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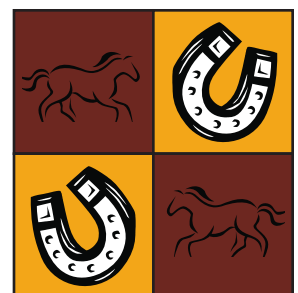


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A Message from Tom Kirsch ETI National President

Hello, to all.

The ETI National Board meeting was held on October 21 via phone conference. ETI is doing well financially. For the most part, the corrals are getting their membership fees in on time. I know it's a pain to do the paperwork, but it's hard on Patty trying to keep track of our membership, and Linda keeping track of our finances.



We have several events coming up in the next couple months. Please read the magazine and website to get the information in regards to these events. National will be putting on the Christmas ride this year on December 15, so come out join us. The information is posted on our website and the magazine. This is an easy ride and a lot of fun, plus a good lunch. Our Spring Ride will be held on June 5 - 8, 2025. The flier is posted in the magazine and website. We are getting a lot of interest for this ride. There are many events going on, so again read the magazine and go to the website.

The tentative date for Membership Luncheon (formerly called the Presidents Luncheon) will be January 25. More information to follow.

The weather is beginning to change, so time to get the animals and equipment ready for winter. I hope we have a good one!! It's good to be ready.

Stay safe and look out for each other.

Tom



Fall colors from Corral 83's ride in October. Photo by Doris Lora.

National Board Meeting
 Next meeting will
 November 18 at 7pm

Monthly meeting is via
 conference call. If interested in
 joining the call, email us at
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Join us!

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ETI's Annual Presidents & Members Luncheon

Open to ALL ETI members!

Saturday, January 25, at 10am

New Hope Community Church
Activity Center
10438 Oro Vista Ave., Sunland

RSVP needed
by January 17

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NATIONAL 2024

December 15/National

Christmas Ride, Griffith Park Trail
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2024 Individual Corral Circuit Shows/Series

Corral 37/Thousand Oaks

Saddle Series- 5 shows; April – October
Contact: Sharyn Henry
redhatcowgirl@yahoo.com

Done for 2024

Corral 101/Hansen Dam Equestrian Center

5 show series - February - October
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Done for 2024

TRAIL TRIAL/OBSTACLE

November 2/Corral 20

Terry Kaiser Mem Trail Trials, Ranger Park/
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GYMKHANAS/PLAYDAYS

Corral 37/Thousand Oaks

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Corral 88/Dusty Spurs

Gymkhana series; February - November
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Corral 210

Monthly play days fourth Sunday of
each month, Gibson Ranch, Sunland
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November 2/Corral 20

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November 3/Corral 138

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November 7-17/Corral 14

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November 9/Corral 12

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November 10/Corral 103

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November 14/Corral 66

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November 16/Corral 88

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November 17/Corral 43

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November 23/Corral 22

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November 23/Corral 86

Trail ride, Doc Larson Contact:
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November 2/Corral 138

Trail ride, Mescal Creek Contact: Elaine
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November 24/Corral 210

Playday, Gibson Ranch Contact:
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DECEMBER 2024

December 7/Corral 88

Trail ride, TBD Contact: Rosemary
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December 15/National

Christmas Ride, Griffith Park Contact:
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December 15/Corral 38

Caroling, Burbank Contact:
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December 22/Corral 210

Playday, Gibson Ranch Contact:
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Contact Johnny: (818) 352-2166
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"A man can be destroyed but not defeated."

ERNEST HEMINGWAY



ETI NATIONAL Christmas Ride



WHEN: Sunday, December 15, 2024

**WHERE: Griffith Park, Los Angeles
(Martinez Arena)**

TIME: Arrive by 9:00AM; In saddle at 9:50AM

Directions: From I-5 north take the Western Avenue off-ramp and go west to Victory Blvd. Turn left on Victory and continue across Riverside Drive over the freeway to Zoo Drive. Turn right on Zoo Drive and continue to Martinez Arena and park.

**From the south on I-5, take the Glendale-Pasadena Freeway, exit at Zoo Drive and follow it to the parking area. Martinez Arena is a little beyond the Live Steamers.*

**From the Ventura Freeway (134) exit at Forest Lawn Drive and go west to Zoo Drive to arena entrance.*

This will be a 3 hour ride with hills.

Hamburgers, potato salad and dessert will be served at the lunch stop.



Cost is \$10.00 per person

Pre-pay to get a poker hand w/ extra card with lunch for \$15.00

Reservations are a MUST by Thursday, December 12th Mail to:

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Text RSVP to 818-698-6200 or email: OFFICE@ETINATIONAL.COM

Releases MUST be completed before ride; A single event fee is required if you are NOT an ETI member (\$10.00 Single / \$20.00 Family).

Get festive and deck out your horse and yourself!

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June 5 – June 8 2025

ETI SPRING RIDE

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Ride Chairs: Nikki Ahten & Tom Kirsch
Contact Nikki Ahten Email: OFFICE@ETINATIONAL.COM

PRICE: \$275 ETI MEMBERS – \$300 NON-MEMBERS BY MAY 10
\$300 ETI members – \$325 Non-Members May 11-31

INCLUDES: Camp Fees, Dinner Thursday thru Breakfast Sunday

RESERVATIONS DEADLINE MAY 20, 2025
\$50 NON-REFUNDABLE. AFTER MAY20 NO REFUNDS

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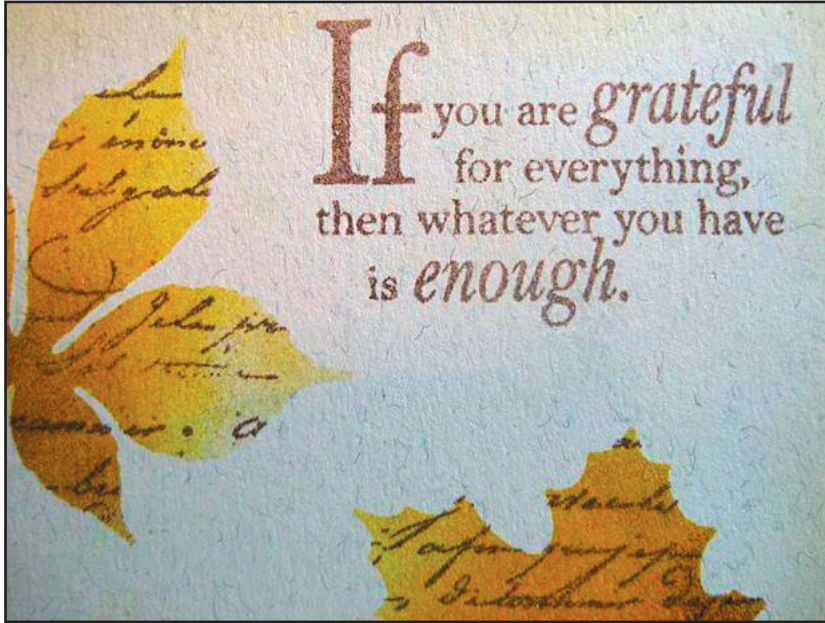
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EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PHONE: _____

DIET: VEGETARIAN___ REGULAR___

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Everyone must sign a Waiver & Release form that will be provided.



