy, his core body temperature begins to drop, and he becomes increasingly vulnerable to infectious or opportunistic diseases. Blankets alone are not adequate protection for outdoor horses through periods of bleak weather and are no substitute for physical shelter against wind and rain, such as sheds and windbreaks.

### **Q: How soon can I blanket after riding? Is it safe to cover a horse while he is still sweaty from exercise or wet from precipitation?**

**A:** It's best to blanket your horse only after he has cooled down and his hair is dried. Unless the blanket is permeable, it will trap the moisture closer to his skin, slowing the drying period and lengthening the time it takes for a hot horse to return to normal body temperature. To speed up the drying process you can



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rub him down with a dry towel. Another tactic is to cover the cooling horse as you walk him with a wool or acrylic cooler, the equine version of a sweatshirt that draws moisture away from the horse's hair and into the fabric, where it then evaporates. You can make do with a blanket of unbreathable material by stuffing a layer of soft straw or hay under the blanket to allow air to pass over the damp coat.

**Q: Is there any point to layering blankets according to increments in temperature?**

**A:** A 10-degree temperature change is not cause to pile on more layers or change blankets, particularly when horses are stabled or have outdoor shelter.



In times and locales with significant temperature fluctuations--from 15 to 55 degrees in a single day, for example, or in climates where wintertime lows range from 32 degrees to below zero--you'll need several blankets of varying thickness if you're going to keep the horses comfortably covered throughout the season. Even if a single medium-weight blanket is all your stabled horse needs for the winter, you'll probably find it handy to have an alternate cover in case the primary blanket gets damaged, dirtied or thoroughly soaked.

Greater complexity of blanketing routines--layering formulas and frequent changes--produces management benefits when the horses' comfort and well-being are the guiding principles. At the Hunterdon barn, based in Pittstown, New Jersey, all of the 40-some horses

are blanketed except for the turned-out retirees. Each horse has about four blankets, and in the dead of winter, they may wear three layers at a time. "Our horses have very short coats because they are clipped year-round [for competition]," says Bates, "so we have to be conscientious about how they are blanketed. When we layer, we use a cotton sheet on the bottom, then a thick wool blanket with no straps and a Baker blanket on top of that. All horses have different temperatures just like people, and you learn that some horses need less clothing."

**Q: Should horses always be blanketed when they are transported in winter?**

**A:** If you've ever stood in an enclosed trailer with several horses, you know that plenty of body heat is generated and retained in that small space. When considering how to dress your horse for the road, be most concerned about his respiratory health, and opt for good ventilation and just enough clothing to fend off chills. The weather conditions, trailer/van type and number of passengers all contribute to the interior temperature.

"We keep the windows open on the van and blanket less," says Bates. "With all those bodies, they get hot on the trucks."

When horses are already reliant on blanketing during their daily lives, they will need some coverage, but a stable sheet or lightweight blanket may suffice in enclosed vehicles. Unclipped, never-blanketed horses may not need additional covers when transported in a draft-free, mostly enclosed conveyance, but in stock trailers or other airy vehicles, they'll need a blanket when temperatures dip to freezing or below.

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## Pumpkin Equine Treats

### Pumpkin Cubes



#### Ingredients:

- 1 small pumpkin
- 1tbsp cinnamon
- 18oz jar of oats
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1/2 cup brown sugar

#### Directions:

- \* Preheat oven to 400.
- \* Cut pumpkin (w/o string, seeds, or rind) into cubes.
- \* Put pumpkin into large saucepan w/ enough water to cover bottom of pan.
- \* Sprinkle cinnamon on top.
- \* Let cook on medium for 45 minutes or until mushy. stir frequently. let cool.
- \* In large mixing bowl (you may need two), mix oats, brown sugar, molasses, and pumpkin mix.
- \* Roll into small balls and place on cookie sheet. if not thick enough, add molasses.
- \* Put in oven for 12-15 minutes.
- \* Let cool.
- \* Freeze extras so you have some for later!

