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A Message from Tom Kirsch ETI National President

Hello to all:

The ETI National Board meeting was held via phone conference on September 21. Financially, we are doing good. It's been a rough year so far. Seems like everything we have tried to make money has failed so far this year. Insurance rates are going up, and there are very few companies that will insure us. LA city and the county parks are requiring higher liability insurance coverage.

Our membership is down a little. That has a lot to do with the show corrals schedules. Unfortunately, we are not getting the young people to join ETI with the cost of feed and the fact that so many of the boarding stables have been put out of business to build housing. The cost of living in this state doesn't help either!! All in all, we are doing good. The corrals are doing a great job with their different events. Remember to read our magazine and get out and support our membership.

It looks like we are going to have a strong winter this year on the west coast. Lake Mead and Lake Powell are both in bad shape. California is not as bad, but we need the water. Now is the time to start planning on a wet winter.

Take care of yourself's and look out for each other other.

Tom

BLAST FROM THE PAST...Welsh Section A Mountain Pony owned by Stephanie Abronson. Photo by Carol Hernandez.

National Board Meeting
Next meeting will be
October 19 at 7pm

Monthly meeting is via conference call. If interested in joining the call, email us at office@etinational.com

Join us!

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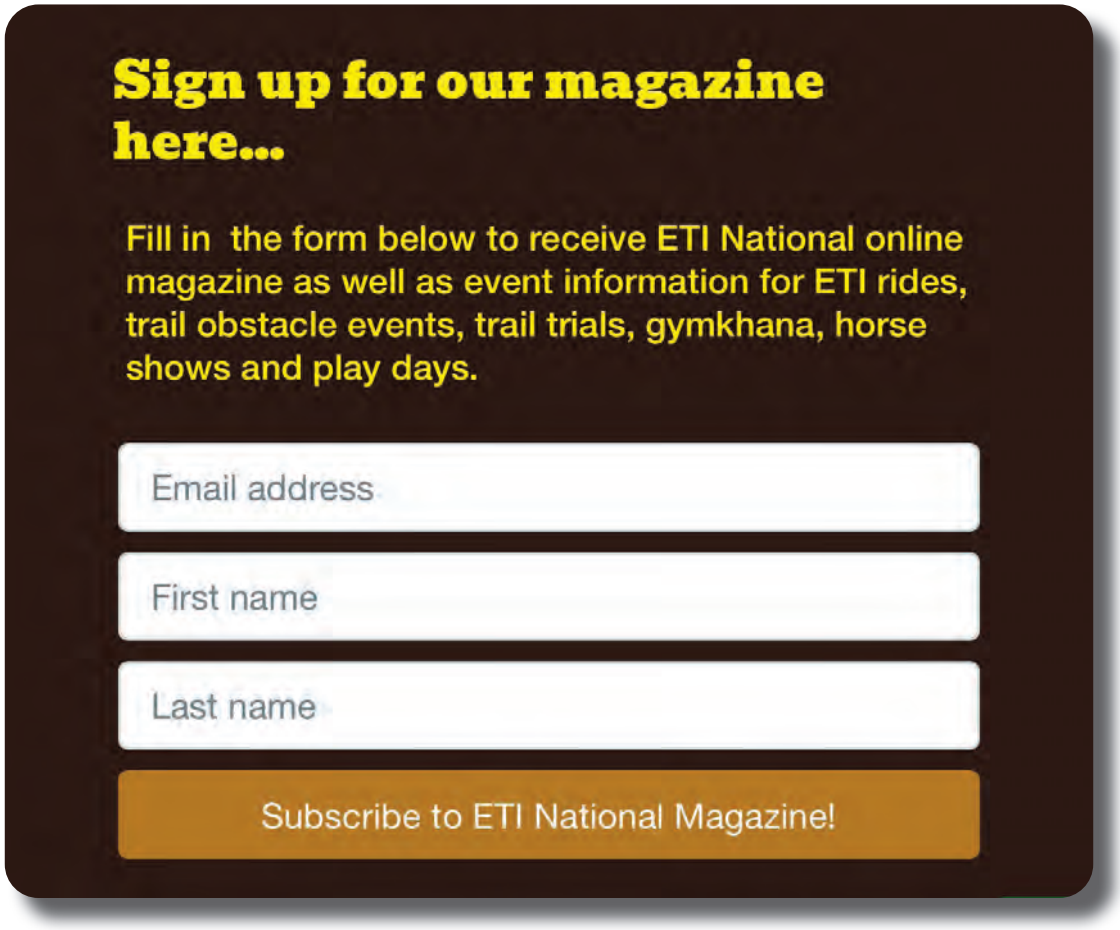