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 and I'll include the following month!!

Your Editor





Watch Out For 8 Common Equine Skin Diseases

Written by Dee McVicker, Equus

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Here's what you need to know about those skin lumps, bumps and bald patches on your horse that you can probably handle on your own.

There it is again—that strange-looking bump, or scruffy patch, or bald spot on your horse's skin. It looks harmless, and it doesn't bother your horse when you touch it. But it just won't go away.

Equine Skin Diseases: Learn how to diagnose and treat common equine skin diseases

Is it something you can safely ignore, or do you need to treat it? The answer depends on whether the spot or bump in question is caused by a bacterial, fungal or viral infection, an insect bite, sunburn, allergic reaction, bruise, abrasion or any number of assaults the world can throw at a horse.

The good news, says William H. Miller, VMD, professor of dermatology at Cornell University, is that many equine skin diseases and conditions are not very serious. In fact, some issues are considered merely cosmetic and may be left untreated, and in many cases, a knowledgeable horse owner can safely handle the situation on their own.

But there's a catch: In order to treat a condition effectively, you need to know for sure what it is, and some issues that stem from completely different causes can look remarkably similar. Just reaching for your favorite ointment and applying it to the skin can do more harm than good. Heavy salves like Vaseline, for example, can plug hair follicles, and many homemade remedies can irritate skin.

What's more, says Miller, persistent skin problems are rarely just skin-deep. "Skin diseases can be indicative of a compromised immune system brought on by poor nutrition, age or other disease," he explains. So no matter how basic your horse's skin problem may seem, if it doesn't respond to treatment or continues to recur, talk to your veterinarian. Not only can she confirm the identity of the issue, she will help you develop a treatment plan that may

include dietary and management changes and possibly systemic drugs in addition to topical treatments. And in any case, if you're unsure what you're seeing or how to handle it, it's always best to consult with your veterinarian.

But if you're looking at one of these eight common equine skin diseases, especially if you notice them early, you may be able to manage them safely on your own.

1. Rainrot (rain scald)



Appearance: scabby crusts that form raised bumps with upright tufts of matted hair. The crusts form on parts of the body that are chronically damp—often along the topline and where rain runs off down the barrel, shoulders or hindquarters, but also on the lower legs or faces of horses who regularly stand in mud or graze tall, wet grass. Over time, the crusts peel off, leaving small, round bare spots; pus may also be seen under newly sloughed scabs.

Causes: Rainrot is a bacterial infection. The causative organism, *Dermatophilus congolensis*, can reside on the skin without causing trouble, but it multiplies rapidly in a moist environment. If the bacteria find a break in the skin, whether a small wound or insect bite, an active infection can develop. Anything that compromises a horse's immunity—advanced age, malnutrition, illness—can make him more susceptible to the infection, as can having a heavy winter coat, which tends to trap moisture against the skin.



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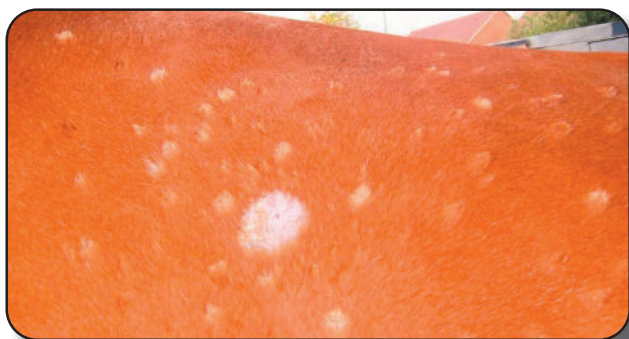
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Do I need to treat it? Yes. Rainrot is uncomfortable, if not painful, for the horse, and it can cause unsightly patches of hair loss.

Treatment: First remove the horse from wet conditions and place him in a living arrangement where his coat can dry out thoroughly. A variety of anti-microbial shampoos and disinfectant rinses are available over-the-counter that are labeled for use on rainrot infections; the horse's coat will probably need to be treated daily for at least a week. The specific duration of treatment depends on the product being used and the severity of the infection. Spot treating may be effective if only a small area is affected; otherwise, giving the horse a full bath may be advisable. Picking off loose scabs may help them heal faster, because exposing the bacteria to air helps to kill them, plus it will enable topical treatments to penetrate further. But do not remove scabs if they are still tight and pulling on them causes the horse pain. Call your veterinarian if an infection fails to improve after a week, despite treatment. She can make sure your horse actually has rainrot, rather than another similar condition, and may prescribe a topical medication or oral antibiotics, especially if a secondary infection has set in.

Prevention: Provide dry areas that turned-out horses can retreat to in wet weather and keep your run-in shed's roof in good shape. Waterproof blankets and light sheets can also help keep pastured horses dry; just make sure their coats are not damp when you put them on. Groom often, both to clear away mud or dirt, which can hold moisture against the skin, and to spot the infection in its earliest stages. Disinfect all blankets and equipment that came in contact with an infected horse before reuse.

2. Ringworm (fungal dermatitis)



Appearance: rounded hairless patches with crusty, scabby skin. The lesions are most common on the face, neck, shoulders, chest or under the saddle or girth, but they can appear anywhere on the body. The affected areas may be sore or itchy, but they often cause no discomfort, and the horse may appear otherwise healthy.

Causes: Despite the name, ringworm is a fungal infection, which can be caused by several organisms, usually members of the Trichophyton or Microsporum families. The fungi, called dermatophytes, consume keratin, the protein that forms the structure of hair and epidermal skin cells. The fungi can survive for months in the environment, on tack or fences, and they can be carried on the skin for up to three weeks before signs of infection are evident—during this time, the fungi can be easily spread to other animals, and sudden outbreaks may affect every horse in a herd.

