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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 October 19. We are doing ok financially, but insurance will be due the first of the year. As I said last month, everything we have done this year to make money has failed, so we will see what happens. We are down on membership again this month, which doesn't help financially.

We are going to put on the National Christmas Ride again this year if we can get enough people to come join us. You must have your reservations in by Saturday, November 28!! The flyer is in the magazine on page 7 and on the website homepage. Please come out and join us, have lunch and enjoy an easy three hour ride.

This is very important…Corral presidents please get next year's schedules in to the office ASAP. This helps us get our insurance company notified of all of the events for the year. Also, adding events to the schedule after the initial quote costs the organization more money!!

We will be having our Presidents & Members Luncheon this year on January 30, 2027. Further information will be in the magazine and website. Remember to read the magazine and come out support our organization!! Take care of yourselves and look out for one another.

Tom



BLAST FROM THE PAST...Our 1st VP Nikki Ahten and Past President Linda Fullerton at Corral 20's playday in 1995. Thanks for the photo, Nikki!

National Board Meeting
Next meeting will be
November 16 at 7pm

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

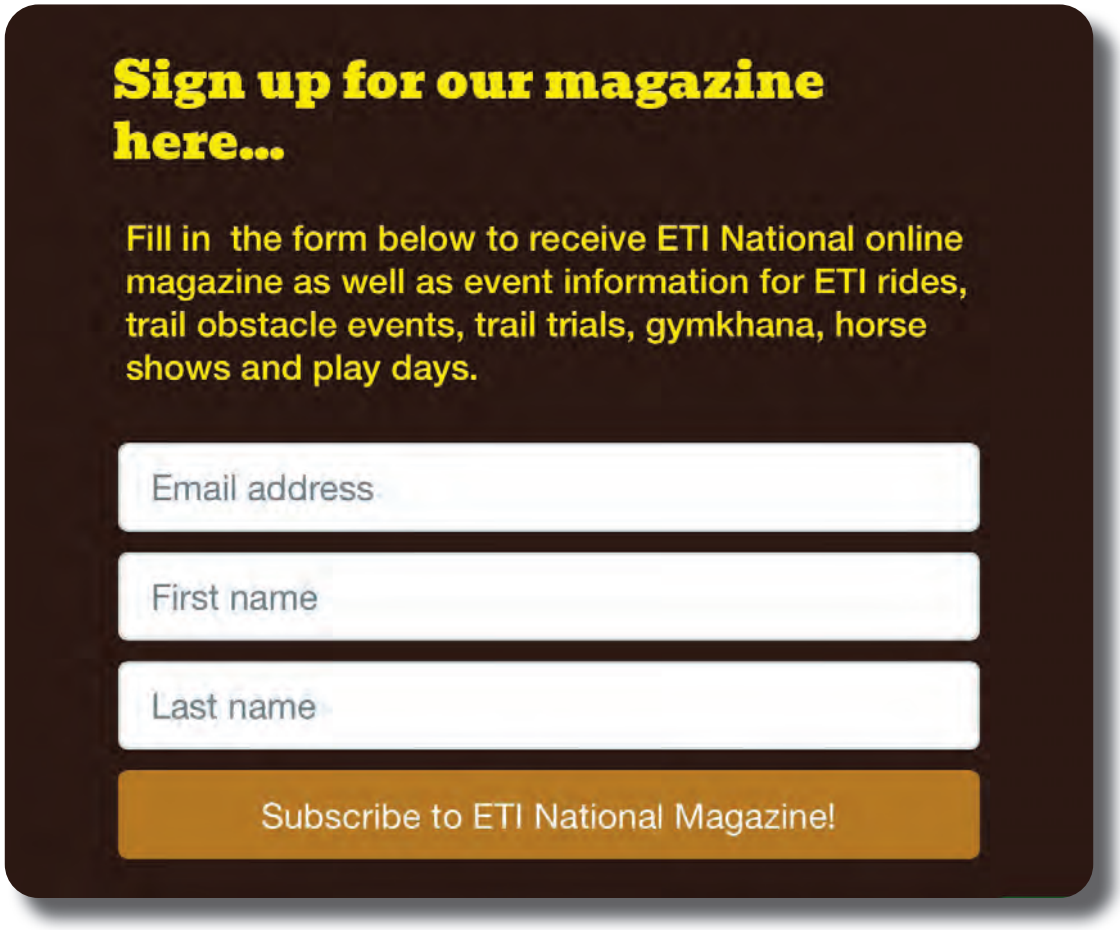
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2026 Individual Corral Circuit Shows/Series