Recipe courtesy: [www.horseforum.com](http://www.horseforum.com)

### Fall Pumpkin Cinnamon Horse Cookies



#### Ingredients:

- 1/2 can of pumpkin
- 1 tbsp cinnamon
- 2 1/4 cups of oats
- 1/4 cup of molasses
- 1/2 cup of brown sugar

#### Directions:

- \* Preheat oven to 400 degrees, and grease a cookie sheet or two, if you need to. Most of them these days are nonstick.
- \* In a large mixing bowl, combine oats, brown sugar, molasses, and pumpkin. Mix until blended.
- \* Roll into small balls with your hands. I recommend about 1" in diameter balls for some normal-sized treats. As you go, place these balls on the cookie sheets.
- \* They do not rise or spread or anything, so you can place them as close to each other as 1 1/2 inches or so...
- \*\* If you're making your treat balls, and they seem to be falling apart a bit, you can always add more molasses to thicken the 'batter'.
- \* Place into the oven, and let bake for 12-15 minutes, depending on your oven.
- \* Pull them out of the oven. They should be a bit dried out, but still a teeny bit squishy when you





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- poke them a bit. They should not be crunchy.
- \* Before they cool and before you remove them from the cookie sheet, sprinkle the tops of them evenly with the cinnamon.

Recipe courtesy: <http://thehorsejunkie.blogspot.com/2013/10/fall-pumpkin-cinnamon-horse-cookies.html?m=1>

### Pumpkin Oatmeal Horse Cookies



#### Ingredients:

- 4 cups whole oats
- 1 can pumpkin
- 2 cups water
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup whole wheat flour
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp nutmeg
- 1 tbsp honey or molasses (optional)

#### Directions:

- \* Mix the pumpkin and water together well.
- \* Add the flour, oats, and spices.
- \* Add the optional honey or molasses.
- \* Drop spoonfuls of the mixture onto a greased cookie sheet
- \* Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until done.

Recipe courtesy: <https://www.motherearthnews.com/homesteading-and-livestock/homemade-horse-treats-zbcz1308>

### Easy Crunchy Pumpkin Apple Cookies



#### Ingredients:

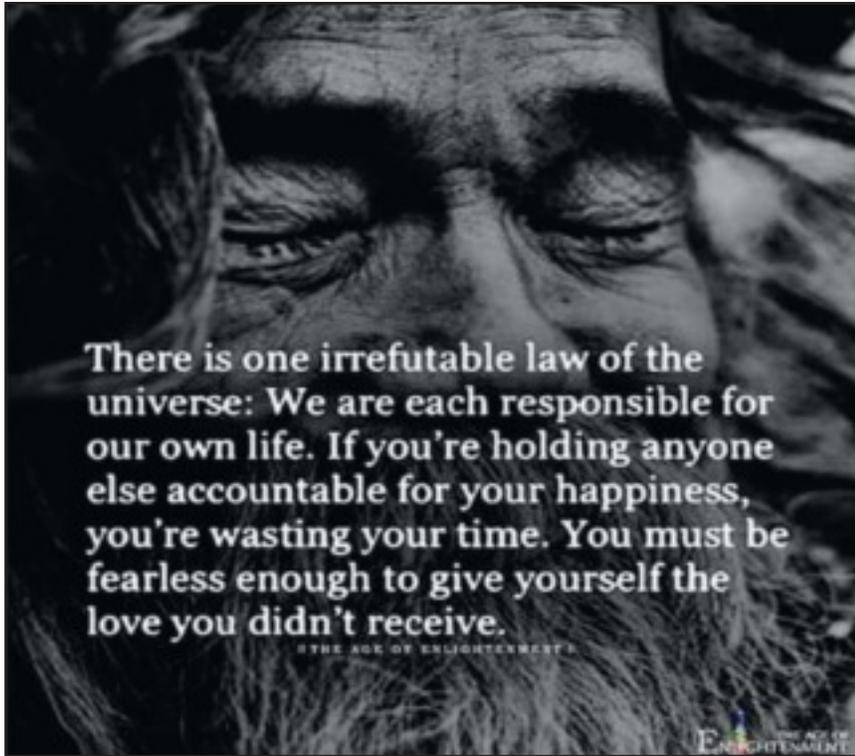
- $\frac{1}{2}$  c pure unseasoned pumpkin (canned or pureed)
- $\frac{1}{2}$  c unsweetened applesauce
- 1 egg
- 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  c water
- 1 cup steel-cut oatmeal
- 4 cups green pea flour (or other suitable flour substitute)
- 1 tsp of Calcium Montmorillonite Clay
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp cinnamon