Do I need to treat it? Yes. Left untreated, the lesions will continue to grow and spread. Although infections might heal eventually on their own, the horses would be highly contagious until they do.

Treatment: If you suspect ringworm, immediately isolate the affected horse from all other animals, including cats and dogs as well as other livestock. Clipping the hair around the lesions and removing scabs and crusty material as much as you can without causing the horse pain will reduce the organisms' food source. Several over-the-counter antifungal medications, as well as some human dandruff shampoos, may be effective against ringworm, but you may need to try several products to find one that works best for your horse. First clean the area with a general antifungal antiseptic, such as chlorhexidine, then dry thoroughly before applying an antifungal ointment or medication. Repeat the treatments until the infection is resolved. Exposure to air and sunshine will also help kill the fungi. Call your veterinarian if the lesions continue to spread or the horse's skin does not appear to be healing after a week. She can confirm that the infection is ringworm by scraping off a few skin cells and examining them under a microscope for the presence of fungal spores. If the case is severe or if you are handling many cases at once, your veterinarian may prescribe oral medications that can be used in combination



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with the topical washes.

Prevention: Keep separate tack, equipment and grooming supplies for every horse in your care, and do not share with others at shows or events. Quarantine new horses brought to your farm for at least two weeks to make sure they aren't carrying ringworm or other contagious diseases. In the case of an outbreak, clean and disinfect any tack or equipment as well as wash stalls and fences in communal areas that other animals may have had contact with. Use a power washer to get disinfectant into all the crevices. Remember that people can get ringworm as well as all your other animals, including cats and dogs. Always wear gloves when handling infected horses and exposed equipment.

3. Warts (papillomas)



Appearance: raised gray or pink cauliflower-like growths that are usually fairly small, not much bigger than peas. They may appear singly or in clusters, most commonly on the muzzle or around the eyes but also occasionally on the ears, genitals and lower legs. The growths do not appear to cause any pain or discomfort.

Causes: Warts are caused by the equine papillomavirus, an organism that can survive on skin, equipment and structures for weeks. Younger horses, under 3 years of age, are more susceptible, although warts can appear in adults.

Do I need to treat it? No. The warts are harmless, unless they are inhibiting the horse from

eating, blinking or moving or they are interfering with tack.

Treatment: Left alone, the warts typically shrink and disappear, leaving no scars, over the course of about four months as the young horse's immune system develops. They are likely to persist for a year or more when they appear in older horses. Warts that need to be removed can be excised with laser or cryosurgery, but these procedures may leave scars. Drugs that stimulate immunity may also be helpful. If warts do not go away on their own, have your veterinarian examine them; other diseases and conditions, including some sarcoids, can look very similar to papillomas.

Prevention: Isolate affected horses from others, especially younger ones. Disinfect any shared tack or equipment.

4. Aural plaques (papillary acanthoma, ear papillomas)



Appearance: flat, crusty, raised white lesions inside the ears; underneath, the skin may be pink and sensitive. Aural plaques usually cause no pain and are considered to be just a cosmetic problem. But biting flies may irritate the lesions, and some horses may begin to resist bridling or having their ears handled. Both ears are likely to be affected. They are not likely to shrink or go away on their own.

Causes: Aural plaques are caused by an equine papillomavirus that is thought to be spread by biting flies, such as the blackfly, that target the ears. The plaques may appear in horses of any age or breed.



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Do I need to treat it? No, unless the ear plaques are bothering the horse.

Treatment: Most horses resent having the plaques physically pulled off, and doing so can inflame the ears and make the problem worse. If the plaques are causing ear sensitivity, your veterinarian may prescribe a course of treatment with a topical cream containing imiquimod, a drug that stimulates a localized immune response in the ear and helps diminish the lesions.

Prevention: Take precautions to protect your horse against biting flies, especially blackflies. Use fly spray, and outfit your horse with a fly mask that includes ear coverings. Also use ear covers that can be worn with a bridle, especially if you ride in wooded areas near water. Stable your horse at dawn and dusk, when blackflies are most active.

5. Primary seborrhea (dandruff)



Appearance: Seborrhea can be dry or oily. In the dry form, small flakes of skin appear routinely, usually at the base of the mane and tail, and sand-like flecks may appear on the girth area or anywhere sweat accumulates. Oily seborrhea causes large, waxy crusts, often on the elbows, hocks or lower legs; when peeled off, these may leave hairless patches up to several inches in diameter. Dandruff sometimes causes a fetid odor, but the horse is not usually itchy or in pain.

Causes: Heredity plays a significant role in cases of primary seborrhea, and it is more common in Arabians and Thoroughbreds. In affected individuals, dandruff is likely to be a lifelong issue. Please note, however, that

primary seborrhea looks just like secondary seborrhea, which can also be either oily or dry. The biggest difference is that secondary seborrhea develops in horses who had not previously experienced the condition, although the onset can be very gradual. Secondary seborrhea is a sign that can accompany several potentially serious illnesses, including liver or intestinal disease.

Do I need to treat it? No, but most people prefer to do so for aesthetic reasons. Consult your veterinarian if your horse develops seborrhea or if a mild case seems to be getting significantly worse with no obvious explanation.

Treatment: Primary seborrhea is not curable, but it can be managed. A number of antidandruff shampoos are available that, when used as directed, can dissolve flakes and loosen oily scales. It's best to choose products formulated for use on horses; human products can be too harsh. Gentle scrubbing with a soft- to medium-bristled brush can help remove crusts. If you have difficulty controlling a stubborn case, talk to your veterinarian, who may recommend other topical medications. She may also suggest performing diagnostic work, such as blood tests, to rule out other causes. Secondary seborrhea is likely to clear up when the underlying disease is treated.

Prevention: Regular grooming stimulates circulation and natural oil production that help keep the skin healthy and clean. Feeding vegetable oils, especially omega-3 fatty acids, and supplements that contain biotin may also help promote healthier skin. Talk to your veterinarian or an equine nutritionist before making changes in your horse's diet.