Corral 37/Thousand Oaks
Ranch Horse - 4 shows; May – November
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Done for 2026

Corral 101/Hansen Dam Equestrian Center
5 show series - March - October
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Done for 2026

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9 Gymkhana series Contact:Stefany Grainger (909) 917-6163

Corral 88/Dusty Spurs
Gymkhana series; February - November
Phelan Contact: Leslie Davis (760) 662-1732 eticorral88@gmail.com

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Monthly play days fourth Sunday of each month, Gibson Ranch, Sunland
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2026 ETI Trail Rides, Drives, Events

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



NOVEMBER 2026

November 8/Corral 43
Gymkhana, Tri-Valley Riders Contact:
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November 10/Corral 83
Trail ride, Placerita Nature Park Contact:
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November 14/Corral 12
Trail ride, Sylmar Contact:
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November 14/Corral 15
Poker Ride, Oro Grande Contact:
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Trail Ride, Walnut Creek Contact:
Dawn Walker (760) 961-7879

November 15/Corral 54
Trail ride Contact: Dean (323) 816-1683

November 15/Corral 138
Trail ride, Acton Hills ride
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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

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Trail ride, Mescal Creek Contact: Elaine
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Playday, Gibson Ranch Contact: Jeanette
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November 28/Corral 88
Dusty Spurs - rain date Contact:
Charles Sneed (760) 917-2673

November 29/Corral 88
Obstacle Challenge #5 Contact:
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DECEMBER 2026

December 6/Corral 88
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December 10/Corral 83
Trail ride, Glider Port Contact:
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December 12/Corral 38
Christmas Caroling on Horseback, Burbank
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December 14/Corral 138
Christmas toy ride, La Cabana
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- From I-5 south, take the 134, exit at Zoo Dr. and follow it to the parking area. Martinez Arena is a little beyond the Live Steamers.
- From the 134 freeway east, exit at Forest Lawn Dr. and go west to Zoo Dr. to arena on the corner.

Get festive and deck out your horse and yourself!
Prizes awarded for: Best Costume and More!



$6 POKER HANDS

50/50 Raffle



Candidates for 2027-2028 ETI National Executive Board

Nominations for President

Nikki Ahten, Corral 20 (current 1st VP)



I have been an ETI Member for 35 years. My very first ETI event was a camping trip to Bandito where Bert Bonnett led us on a night ride to Newcombs Ranch - we got lost riding on "deer trails" and arrived after they closed. However, they graciously opened and made us all chili cheeseburgers to sustain us for the uncertain ride in the dark back to camp. I have been hooked on horse camping and ETI ever since!

I have ridden horses all my life and enjoy my little herd living on my property. I love having easy access to the trails right out of my backyard and would like to see it remain that way for generations to come. I would love to see the next generation of young ETI members continue to be involved in ETI and step up to board positions in the future to keep this organization going.

I have served as Corral 20 Vice President, President, Newsletter Editor, Membership and ETI National 2nd Vice President am the current 1st Vice President of ETI. I worked the ETI National Convention for 20+ years and was chair of the stall reservations for many of those years. I have judged and helped organize numerous ETI trail trials as well. I would like to see ETI continue to thrive and grow in the coming years as well as help it stay committed to its mission of being "dedicated to equine legislation, good horsemanship, and the acquisition and preservation of trails, open space, and public lands." I have spent many hours at city hall and community meetings fighting anything that threatens the equestrian way of life...be it developments that take over trail access or the high speed rail. I believe ETI and its membership can be a strong force in that endeavor as well! I would be honored to continue to serve on the ETI board as President and do all I can to serve its members.