#### Directions:

- \* Bowl 1 – Thoroughly mix dry ingredients together.
- \* Bowl 2 – Thoroughly mix wet ingredients together.
- \* Add Bowl 1 to bowl 2 and mix well.
- \* Knead on floured surface.
- \* Roll out to  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and cut into adorable shapes with cookie cutters.
- \* Bake at 325F for about one hour or until they reach desired hardness.

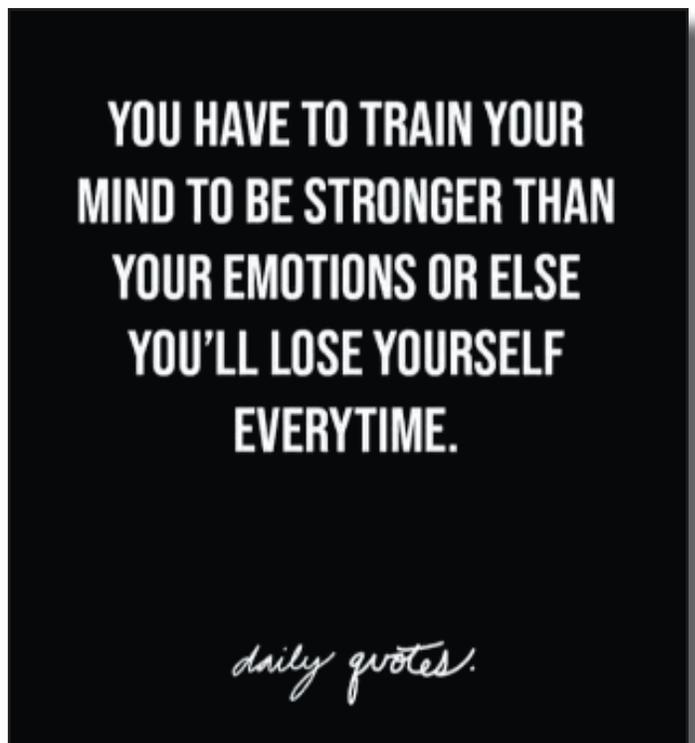
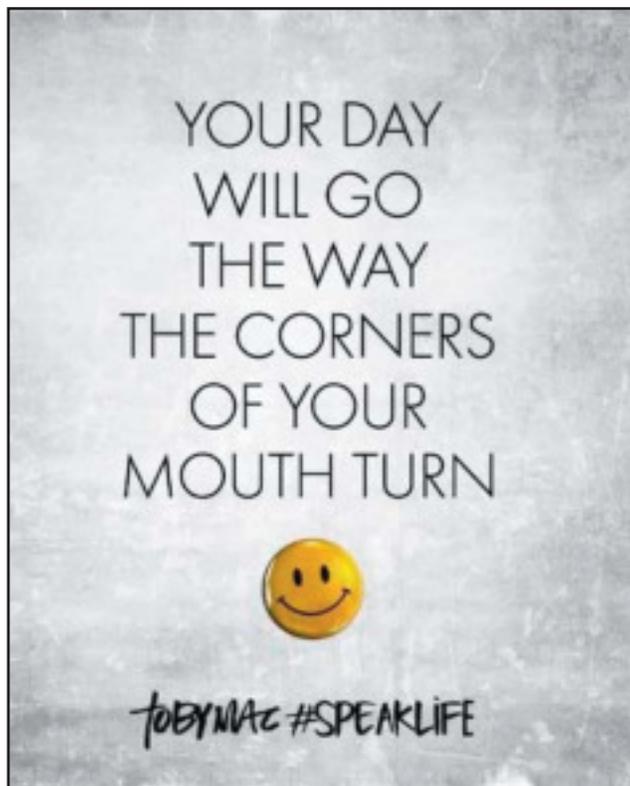
Note: If dough is too sticky, add flour.