6. Eosinophilic granuloma with collagen degeneration (nodular collagenolytic granuloma, nodular necrobiosis, or simply nodules)

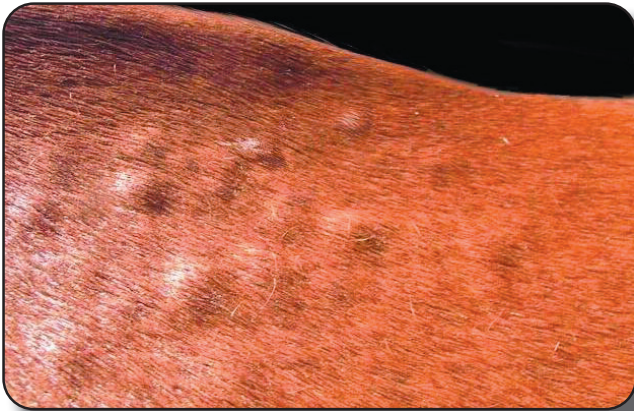
Appearance: distinct, firm nodules about the size of a dime or smaller, found usually in the neck, back and withers. Several small nodules may cluster together to form what appears to be a larger lump. The skin above is normal, with no hair loss, and the nodules do not contain pus. The bumps can occur in



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horses of any age, breed or gender. They usually are not painful or itchy, unless they've been irritated by rubbing. Over time, they may mineralize, which makes them feel harder.



Causes: The nodules are caused by the breakdown of collagen, the protein that forms the structure of connective tissue, in the middle layer of the skin. Why this happens is not fully understood, but the inciting event is believed to be hypersensitivity, when the immune system overreacts to the presence of some allergen and creates a "mass" to contain it. Allergic reactions to insect bites are thought to be the most common cause of these nodules, but injections with silicone-coated needles, minor scratches from body clipping and other traumas may be responsible in some cases.

Do I need to treat it? No, the nodules are harmless, unless they are interfering with tack or continuing to grow in size because the horse is rubbing them.

Treatment: Your veterinarian can inject corticosteroids into the nodules to shrink them. If the nodules are still present after three or more injections, which are usually given at two-week intervals, she may suggest surgical removal. The nodules become more difficult to treat medically once they have calcified, so some veterinarians may recommend more aggressive treatment earlier after they appear.

Prevention: Take measures to protect your horse from biting flies, including the use of fly sprays and turnout sheets. If your horse has developed nodules at injection sites, ask your veterinarian to use noncoated needles for future injections.

7. Mange

Appearance:

small, round bumps at first, soon followed by bald spots, with scaly, thickened skin, usually on the lower legs of draft horses with heavy feathering, although any horse can be affected. In more serious



cases the skin may be rubbed raw and show signs of secondary infections. Mange causes itching, and horses will rub, stamp and bite at their legs. In rare cases, mange may appear on other parts of the body.

Causes: Mange is a parasitic infection caused by several species of tiny mites that can barely be seen by the naked eye. The most common form that occurs in horses in the United States is chorioptic mange, caused by the mite *Chorioptes equi*, which typically affects the lower legs of horses with feathering. Although rare, horses may also develop psoroptic mange (*Psoroptes equi*), which produces lesions under the mane and tail, under the jaw and in the groin and armpits, and demodectic mange (*Demodex equi*), over the face, neck and shoulders.

Do I need to treat it? Yes. Not only is mange uncomfortable for the horse, it can cause permanent thickening and scarring of the skin that can impede the movement of the pastern joints.

Treatment: A number of topical antiparasitic products can be effective against mange—look for products that contain lime-sulfur solutions, organophosphates or permethrins, which can be applied by spraying, sponging or dipping the leg. Administering oral ivermectin or moxidectin may also be helpful in some cases. Treatments may need to be repeated three



Watch Out For 8 Common Equine Skin Diseases (cont.)

Written by Dee McVicker, Equus

or four times at 12- to 14-day intervals. Clipping the legs will help the topical treatments reach the skin but may not be necessary in all cases, especially if the infection is still mild. Call your veterinarian if the infection is severe or does not respond to treatment. She can examine skin scrapings under a microscope to confirm the presence of the mites, and she may suggest an alternative treatment. Oral antibiotics may be necessary to treat secondary infections.

Prevention: Mites usually are passed directly from horse to horse, so do not allow your horse to have contact with others at shows or events and quarantine newcomers on your farm, especially if they have visible bald areas that appear to be itchy. Some horses can carry the mites without showing signs of infection and can be a source of recurrence after other horses are treated. If you have an outbreak, it's a good idea to treat all horses who have been in contact with the ones affected and change out all of the stall bedding used by affected horses.

8. Lice (pediculosis)

Appearance: hair loss from rubbing, usually appearing first on the shoulders and neck, as well as on the head and the base of the mane and tail. Affected areas



are intensely itchy and may also have abrasions and scabs from rubbing and possibly secondary infections. Flattened insects up to two to four millimeters long may be visible if the hair is parted and the skin examined in good light. Pale, translucent eggs may be attached to nearby hairs. The horse is also likely to be generally unthrifty and in poor health. Lice infestations tend to be more severe during the winter months but can occur at any time of year.

Causes: Two types of these parasitic insects infect horses: Chewing lice (*Damalinia equi*) feed on sloughed-off dead skin cells; these are more likely to affect the neck, flanks and the base of the tail. Biting or sucking lice (*Haematopinus asini*) feed on blood; this species prefers longer hair and may be found under the forelock and mane, the tail and on the pasterns of long-feathered horses. Both types cause skin irritation and itching.

Do I need to treat it? Yes. Not only is a lice infestation extremely uncomfortable for the horse, severe cases can cause anemia.

Treatment: Several types of products—permethrin sprays and wipe-ons, insecticidal powders and shampoos—are effective against lice. Read and follow label instructions and precautions carefully. Many treatments need to thoroughly coat the skin to be effective, but some products may irritate small cuts and abrasions. Oral ivermectin may be effective, but only against the biting lice. Because the insecticides will not kill eggs, the treatment needs to be repeated in two weeks to eliminate newly hatched adults.

Prevention: Lice can be passed directly from horse to horse, as well as via shared tools and equipment. Isolate affected horses as well as those who have been exposed to them. Louse eggs that detach from the horse's coat can hatch and re-introduce the infestation, so it is important to clean and sterilize any tack and equipment that was used on the affected horse. Clean brushes and small tools with an insecticide, or boil items that will not be damaged by heat. Pads and blankets can be sterilized by machine washing and drying at a high heat setting. Also spray or scrub down stall walls or paddock fences and change the bedding.