Nominations for 1st Vice President

Michael Fahnestock, Corral 86 (current Area 11 Director)



Michael Fahnestock is the president of Fahnestock Ranch, Inc., a 501c3 horse rescue organization in Acton, CA. Since starting the rescue in 2008 and organizing it into 501c3 status in 2014, he has been instrumental in working closely with

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numerous other volunteers to rehome 100's of at risk and unwanted horses. Michael is also the lead trainer at the rescue and takes pride in the use of his ever growing skills and experience to capture the horse's mind and build their thinking processes using kindness, and natural horsemanship training techniques.

Michael is also currently involved in building the Acton community equestrian center that will be available for all types of equestrian activities and events. Having been around horses all his life, growing up in Amish country, PA and having his first horse at ten years old, he is always looking for new ways to bring horses and people together to form strong bonds and relationships. In being a member of the ETI over the past several years, Michael would love to see it grow and would enjoy serving on the board of this great organization.

Nominations for 2nd Vice President

Linda Fullerton, Corral 20 (current Past President)



I have been riding since I was eight years old… cleaning stalls at a ranch in Granada Hills as trade to ride. I started with Western lessons but then tried English, and I never looked back! I started showing Hunter/Jumper when I was 11-12 and enjoyed mid-level success along with concussions, being stepped on, kicked and bitten along the way. I just love horses.

Growing up and throughout my twenties, I always leased a horse just so I could ride. Got married, bought a horse, divorced, kept the horse, and have stretch marks from my beautiful daughter, Simone. I married again and gained three horse crazy girls and one motorcycle boy, and we all continued to ride and enjoy life.

I joined ETI in my early 30s as a member of Corral 86, Vasquez Vaquero's and have made life-time friends through this group! I've held various positions within the group – Secretary, Scribe, Delegate, Vice President and then Co-President in 2016-2018.

I have continued with my position as Delegate of Area 11, enjoying the meetings of our sister-groups and planning the calendar to include all the groups in our area for our rides and camp-outs.

I believe that ETI is a force in Southern California to keep our horsey lifestyle in front of the powers-that-be that may want to turn our horse trails and rural areas into the urban sprawl that has been encroaching on our precious way of life.

As I get closer to joining Medicare, and as I see my fellow riders inching ever closer, I do want to encourage the younger generation to join our group, trails, camp-outs and shows.

There is no better way to grow up than from the back of a horse!!

ETI's Annual Presidents & Membership Luncheon



Open to ALL ETI members!

Saturday, January 30, 2027 at 10am

New Hope Community Church
10438 Oro Vista Ave., Sunland

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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.

Why should the Show people get all the awards?

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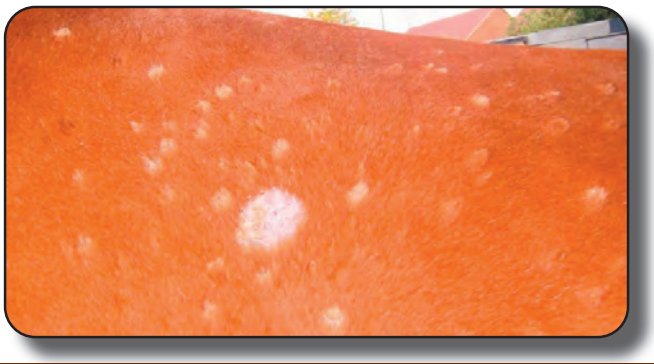
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Do I need to treat it? Yes. Rainrot is uncomfortable, if not painful, for the horse, and it can cause unsightly patches of hair loss.

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 by 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.