Recipe courtesy <https://allnaturalpetcare.com/blog/2012/09/25/dog-or-horse-treat-recipe-easy-crunchy-pumpkin-apple-cookies/>



We all need encouragement and positive energy...especially these days. Each month, I'm going to send some positivity your way on this page. If you have a favorite saying, please share at [magazine@etinational.com](mailto:magazine@etinational.com) and I'll include the following month!!

Your Editor



**This month's quotes thanks to  
Linda Fullerton, Corral 20.**



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Welcome to our newest member Britney Swenson. She has been joining in on some of our club activities for a couple of years and finally joined our club. Britney has a couple of horses and trains horses, too. Welcome, Britney!

Our club finally had a meeting! On August 30, after our annual tack cleaning event and BBQ, we had a meeting. We had something very serious to discuss...the fate of our club. Some of our officers no longer wanted to continue in their positions, and it appeared that no one was willing to take over. It was looking like we might have to dissolve our corral. We have many members who don't live in our area and don't come to the meetings or hold offices or sit on the board of directors. BUT two wonderful people stepped up! Jamie Rees will be taking on the role of President, and Sheri Devouassoux will be taking on the role of Vice President. The consensus of the club members was that no one really wanted to see the club fold, so everyone was very happy that these two members stepped up.

We hadn't had any events since March 18, but we finally had a combined trail ride on September 20 with ETI Corral 103 at Mojave River Forks Equestrian Campground. Although I didn't attend, eight of our members did! The head count was 26, and the ride and raffle went great. Sounds like everyone had a great time.

We will no longer be meeting at Excelsior Charter School (Covid-19 kind of pushed us out of there). Our September 15 meeting was held at Cindy Franey's house. We will hold our October 20 meeting there, also (36261 Rifle Rd, Barstow).

October 24 is our annual Peggy Sue Charity Ride, but we will have to see if Peggy Sue's Restaurant will be open for business by then. Stay tuned for details in email and Facebook after October 6.

November 12 is our midweek ride at Mojave Narrows in Victorville.

Ah, September, with summer coming to an end as I write this article on the 1st day of autumn, we are beginning to feel the early signs of fall. Apple season is upon us. Tehachapi is home to several apple orchards. Prior to Covid19, Knaus and Kolesars allowed you to pick your own apples. I do not think that currently "U Pick" is still offered. Pulfords does not allow "U Pick" but has the greatest variety of apples for purchase. Some trees are starting to turn colors. The mild temperatures are great for morning or afternoon rides. You can Google the apple farms by name for their addresses, days, and hours of operation. I believe most are open Thursday-Sunday. Hours may vary.



Photo credit Karen Knaus Taylor from Knaus Apple farm

Here is to cooler fall weather!  
Beth Uzonyi/President  
[bethygir155@aol.com](mailto:bethygir155@aol.com)

As if Covid19 has not caused enough concerns for our health and safety, along comes the wildfire season. The Western United States has seen the worst wildfires in more than



100 years. Air quality is the worst many of us have seen in our lifetimes. Southern California is still experiencing evacuations from the Bobcat fire that has affected many ETI members. The Devils Punch bowl, an area where many ETI corrals enjoyed trail rides, was seriously damaged by the Bobcat Fire. Undoubtedly, many other areas with favored riding trails in the Angeles Crest Forest were also seriously damaged. Typically, after a significant wildfire and burn scar, the forest will remain closed for an uncertain duration.

I inquired about an area in the Eastern Sierras, near Mono Lake in the Lee Vining area that burned this summer. Forest Service officials informed me typically a burn like this will cause the area to be closed for 2 to 5 years for plant and soil reparations.

Fires in all directions have impacted the air quality in our area. For this reason, one of our favorite September rides was cancelled due to extremely poor air quality.

Our October rides will take place as planned provided the air quality is acceptable for outdoor activities. PLEASE make sure to contact the Ride Leader, Carol Hellyer, if you plan to ride. Upcoming rides are subject to change or be postponed depending on current wildfires and smoke affecting the area. The distance, duration, and degree of difficulty of the rides may also be adjusted to accommodate safety concerns for our mounts. Our equines depend upon us to do right by them.