Your horse's skin is his first line of defense against most of the bugs and microbes in his world, and he will most likely experience his fair share of minor ailments over the course of his lifetime. By learning what to do, what not to do, and when to call the veterinarian, you can do your part to keep his skin healthy and strong.

Story thanks to Equus <https://equusmagazine.com/horse-care/common-equine-skin-diseases>



Fall Horse 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 Horseluvr287 on horseforum.com from cowgirlmagazine.com)



Fall Pumpkin Cinnamon Horse Cookies

Ingredients:

1/2 can of pumpkin
1tbsp 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.

In a large mixing bowl, combine oats, brown sugar, molasses, and pumpkin. Mix until blended.

Roll into small balls with your hands...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 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 thehorsejunkie.blogspot.com from cowgirlmagazine.com)





Fall Horse Treats

Pumpkin Oatmeal Horse Cookies

Ingredients:

4 cups whole oats
1 can pumpkin
2 cups water
2 tsp baking powder
1 ¾ cup whole wheat flour
2 tsp cinnamon
½ 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 www.motherearthnews.com from cowgirlmagazine.com)



Easy Crunchy Pumpkin Apple Cookies

Ingredients:

1/2 c pure unseasoned pumpkin (canned or pureed)
1/2 c unsweetened applesauce
1 egg
1 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
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 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 allnaturalpetcare.com from cowgirlmagazine.com)



If you bake any of these for your horse(s), snap a picture of them enjoying your creation and send to magazine@etnational.com for the December issue!



A Thought Provoking RvSead.

By Jane Smiley

Most horses pass from one human to another - some horsemen and women are patient and forgiving, others are rigorous and demanding, others are cruel, others are ignorant.

Horses have to learn how to, at the minimum, walk, trot, canter, gallop, go on trails and maybe jump, to be treated by the vet, all with sense and good manners.

Talented Thoroughbreds must learn how to win races, and if they can't do that, they must learn how to negotiate courses and jump over strange obstacles without touching them, or do complicated dance like movements or control cattle or accommodate severely handicapped children and adults in therapy work.

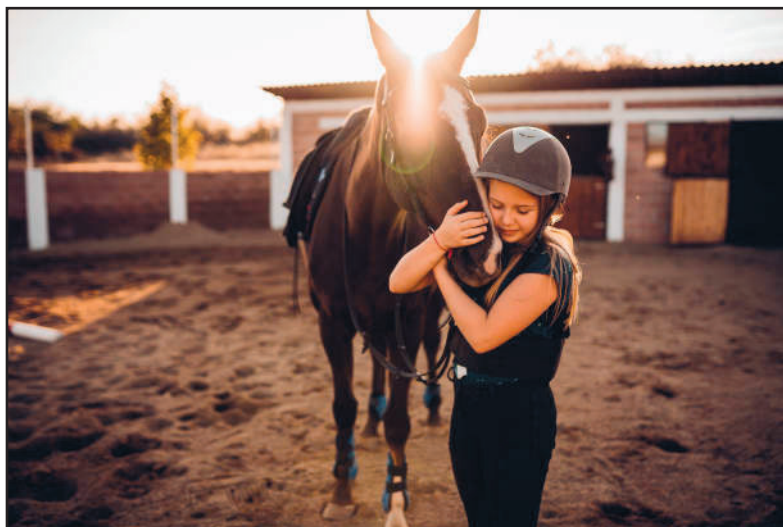
Many horses learn all of these things in the course of a single lifetime. Besides this, they learn to understand and fit into the successive social systems of other horses they meet along the way.

A horse's life is rather like twenty years in foster care, or in and out of prison, while at the same time changing schools over and over and discovering that not only do the other students already have their own social groups, but that what you learned at the old school hasn't much application at the new one.

We do not require as much of any other species, including humans.

That horses frequently excel, that they exceed the expectations of their owners and trainers in such circumstances, is as much a testament to their intelligence and adaptability as to their relationship skills or their natural generosity or their inborn nature. That they sometimes manifest the same symptoms as abandoned orphans - distress, strange behaviors, anger, fear - is less surprising than that they usually don't.

No one expects a child, or even a dog to develop its intellectual capacities living in a box 23 hours a day and then doing controlled exercises the remaining one.



Mammal minds develop through social interaction and stimulation.

A horse that seems "stupid", "slow", "stubborn", etc. might just have not gotten the chance to learn!

Take care of your horses and treasure them.

Submitted by Anita Martin



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So, some Corral 3 gals and MAU members, were in Tehachapi in support of a recent Bear Valley CSHA event. They decided to pay a visit to Mark and Michelle's "Historic Old Red Barn". Myra Dawn, Heather, Sheri and Jean had a delightful visit touring Michelle's beautiful "Garden of Eden", calling it a "spectacular reunion, a really cool place, and a great time to have an impromptu ETI meeting"!



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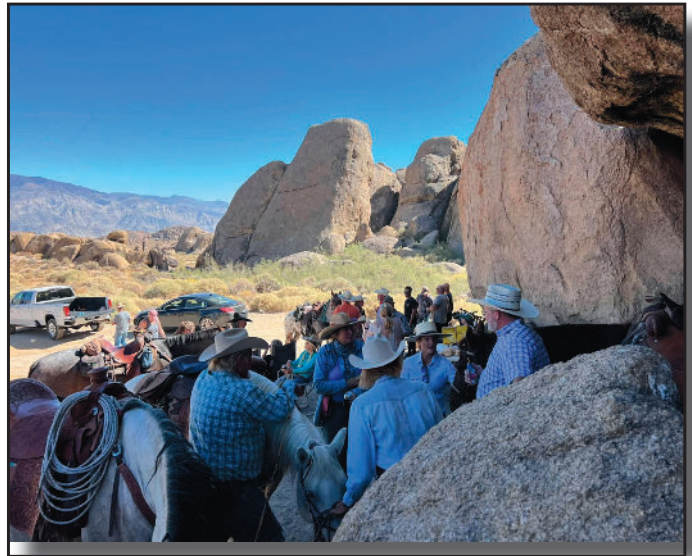


Members of Corral 22 were invited back to join the San Fernando Rangers at their Annual Lone Pine Ride through the Alabama Hills. We camped at Portuguese Joe campground along the Lone Pine creek. On Friday night, a few of us headed into town and had dinner at our favorite Chinese restaurant in Lone Pine, Merry Go Round. The chef did not have time to make us chili oil, so it's a good thing I brought my own! After dinner, we went by the Wild West Show Museum and stopped and Jake's Saloon.