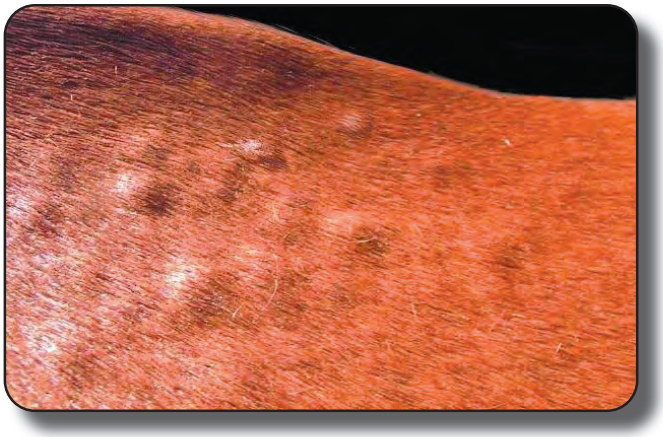
6. Eosinophilic granuloma with collagen degeneration (nodular collagenolytic granuloma, nodular necrobiosis, or simply nodules)

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

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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.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH

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See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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4.	FRIENDS	8.	POTATOES	12.	YAM	16.	HAM

Thanksgiving for Your Horse: A Healthy Treat Guide

Have you ever wanted to include your horse in Thanksgiving? This holiday is about giving thanks to every blessing that you appreciate in your life – if your horses aren't included on that list, they should be! You and your equine partners can form a bond that is irreplaceable through trust and determination, which is an incredible gift to be grateful for. With the spirit of Thanksgiving in mind, we wanted to give you a guide of safe treats that you might already have waiting in your kitchen so you can truly include your hooved companions this year.

Safe Horse Treats from Home:

* Raisins
* Sugar cubes
* Pitted dates
* Apple pieces
* Carrot pieces
* Sunflower seeds
* Peppermints

Fact: Mint can be very beneficial for a horse with a sensitive gut! Check out these recipes for some delicious treats:

A Very Special Homemade Mash Recipe

Ingredients:

Enough hot water for mushy texture
¼ to ½ Cup Brown Sugar
2 Shredded Carrots
1 Chopped Apple
2 Cups of Unsweetened Apple Juice
4 Cups Shredded Beet Pulp, Bran, or Alfalfa Cubes depending on your horse's preference.

Directions: Mix all these ingredients together in a large bucket and pour your hot water on top. Allow the mixture to sit for a few minutes or until the water as absorbed and the mash is cool enough to eat.



Peppermint Cookies for Thanksgiving

Ingredients:

1 1/2 Cup Oats
2 tbsp. Honey
1 Cup Water
1/2 Apple, finely chopped
1 Carrot, finely chopped
1 1/2 tbsp. Flour
1 tbsp. Brown Sugar
5 Crushed Peppermints

Directions: Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix oats, water, and honey in a bowl. Microwave for two minutes. Add chopped apple and carrots, brown sugar, crushed peppermints, and flour to the mixture. Microwave for two minutes again. Put mixture in mini muffin pan and bake for about 15 minutes.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Blog thanks to: https://benefabproducts.com/blogs/blog/thanksgiving-for-your-horse-a-healthy-treat-guide



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
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.

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.

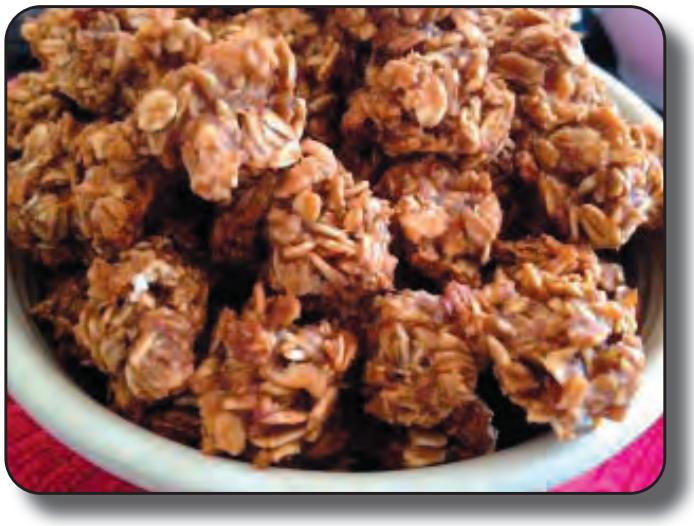
Add the flour, oats, and spices.

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.