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NATIONAL 2026

December 12/National
ETI Christmas ride Contact: office@etinational.com

2026 Individual Corral Circuit Shows/Series

Corral 37/Thousand Oaks
Ranch Horse - 4 shows; May – November
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October11

Corral 101/Hansen Dam Equestrian Center
5 show series - March - October
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October 17-18

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Corral 37/Thousand Oaks
7 gymkhanas; April – October
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Corral 43/Tri-Valley Riders
9 Gymkhana series Contact:Stefany Grainger (909) 917-6163

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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OCTOBER 2026

October 3-10/Corral 14
Lone Pine to Bishop Drive Contact: Sue Martzolf (760) 662-6102

October 3/Corral 15
Phelan Phun Day Parade, Phelan
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October 4/Corral 12
Trail ride, TBD Contact: Patty Hug
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October 8-11/Corral 22 & 86
Camping, Alabama Hills/Lone Pine Trail Boss: Allan Johnson Contact: Kathleen Smart kathleensmart99@gmail.com

October 11/Corral 2
Trail ride, TBD Contact: Ann Regan
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October 11/Corral 37
Ranch Horse Show, Thousand Oaks
Contact: Sharyn Henry
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October 11/Corral 138
Trail ride, Acton Hills Contact: Tracy (818) 640-1801

October 15/Corral 83
Trail ride & lunch, Sand Canyon Contact: Monica Lindsey (661) 805-1244

October 16–18/Corral 15
Camping, Lake Perris Contact: Lexi Albin (661) 338-8746 lexijanene@gmail.com

October 17/Corral 20
Trail ride, Vasquez Rocks ride, Agua Dulce
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October 17/Corral 37
Showdeo, Thousand Oaks Contact: Sharyn Henry redhatcowgirl@yahoo.com

October 17/Corral 66
Charity Ride, Peggy Sue's Contact: Jamie Rees (760) 953-7235

October 17/Corral 88
Dusty Spurs Gymkhana Contact: Charles Sneed (760) 917-2673

October 17-18/Corral 101
Horse Show, Hansen Dam Contact: Kim Estrada (818) 497-4730
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October 17/Corral 118
Trail ride, Santa Rosa Valley
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October 18/Corral 43
Gymkhana, Tri-Valley Riders Contact: Crystal Florian (951) 537-8825

October 18/Corral 54
Play day gymkhana, Arro Seco Arena
Contact: Carry Wendler (818) 266-7664

October 18/Corral 86
Trail Ride, Juniper Hills Contact: Elizabeth Bridwell (661) 609-3884

October 18/Corral 103
Trail Ride, Juniper Flats Contact: Dawn Walker (760) 961-7879

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Playday, Gibson Ranch Contact: Jeanette Provolt countryathear.jp@verizon.net

October 31/Corral 38
Halloween Play Day, Martinez Arena Contact: Liz Radley liz@lizradley.com

October 31/Corral 138 & 86
Halloween Ride, Vasquez Rocks Contact: Kimberly Dwight (661) 478-2770

October 31/Corral 88
Obstacle Challenge #4 Contact: Pam Garon (760) 917-2673

October TBD/Corral 3
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October TBD/Corral 10
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November 7/Corral 88
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November 7-8/Corral 22
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November 7/Corral 138
Trail ride, Mescal Creek Contact: Elaine (661) 946-1976 emac43031@gmail.com

November 8/Corral 43
Gymkhana, Tri-Valley Riders Contact: Crystal Florian (951) 537-8825

November 12/Corral 83
Trail ride, Placerita Nature Park Contact: Kim Brandon (661) 714-6038

November 14/Corral 12
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November 14/Corral 15
Poker Ride, Oro Grande Contact: Lexi Albin (661) 338-8746 lexijanene@gmail.com

November 14/Corral 103
Trail Ride, Walnut Creek Contact: Dawn Walker (760) 961-7879

November 15/Corral 138
Trail ride, Acton Hills ride Contact: Kimberly (661) 478-2770 jdwight@aol.com

November 21/Corral 66
Trail ride, Tonka Town Contact: Jamie Rees (760) 953-7235

November 21/Corral 86
Turkey Poker Ride, Peaceful Valley Contact: Janette Beas (858) 692-6836