October 7, Corral 83 plans to have a meeting after our Bear Valley Springs ride. It is estimated the meeting will take place around noon at the picnic tables near the back of the Equestrian Center. Social distancing to take place in this open-air environment. BYO lunch and beverage. Please wear a mask during the meeting. Many ETI members have multiple risks factors. We appreciate the cooperation with Covid19 precautions. Social distancing and wearing a mask may help slow the spread & protect friends.

The Alabama Hills camp trip is still on the calendar for October 13-15, ride leader Doris Lora. Please make your intentions known by Friday, October 9. RSVP to Doris, (661) 333-7797 or (661) 822-0648. I am checking daily for any changes or closures of areas in the Eastern Sierras due to fires. Special attention to the use of gas or propane powered stoves. No stove use permitted in Alabama Hills unless within the confines of RV's. No open fires due to the wildfire dangers and reduced availability of firefighting resources. You can prepare meals on a stove inside your RV or living quarters trailer, if you have such. Other eating options include local restaurants in the town of Lone Pine, only 5 miles from Alabama Hills.

Doris Lora,  
C83 Scribe

### Corral 86

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### Corral 88

Tri Community Horsemen  
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Another busy month for us. Our August Schooling Show was such a success we are having another...the Halloween Spooktacular October 31. With four High point award divisions, we have something for everyone.



Photographer Patti Monsoon

Our trail ride this month was at Mojave Narrows. Trail boss Cheri Kopasz led the group of ten through a variety of terrain including sand, river crossings, cattails, bamboo, fallen trees, and some pretty dense forest. Amazing to see such diverseness in a short time.





Our next trail ride will be at the Mojave Forks on October 10.

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Starr Reeves

The smoke cleared long enough to hold our Dusty Spurs 2 day Buckle Series, awards were:

**Little Spurs Division (Leadline) - High Point Champions Buckle (Tie):**

Kaydence Racicot  
Piper Patten

**AAA Division - High Point Champion Buckle Winners (Tie):**

Jill Rip Robert Quinci (Gentile)  
Payton Detty

**Reserve Champion High Point Stirrups:**

Naomie Hernandez

**Reserve High Point Champion Stirrups:**

Sabrina Jasper

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Elinor Jenks

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Deegan Mahan

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Jude Powers

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Katrina Warman

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Cecilia Villanueva

Congratulations To All The Riders!

**AA Division - High Point Champion Buckle:**

Abraham Rangel

**Reserve High Point Champion Stirrups:**

Morgan Detty (Dickie)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Rachel Trani

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Caila Perez

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Lillynn Warman

**A Division - High Point Champion Buckle**

Chele Solomon

**Reserve High Point Champion Stirrups:**

Johnny Acosta

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Deborah Jasper

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Marissa Lawler

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Julia Varty

**Future Champion Adult Division - High Point Champion Buckle:**

Britney Swenson

**Reserve High Point Champion Stirrups:**

Jessica Mahan (Rogers)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Leah Lou Richardson

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Patrice Sarabia

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Dorothy Bragdon

**Future Champion Youth Division - High Point Champion Buckle:**

Jeremiah Acosta

**Reserve Champion High Point Stirrups:**

Kailynn Warman

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Kourtney Adams

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Novina Hernandez



Our next trail ride will be at the Mojave Forks on October 10th.

Respectfully Submitted  
Lilly Adams

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**Corral 103**

Hesperia Happy Horsemen  
Hesperia/Apple Valley  
Pres. Dawn Walker  
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ETI Corrals 66 & 103 combined and had a great ride at Mojave River Forks. We had 25 in the saddle. There were riders from Corrals 14, 66, 88 and 103. The weather was not too hot, and we had no smoke. Cheryl Lewis took us through some great trails. Following the ride, we had a nice lunch, visit and raffle. We discussed doing it again next year, and



everyone was enthusiastic about repeating it.

Our next event will be a ride out of Mojave Narrows in Hesperia on October 17. We are still ironing out the details. It will be a one day ride, and park fees will be on your own. More info to follow on our Facebook page, or I can be contacted at [delta3743@verizon.net](mailto:delta3743@verizon.net) or (760-961-7879).