On Saturday, trail boss Allan Johnson led 14 riders on a scenic ride through the Alabama Hills. The views were spectacular! We had lunch at the caves off Movie Road. The crew met us at the lunch stop with water for the horses. This year, some of our lake/desert friends joined us, adding to the fun and camaraderie of the trip. On Saturday evening, we had a wonderful potluck dinner that included Gina & Bob's barbecue chicken, Allan's tritip, potstickers, several salad dishes, potato salad, and an assortment of desserts. Even though I was late with the potstickers, I was awarded the "thumbs up" trophy for my dad's awesome sauce!



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Corral 66

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Cindy Franey and her boy Tonka dressed up for Halloween. It was such a cute picture, i thought id share it with you.



Thank you again to the San Fernando Rangers for inviting us on the ride and to Allan Johnson for organizing and leading the ride. Thank you, Billie McGuire, for being our drag rider.

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Fall colors elude the Corral 83 riders on the October 10th, 'fall colors' ride in Stallion Springs. The unseasonably warm evenings haven't encouraged the deciduous trees to change foliage color prior to dropping their leaves for winter. But the days have been perfect for riding. Susan Mustaffa led a group of riders around the Stallion Springs golf course on the hunt for fall colors and dodging wildlife. At the west end of the golf course trail, a few deer sprang up and bound away from the riders. One horse took note in a reactive manner, perhaps thinking that it might be fun to join them.

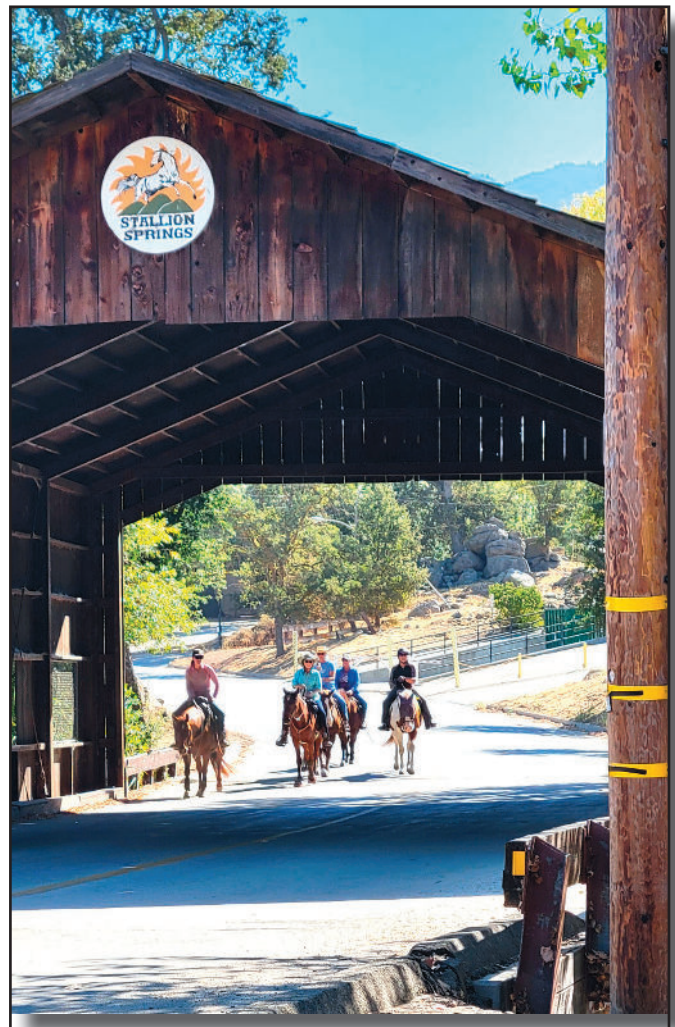


5 riders rode SS golf course. Looking for fall colors in Stallion Springs. Photo credit Doris Lora

The ride around the golf course is a nice, mostly flat ride suitable for all levels of riders and all conditions of horses... Very few spots where the horses need to ascend or descend much in the way of hills. The riders start out from a staging area along Stallion Springs Drive usually parking near Big Papas or across the street in a large field adjacent to P-Dubs

#1. They ride along the south S/E side of the

golf course, cross some streets, pass through the covered bridge then make an immediate right turn at the Shoreline trail head. About the time the riders reach the Condos along the golf course, they begin riding on the golf course trail that takes them to the N/W end of the golf course. The wildlife, deer, elk and wild hogs hang out all around the golf course. The riders then proceed parallel to Horse Thief Drive until they reach the intersection of Stallion Springs Drive and ride on the west side of SS Dr. until it intersects with Comanche Point Rd. There the riders follow Comanche point trail or they can stay closer to the golf course and skirt the edges of the golf course between the houses and the golf course. Eventually, they make their way to the Saint Andrews trail in a S/E direction making their way along St. Andrews Drive until they get back to the staging area. This is about a 2-hour ride where the group sometimes enjoys lunch at Big Papas outdoor seating where they can keep an eye on their rigs and horses while they enjoy some lunch and fellowship.



Headed to the shoreline trail. Covered Bridge Stallion Springs drive. Photo credit Doris Lora



Irene took a ride on her mule Bently looking for some fall colors in the Bear Valley Springs area. Some Bear Valley equestrian clubs have additional rides and events planned for later in the month.

Tehachapi area had the Annual Apple Festival take place over the weekend of October 11-13 complete

with rodeo, carnival, 103 vendors of arts and crafts and foods of all varieties. Music filled the air. The Apple Festival was created by Linda Carhartt in 2013. She plans a huge celebration in October 2025 marking a decade of apple fest. There wasn't an apple fest in 2020 due to the pandemic. I hope many readers of this article will come to the 2025 Apple Festival. You really need two days to see it all and visit 103 vendors, carnival & rodeo. Most of the local apple orchards are at their peak with more than 18 varieties of apples grown locally.

Due to the early deadline for submitting this article, I'll have to report on Corral 83's camp out in Alabama Hills in the December issue of the ETI National News.

Corral 83's ride in November looks like a Wine Ride in Cummings Valley. Carolyn McIntyre is listed as ride leader, but we are flexible, and ride leaders could change. Check the November events calendar around page 5 to see if any ride leader changes have occurred.