November 21/Corral 88
Dusty Spurs Gymkhana Contact: Charles Sneed (760) 917-2673

November 22/Corral 22
Playday, Gibson Ranch Contact: Jeanette Provolt countryathear.jp@verizon.net

November 28/Corral 88
Dusty Spurs - rain date Contact: Charles Sneed (760) 917-2673

November 29/Corral 88
Obstacle Challenge #5 Contact: Pam Garon (760) 917-2673

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December 6/Corral 88
Trail Ride, Vazquez Rocks Contact: Noel Cook (951) 427-9343

December 10/Corral 83
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Christmas toy ride, La Cabana Contact: Kimberly (661) 478-2770 jdwight@aol.com

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Ride On Therapeutic Horsemanship
program for disabled riders
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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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Program application

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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 insulted 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."

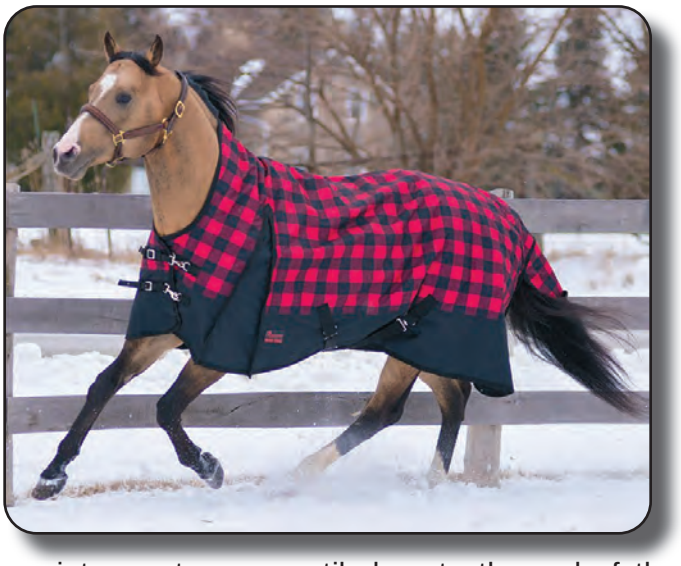
Still air, frigid temperatures and snowfall are not particularly chilling to horses already adapted to colder regions. Snow accumulates atop their long winter coats without penetrating to the skin or drawing away body heat. In fact, that layer of snow serves as a sort of insulated blanket over the haircoat.

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.

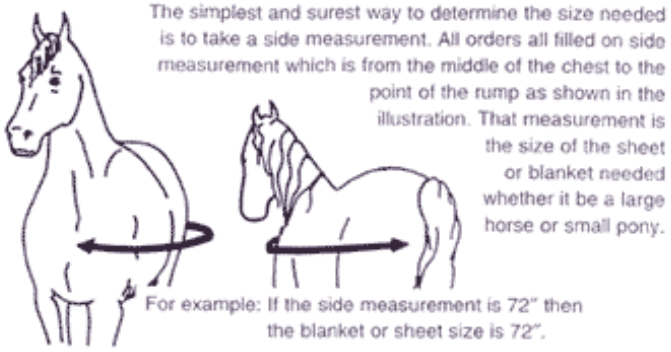
"When I was in Montana, we had 60-degree variations where temperatures went from 85 to 25 degrees in a 24-hour period," says Peters. "Anytime it gets down to the low 40s, especially if you have a major daily temperature fluctuation, it's a good time to start blanketing. In Montana, that can be late September, 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.

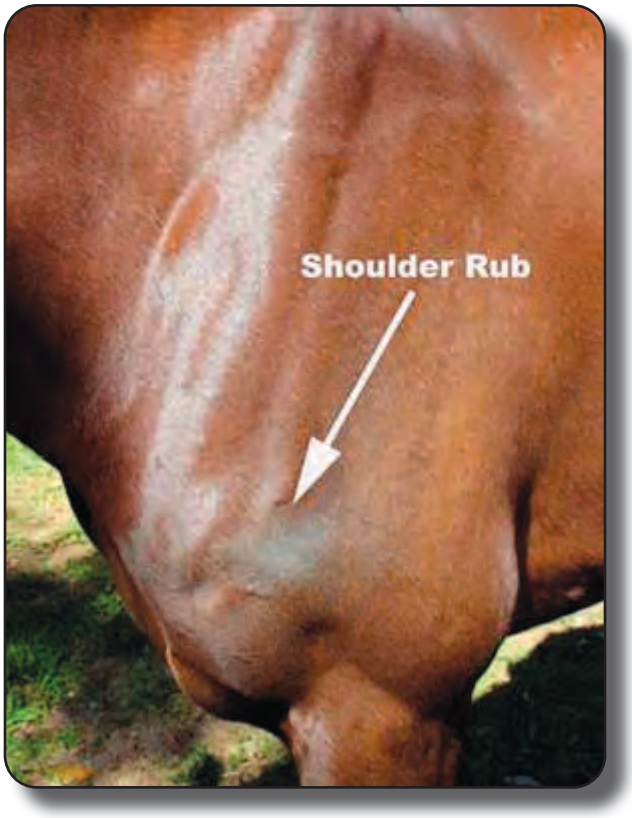
Loosely fitting garments are subject to shifting and rubbing and can entangle the horse's legs. Jenny Bates, manager of George Morris and Chris Kappler's Hunterdon show barn, observes that this type of misfit often occurs on horses whose shoulders protrude. "People tend to buy too large a blanket, and 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