On November 15, we are planning our Treasure Hunt Ride. It will be in Apple Valley. Details and exact location will be on our flyer as soon as we have everything decided. This is always a fun ride, and Ray Sims will be the Trail Boss.

Dawn Walker

**Corral 118**

Simi Valley  
 Pres. Dan Mayer  
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COVID-19  
 Outlook is improving.  
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**Corral 118 upcoming Elections**

As this unusual year draws to a close, there is still work to be done. There will be some challenges going forward into 2021 (!!!), and things may be very different. But that's what makes it interesting.

This is the time of year when we start gearing up for the annual November election, when the membership votes for any officer and/or board member positions that may be open.

This is the time of year to decide what you personally can do to strengthen and improve our Corral. Participation is key. We're always looking for inspiration, but we need that hands-on approach. We're all volunteers, and we each contribute different and unique skills to make our club and events successful. By working together, we accomplish great things.

How much time and effort can you invest in our future? This is the time.

For those who may be new to ETI, we are a volunteer-based not-for-profit equestrian organization. To qualify for an officer or board position, you must be over the age of 18, and a full Corral 118 member in good standing. (You cannot hold a position with another Corral concurrently.) After nominations are confirmed, voting by the membership takes place in November.

If you have any questions regarding the functions or duties of any position, or want to discuss volunteering opportunities, please contact us right away. We would love to talk to you! (Scroll down to "Contacts" on the home page of our website at [www.eti118.org](http://www.eti118.org))

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Despite everything else going on – or NOT! – the best part is the horses. There will be more shows, other shows. But we still get to enjoy all the other unique things that our horses bring into our lives. Which, if we're lucky, include the bonds of love and companionship, responsibility and reward. Keep on riding.

The very least we can do is take the very best care of our horses that we can. We owe it to them. They deserve it.

Put your horse first, and he will last.  
 Good riding 'til next time.

Beth Haney

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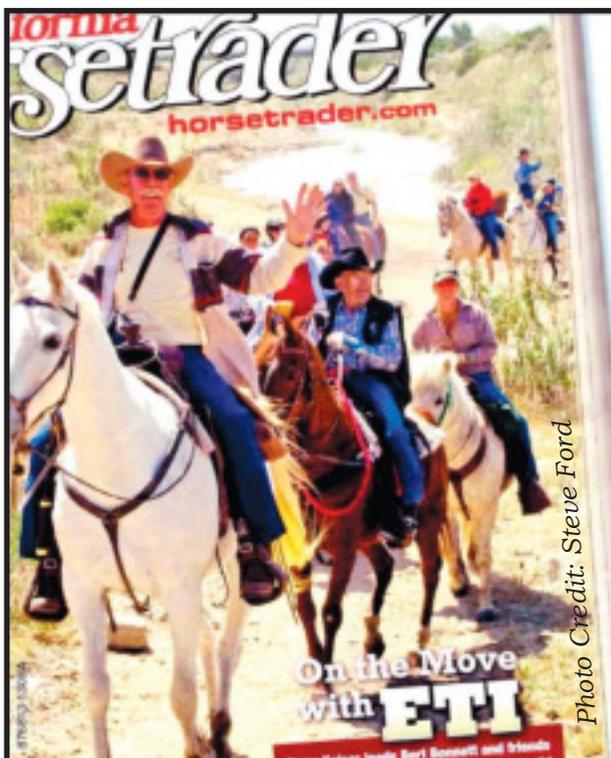


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Send cards in A.S.A.P. **Don't hold them.** For **Single** membership, list only the person applying for membership and no one else.

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

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

**Basic membership amounts are Family \$50; Senior \$35; Junior \$30.**

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**Some Corrals charge additional amounts.**

**Please contact a Corral or send to ETI, P.O. Box 920668, Slymar, CA 91392**

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

## ETI National Programs

**Horse Shows** ETI has a National High Point Circuit which is currently on hiatus. Until then, please contact the ETI office. 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 contacting Cheri Ovayan at (818) 335-2884 [covayan97@icloud.com](mailto:covayan97@icloud.com). The completed forms are due back by April 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 the 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](mailto:office@etinational.com).