Doris Lora

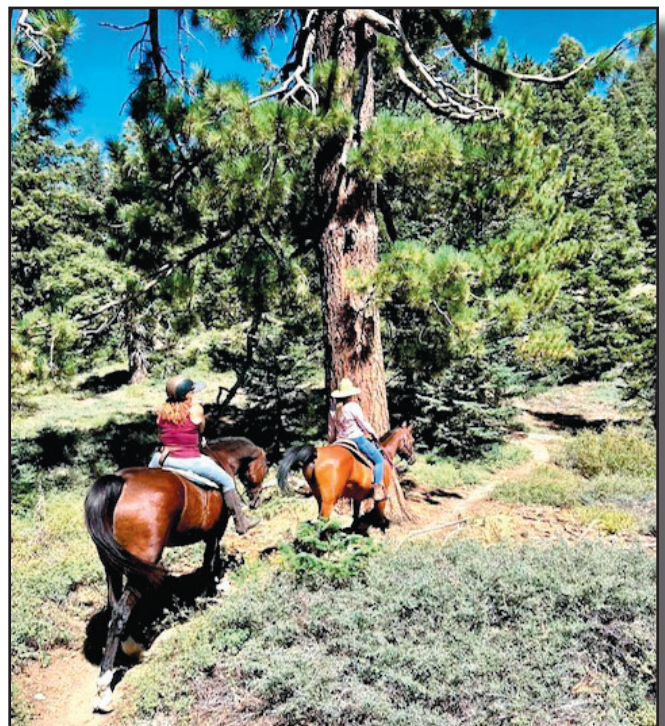
Corral 86

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Howdy, Corral Members! Since you're reading this, I wanted to remind you all of the importance of notifying the ETI National Office when canceling and/or changing rides!

Ok, now down to the fun stuff. Because of the extreme heat, in August we enjoyed a beautiful ride at Frazier Park – Mt Pinos. Tied our horses to some trees as we stopped for lunch and laughter (and apparently some nap time!). So incredibly pretty up there! Great pictures taken by our Corral President, Janette Beas.



On September 28, Janette led nine riders at the Mint Canyon/ PCT trail where we signed the book and are lucky that, while hot, there was a good breeze! After our 7-mile 2.5-mile loop, we stopped at Maria Bonita's for lunch and more laughter. Lalita Share, our Corral Secretary, and Janette, as always, took some outstanding pictures!



Coming up Saturday, October 19, is one of our newest and more challenging rides (and one of my personal favorites) – Crystal Mountain Ride in Acton. Amy and Steve Nelson (Steve is our Vice President) will take us on a switchy backy, kinda rocky, cliff-hangery (but not too much) kind of ride that lasts about 2 – 2.5 hours. Steve’s family has lived in Acton for almost 50 years, and he and his father and brothers actually created all these single-track trails! It’s the way trail riding should be! If you want to join, just contact Amy at (661) 317-1745 – parking is tight, so RSVP is a must!!!

It was so unbelievably hot that some of our members enjoyed pool time every week at my home this summer. I just love my Corral 86 Tribe!

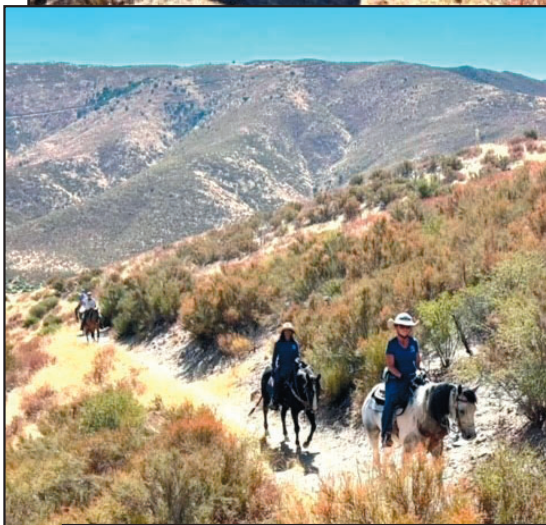
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Corral 88

Tri Community Horsemen
Phelan/Pinon Hills/Wrightwood
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Members participated in the annual Phelan Phun Days Parade on October 5. Dusty Spurs President Doug Wade led the group down Phelan Road.



Faith on Stormy, Leslie on Mae & Kimberly on DollyMae



Dusty Spurs Gymkhana High Point and Reserve as follows:

Lil Spurs
Savannah Charles
Rae DeYoung

AA
Julie McDonald

A
Julie Olson
Karlee Hutton

FCY
Annabelle Wade
Addison DeYoung

FCA
Zahbreyana Bates
Saylor Wade

FC W/T
Pamela Garon
Ashley Jackson



Hi Point Champion and Reserve Champions

Despite the forecast for a windy weekend, ETI 88's Halloween playday participants enjoyed a calm and temperate day. It was a throwback playday with some classics like egg 'n' spoon race, dollar bill ride, potato race, and pony express. Add Australian Pursuit, Musical Poles (an equine version of musical chairs), and Beach Ball Polo to the mix and you have yourselves a lot of laughter and photo opportunities.



Rae DeYoung and Savannah Charles



Lexi Albin on Ace - Potato Race

Lily

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Corral 118

Simi Valley
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We had a very nice ride at Mojave Narrows. The weather couldn't have been better. Thanks to Joyce Pullian-Fitzgerald for leading the ride and Carol Cronk for being drag rider.

November ride will be the Faces In The Rocks Ride on November 10. It will be about a 3 to 3 1/2 hour ride. Sign up at 9am and ride out at 10am. Look for the flyer on our facebook page.

Dawn Walker

Corral 138

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Trail Rider Award Program

T. R. A. P.



**It's TRAP! What is "TRAP" you ask?
TRAP is ETI's Trail Rider Award Program!**

**What does it do?
A heck of a lot more than it sounds!**

If you have any questions about the TRAP Program, call TRAP Chairperson Carol Elliott, (760) 963-8209. All completed logs and CHECKS should be sent to Carol Elliott: 6990 Ord View Rd; Apple Valley Ca 92308. happy2appy@yahoo.com

All your TRAP dues of \$6.00 are due in January.

ETI TRAP keeps computerized logs on how many hours members are riding and where.

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.

When a Corral calls ETI TRAP and identifies a specific problem area, TRAP not only provides them with actual riding statistics of usage, but TRAP members are notified to increase usage and support in that particular area.

Documentation from 'trail logs' turned in by TRAP members are proof that trails are being used by equestrians.