Your Blanketing Questions Answered (cont.)

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

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.

This article originally appeared in the December 2001 issue of EQUUS magazine.

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

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'.

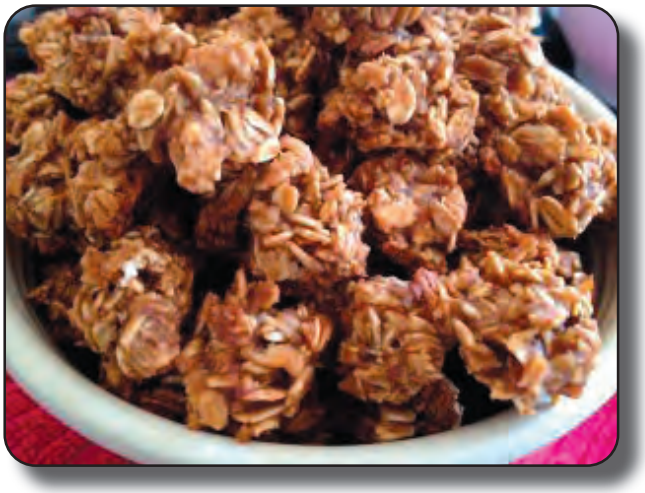
* Place into the oven, and let bake for 12-15 minutes, depending on your oven.
* Pull them out of the oven. They should be a bit dried out, but still a teeny bit squishy when you

Pumpkin Equine Treats

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 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: https://www.motherearthnews.com/homesteading-and-livestock/homemade-horse-treats-zbcz1308

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

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Blast From The Past: October 2018 - Trail Riding Safety

What to bring:

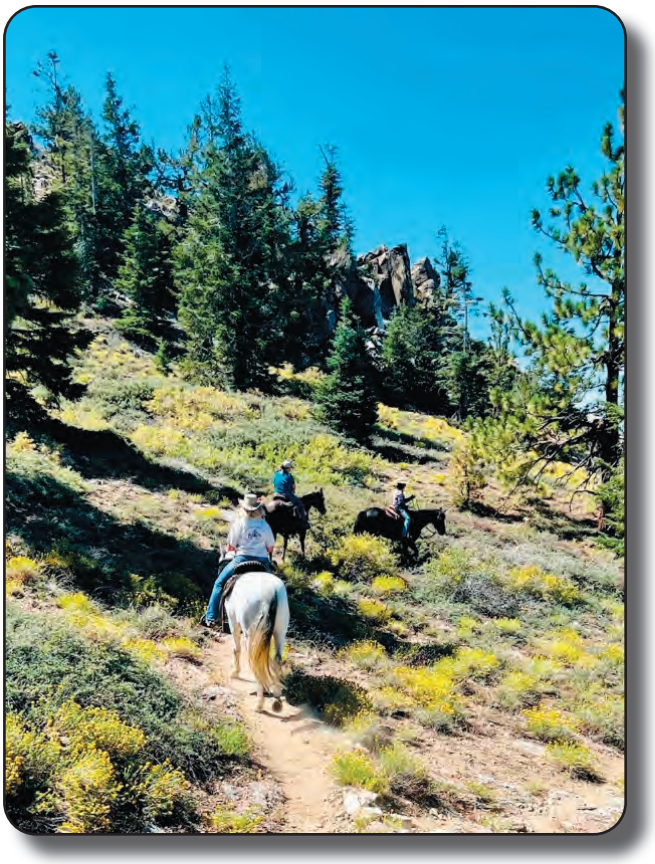
* A hoof pick for loosening any rocks.
* A knife for cutting any leather or rope.
* A halter and lead rope, to tie your horse or allow him to graze.
* Two bottles of water, one for you and one for your horse.
* An ace bandage for wrapping any cuts.
* A flashlight in case it gets dark.
* A cell phone in case you get lost or need help.

Always tell someone where you are going and when they can expect you back. This will save worry and will be able to provide help if needed. When trail riding, a few rules in regards to your wardrobe will bring you added protection. For maximum protection, you should be wearing a helmet. Wear sturdy boots to protect your feet. Wear gloves. Also, wear a brightly colored shirt so that you will easily be seen. You should also be aware of a few riding rules that are there for the safety of the rider and the horse.

If a vehicle is coming from behind, be aware that some drivers honk thinking it best to let you know they are there. If the horse spooks at the noise, try to calm him by facing the car as it passes and getting off to stand at his head if needed. Your horse should be accustomed to cars in general before you take him out. If you are on a narrow trail where four-wheelers, bikes (mountain bikes are quiet) and motorcycles are allowed, be especially cautious. When something going faster than you is behind you, move to the side. It is courteous, and it may save your horse from running away because he thinks something is chasing him.

If you are going on a long ride, be aware of your horse's fitness level, and don't over do it. If your horse is only ridden once or twice a week, you should probably not do anything but a walk. If the ride is shorter, some trotting will probably be okay, but not on the road as this will damage your horse's legs. Even with a very fit horse, you should constantly be monitoring him. Make sure he doesn't sweat too much and is not out of breath. Take breaks throughout the day and if possible let him drink a little water. Don't, however, let him drink more than a gallon in any half-hour if he is even slightly hot. If you do run your horse, make sure you are familiar with that area of the trail, and there are no holes that could put a horrible end to your pleasant ride.

If you follow these riding rules, you'll be able to have a worry free ride because you will know you are prepared.



Corral 86 at Mt. Pinos in 2022

Blast From The Past: Oct 2018 - Rules for a Good Trail Boss

by Gwen Allen and Art Monde

1. Choose safe trails.

2. Ride the trail out in advance so you can tell the riders the condition of the trail and know if it is all accessible. If riders call, give them the complete information about the trail, elevation, length of ride, water availability and any other pertinent information. Remember, when riding the trail in advance, it will take you about 20% longer with a group (30% with a large group.)

3. START THE RIDE ON TIME. This is the sign of a professional. Do not keep the riders who are ready on time waiting for the inconsiderate few who are late.

4. Introduce guests so they feel welcome and explain any rules at the beginning of the ride, i.e., smoking, gates, cattle, tailgating, etc.

5. Set a pace that is nice for the largest number of horses on the ride. You cannot please all riders, so don't try. It is helpful if you know your riders, but this is not always possible. Look back frequently and see what is happening to your group. Too strung-out - pace too fast - all bunched up - the reverse. Don't let your riders get spread out too far. Have a drag rider who is familiar with the trail and he/she will help keep the ride under control. Explain that those who persist in hanging back are on their own. The drag rider wants to enjoy the ride too.

6. Plan to stop every hour, and explain this to the group. The stop need not be more than 10 minutes, but this will reassure riders with tired horses or tired bodies. Plan your stops with consideration for smoking, rest, and the ever important lunch stop with adequate facilities for tie-ups. When you call a stop, tell the riders what kind of stop it is, how long you will be stopped and if they can smoke or not.

7. Count your riders at the start and during the ride. Explain at the beginning that you MUST be advised if anyone leaves the group.

8. Explain the rule of not getting ahead without permission. You can loose control of your ride and result in a fiasco. If someone has a horse fighting the bit or extremely nervous, use your own judgment if they request to ride ahead. Only one, though...any more and you loose control and create resentment from others who are obeying the rules.

9. If you have someone who knows wild flowers or history of the area or special features, have them up in front with you and don't hesitate to stop the ride and let everyone enjoy the information.

10. If the ride is a special function such as a poker ride, lunch, etc., make sure you have enough help and someone responsible for cash receipts.

11. Ride notices should contain the necessary information as to dogs, studs, unshod horses, equipment required (bareback pads, etc.) and have adequate directions to the staging area. Landmarks and mileage are most helpful.