ETI TRAP acknowledges hours in the saddle with shoulder patches and pins that can be attached almost anywhere.

Lest we offend the "cart" people, TRAP also counts those non-arena hours of driving time spent on the trails.

How much does all this cost? It's cheap!!! 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 (about the size of a police patch), and your log sheets. As you hit the hour goals (100, 200, 500, etc.), additional patches will be sent to you. When you reach the higher levels, your hours will be acknowledged with pins instead of patches.

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Telephone: (___) _____ **Email:** _____ **ETI Member** ___ **If Yes, Corral #:** _____

2. **Liability Release.**

In consideration for Equestrian Trails, Inc. ("ETI") allowing me or my child to voluntarily participate in its activities, I agree as follows:

- a. This agreement, waiver and release applies to ETI and to ETI's affiliated Corrals, committees, employees, predecessors, successors, attorneys, insurers, members and volunteers who are working in the course and scope of their duties on behalf of ETI, including its affiliated Corrals, at the time of occurrence of any act or omission which is later alleged to be a cause or contribution to a claim for injury, damages or death ("Released Parties");
- b. I forever release, hold harmless and indemnify Released Parties from liability for any and all claims, demands, causes of action, damages, injuries or death to me, my minor children, my horse and my property, and legal liability of every nature, including the negligent acts or omissions of any Released Parties, whether known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, direct or indirect, arising out of participation in the past, present or future ETI activities (including equestrian activities, such as the riding, use of, or being near, horses, whether at an arena, stable or on a trail ride in association with ETI) and I assume all risks of injury or death as set forth in this release;
- c. I shall not bring any lawsuit, action or proceeding against any Released Parties, even if they engage in negligent conduct; and
- d. I make this agreement, waiver and release for and on behalf of myself, my spouse, my child and/or ward, heirs, administrators, successors, representatives and assigns.

3. **Activity Risk.**

I understand that some ETI activities take place in isolated or wilderness areas over rough terrain, and/or trails of unknown condition and others take place on land or in facilities owned and managed by others from whom such land or facilities are borrowed or rented. I understand that the organizers, workers and members involved in ETI activities are not professionals in the horse industry, or in the planning or conducting of trips or camping events, or in other areas of expertise involved in ETI activities. I also understand that horseback riding is a rugged adventure, recreational sport activity. I am aware that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks of serious injury or death, or property damage, to me or my horse, which are always present in ETI activities, on or near horses. I understand that pregnant women are specifically advised not to ride horses. I understand that ETI is a non-profit club of private individuals who have come together to support and enjoy recreation-oriented activities.

4. **Nature of Horses.**

I understand that no horse is completely safe, and the Released Parties make no representations or guarantees regarding the safety, training or suitability of any horse. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If I fall from a horse to the ground, it will generally be at a distance of 4 to 6 feet, and the impact will injure me. A horse may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts and may abruptly change directions or speed, trip, slip, fall, stop short, shift its weight, buck, rear, kick, bite, spook, or run from what it perceives to be danger if it is frightened or provoked, or for no reason whatsoever.

5. **Conditions of Nature & Locations.**

I agree that the Released Parties are not responsible for acts, occurrences or elements of nature or a particular location that can injure a person or scare a horse, cause it to trip, fall or react in some other manner. These elements include thunder, lightning, rain, wind, wild and domestic animals, insects, other people and horses, and reptiles which may walk, run, fly near, bite and/or sting a horse or person, irregular footing on groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change according to weather, temperature, natural and manmade objects. The Released Parties have not inspected, and make no representations or warranties concerning the safety or condition of, any trail, camping site, arena and/or other location of ETI events.



6. Helmet Warning.

I am aware that protective head gear which meets or exceeds the quality standards of the SEI certified and ASTM standard F1163 equestrian helmet, should be purchased and worn by me and/or my child while riding and being near horses, and the wearing of such helmet may reduce the severity of some head injuries and may prevent my serious injury or death as a result of a fall or other occurrence. If I or my minor child do not wear a helmet, it is because we so choose.

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Dated: _____ Participant's Signature: _____

(Printed Name)

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Dated: _____ Signature: _____
Relationship to Minor: _____
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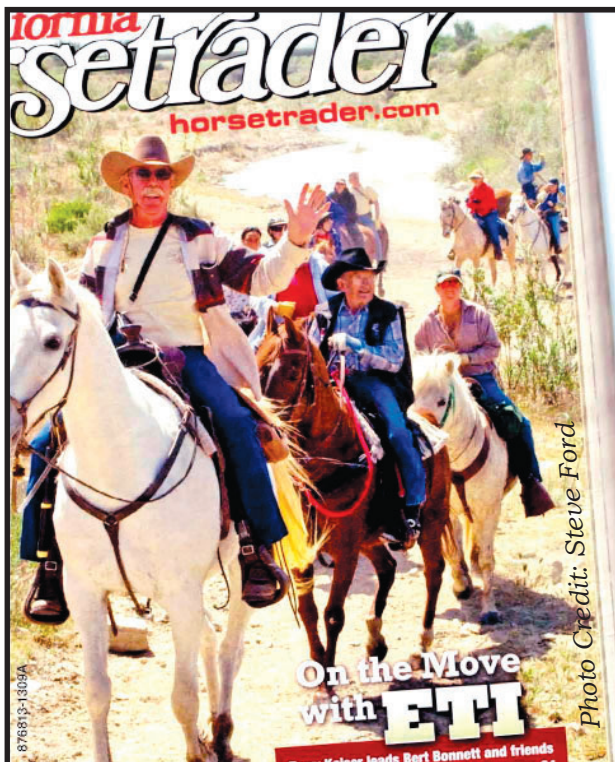


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Send cards in A.S.A.P. **Don't hold them.** For **Single** membership, list only the person applying for membership and no one else.

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

Non members must complete a Single Event form and pay \$10.00 for an individual for the day or weekend-camping membership. \$5.00 of this is to be sent with the forms back to the ETI office. A family membership for the event is \$20.00; \$10.00 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.

Basic membership amounts are Family \$50; Senior \$35; Junior \$30. At Large Memberships are Family \$70; Senior \$50; Junior \$45.

Some Corrals charge additional amounts.

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



ETI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name (last): _____ First _____ Corral _____ *

Mailing Address: _____ Spouse: _____

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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

* 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. The completed forms are due back by April 2nd 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 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.