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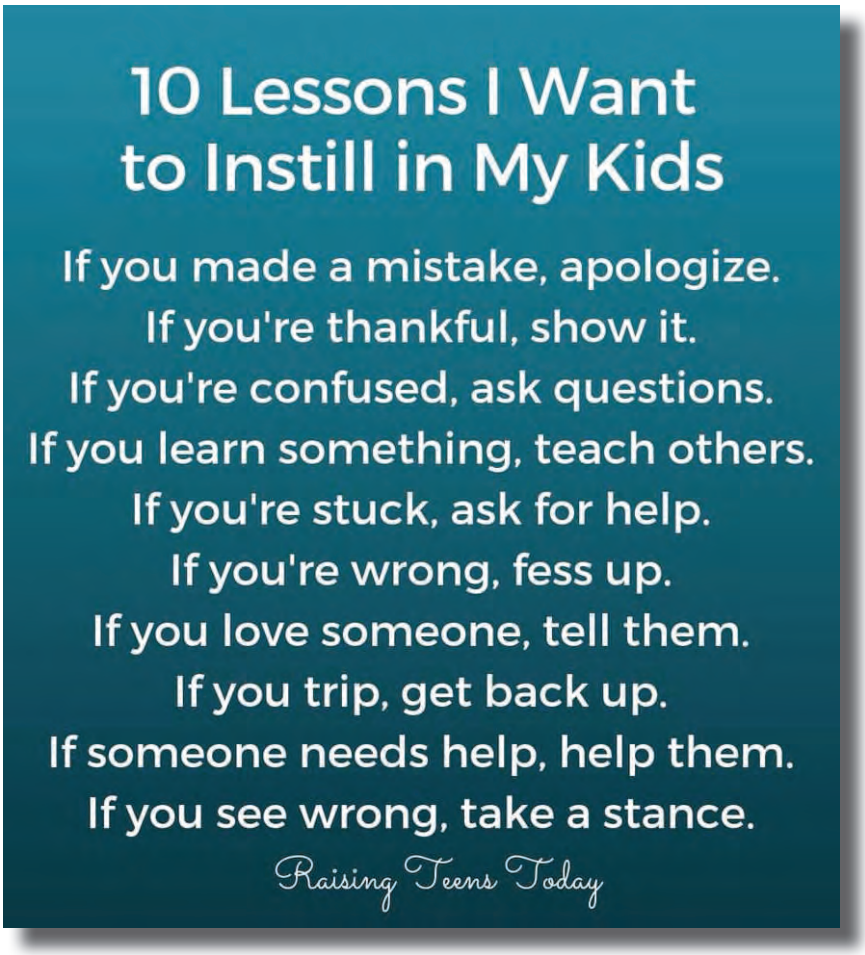
Corral 138 at Inspiration Point in 2022



We all need encouragement and positive energy...especially these days. Each month, I'm going to send come 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!!

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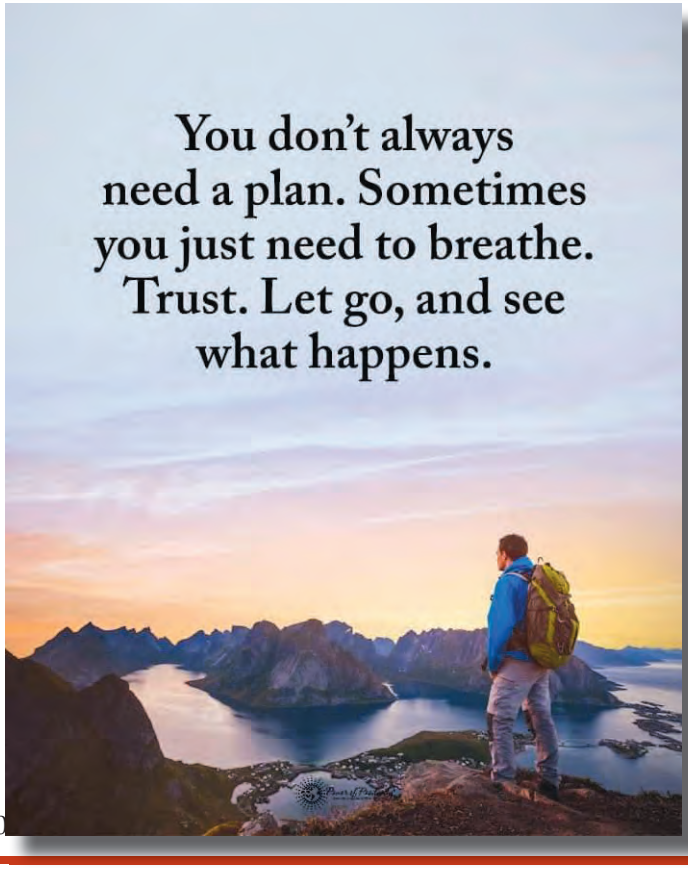

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Beth Uzonyi, Jean Bredelis and Diane Bubier were the only riders on what turned out to be a perfect riding day. The temperature was in the 70's and 80's with a gentle breeze. Much talking and a little trail training and a lot of soaking up the perfect day. Following the ride, the three riders lunched on the porch looking out on the pond followed by a bite or two of ice cream!

Our next ride is the Peggy Sue's Charity Ride on October 17. Sign up starts at 8am. We will shuttle the trailers to Peggy Sue's at 8:45am, and we ride at 9:30Aam. There were some areas of the trail that was washed out, so boots or shoes are recommended. We will eat lunch at Peggy Sue's and have our monthly meeting. Please bring a chair. For more information, please contact Jamie Rees at (760) 953-7235.

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Corral 83

Tehachapi Mountain Riders
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As I prepare this article for the October edition of the ETI National Online magazine, fall is knocking at our barn doors. The trees are hinting that we are heading into the best riding days of the year. When you live in the mountain communities, there are other signs as well. The deer and elk are in rut, and the sounds of antlers scraping on tree branches is in the air. The morning trip to the barn has a crisp freshness about it. Locally, some of the apple farms are open to purchase Tehachapi's most delicious fruit.

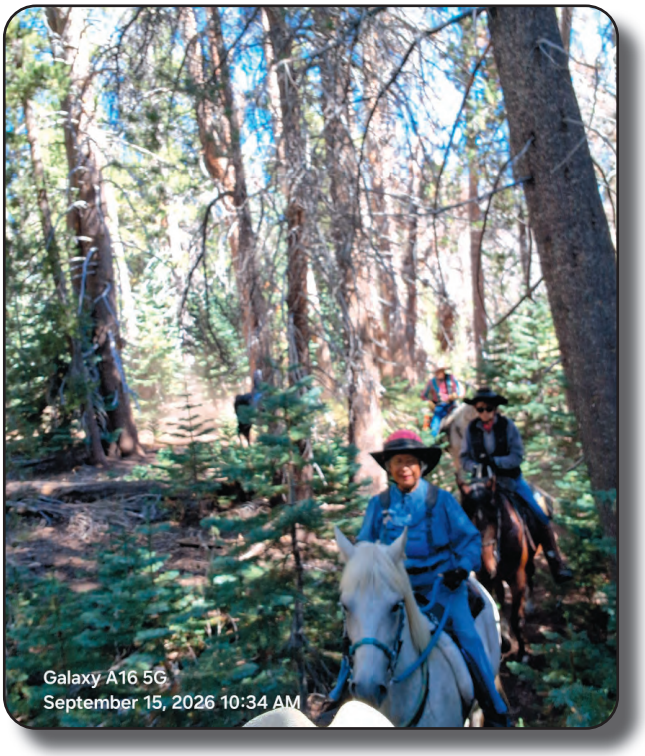
September was a beautiful month for riding as well. While it still seemed warmer than usual, it was still possible to get a nice ride in before the heat set in.

Before the September rides, Corral 83 enjoyed a non-horse outing to the fairly new Hard Rock Café-Tejon, near the base of the Grapevine.

Lyn Engles led a group of riders from Corral 83 and Corral

138 on a horse camp out and rode in the Inyo National forest area of the Southern Sierra Nevadas. When she arrived, she took a ride down to Smith Meadows where she found Bob and Patty Olin rebuilding a cabin from archeological guidelines dating back to 1918. The couple had also been there clearing trails all summer.

Corral 83 members Kym and David Brandon also participated in the campout, along with Elaine and Bob McDonald of Corral 138 and Cynthia Landis also of Corral 138. Lyn sent photos of the trails and campers. I know Lyn did a lot of recon to prepare for the trip. I wish more corral members could have gone along; it is such a spectacular area. I know later in the year when the snow fall happens, this area is closed until the spring thaw and forest service reopens the roads.



Corral 83 also had a wine ride planned, but the event will happen after the deadline for the article so it will be reported in December issue. Thinking of December, it's time for corral 83 to nominate and vote in new officers for 2026. I think our corral president would enjoy a break from this position for a while. If you want to serve the corral, please consider becoming an officer and share your leadership skills with others in our corral.

We still have a few months of 2026 rides and events ahead of us:

October 15: Thursday ride and lunch in Sand Canyon (Tehachapi) Ride leader: Monica Lindsey...you can reach her at (661) 805-1244.

November12: Thursday ride at Placerita Cyn nature park Contact: Kym Brandon at (661) 714-6038.

Finally on Thursday, December 10, weather permitting, we have a ride at the glider port to be led by Monica Lindsey. Please contact Monica (661) 805-1244

Doris Lora
C83 Scribe, Ride Coordinator (interim)

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Congratulations Barrel Race Winners!
Come join the next one on October 31

Dusty Spurs September Gymkhana results:

AAA - Marissa Lawler & Roper
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A Adult - Johnny Acosta & Kingston
A Youth - Saryah Izquierdo & Olive Garden
FCY - Albert Suarez & Gwen
FC Adult - Kesanee Guzman & Micha
Reserve- Ashley Jackson & Cowgirl
Walk/Trot- Elizabeth Mulica & Mona
Reserve - Kaylee Morrow & Busy
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Nakoda on Roper

Obstacle Challenge Results:

In Hand -Mini
Susie Finley with Oreo and Kojak
Kathleen Siverson with Blue

In Hand Horse:

Pam with Zac
Deborah with Barb
Leah with Striker

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Deborah Jasper with Copper

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Pam on Zac
Marissa on Barb
Leah in Dakota

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Ashley in Filly

Next Obstacle Challenge on October 31st.

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I don't have a report yet about our ride at Wildwood Park. Hopefully it went ok.

I'm going to plan a ride for October, but I don't have a date yet finalized . I'm considering October 17, 18 or 24. It will be an easy ride and approximately 2 to 2 1/2 hours long. At this time, I'm considering North Apple Valley. I will update our facebook page as soon as it all gets decided. I know with the price of fuel, we are all looking to stay closer to home. Have a great October and Happy Halloween.

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FEMALE TRAP-DOOR
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GROUND DWELLING (BURROW - OFTEN WITHOUT A LID)

MALE TRAP-DOOR

GARDEN ORB-WEAVING
RELATIVELY HARMLESS • BENEFICIAL
OFTEN SEEN IN A LARGE WEB IN THE GARDEN

SAINT ANDREW'S CROSS

HUNTSMAN
TIMID • RARELY BITES
FOUND UNDER LOOSE BARK
MAY WANDER INDOORS

WAIVER & RELEASE
FOR EQUESTRIAN TRAILS, INC., ACTIVITIES
This Is A Waiver of Your Legal Rights, And An Agreement Not To Sue
Serious Injury Or Death May Result From Riding Or Being Near Horses

1. **Participant's Name** (print): _____

Address:_____ **City:**_____ **State:**____ **Zip**_____

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

2. **Liability Release.**

In consideration for Equestrian Trials, 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.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO THIS TWO-PAGE WAIVER & RELEASE. I FURTHER AGREE THAT NO ORAL STATEMENTS, REPRESENTATIONS OR INDUCEMENTS APART FROM THIS WRITTEN AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN MADE TO ME TO OBTAIN MY CONSENT.

Dated: _____ Participant's Signature: _____

_____

(Printed Name)

IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18, SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IS ALSO REQUIRED, AND SUCH PERSON FURTHER AGREES, PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 2, ABOVE, TO RELEASE AND INDEMNITY THE RELEASED PARTIES FOR ANY INJURY OR DEATH TO, OR ANY CLAIM BY OR ON BEHALF OF, SUCH MINOR:

Minor's Birth Date: _____

Dated: _____ Signature: _____

Relationship to Minor: _____ _____

(Printed Name of Signor)

_____

ETI Witness (print name): _____ Corral # _____

Description of Event Where Signed: _____

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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:_____
City: _____State: _____Zip:_____
Phone:_____ Occupation:_____
Email Address: _____
_____ Junior (under 18) Birthdate _____ _____ _____ Dues Paid_____
_____ Adult (over 18) Dues Paid_____
_____ Family Sr " _____ Jr. # _____ Dues Paid_____
New _____ Renew _____ or Changing from Corral # _____ to Corral # _____
Signature: _____Date:_____
Parent's signature if Junior only membership-under 18
*** 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 thwe best they can. Safety, control, and common sense are the number one priorities for all ETI sanctioned Trail Trials. Trail Trials are open to ETI members and Non-members. There are three divisions: Juniors for youth 14 years (as of Jan. 1st) and under; Novice and Open. Please contact the ETI office at (818) 698-6200 office@etinational.com.