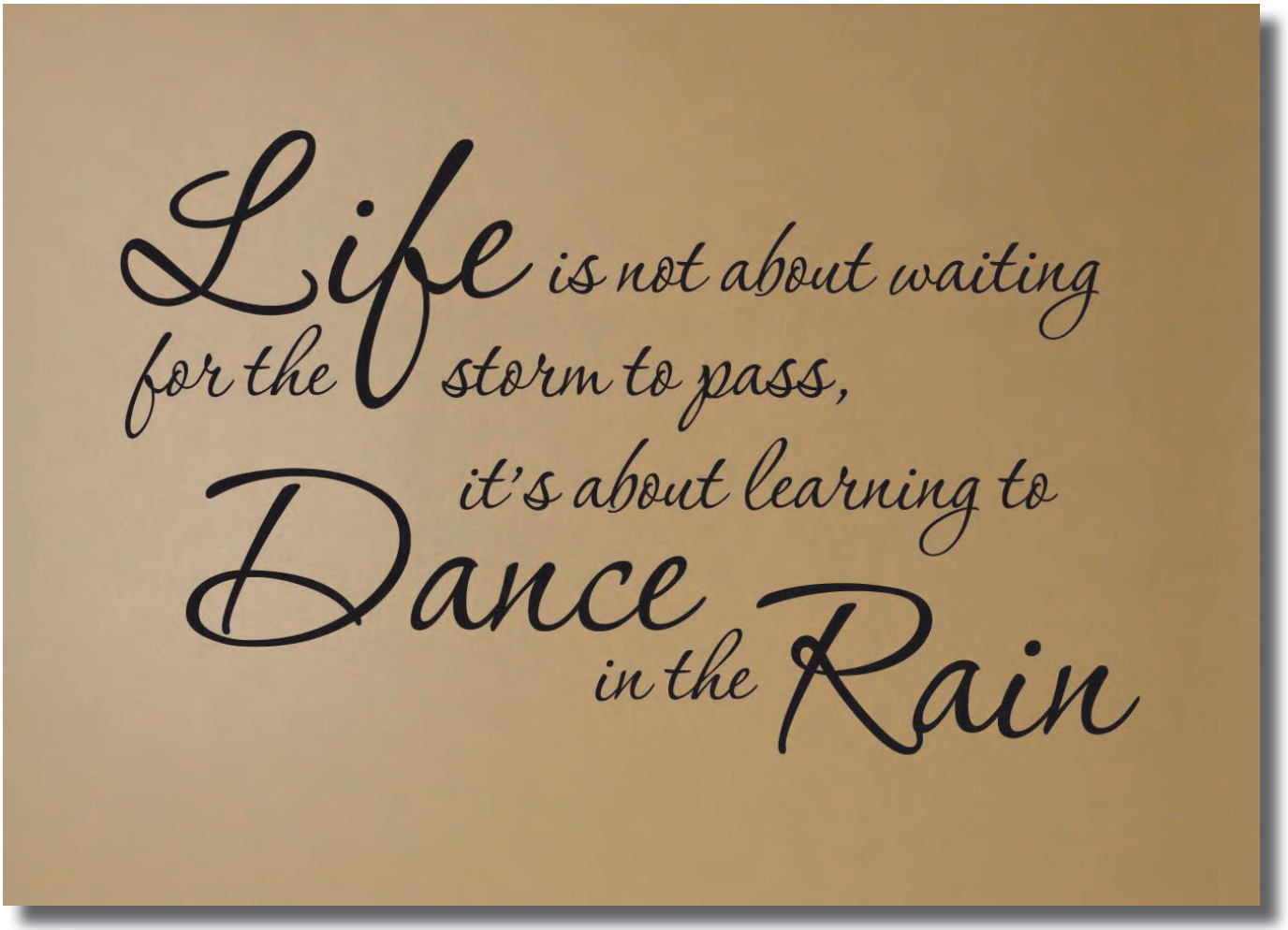
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If you bake any of these for your horse(s), snap a picture of them enjoying your creation and send to magazine@etinational.com for the December issue!


Happy
Thanksgiving




Life is not about waiting
for the storm to pass,
it's about learning to
Dance
in the Rain

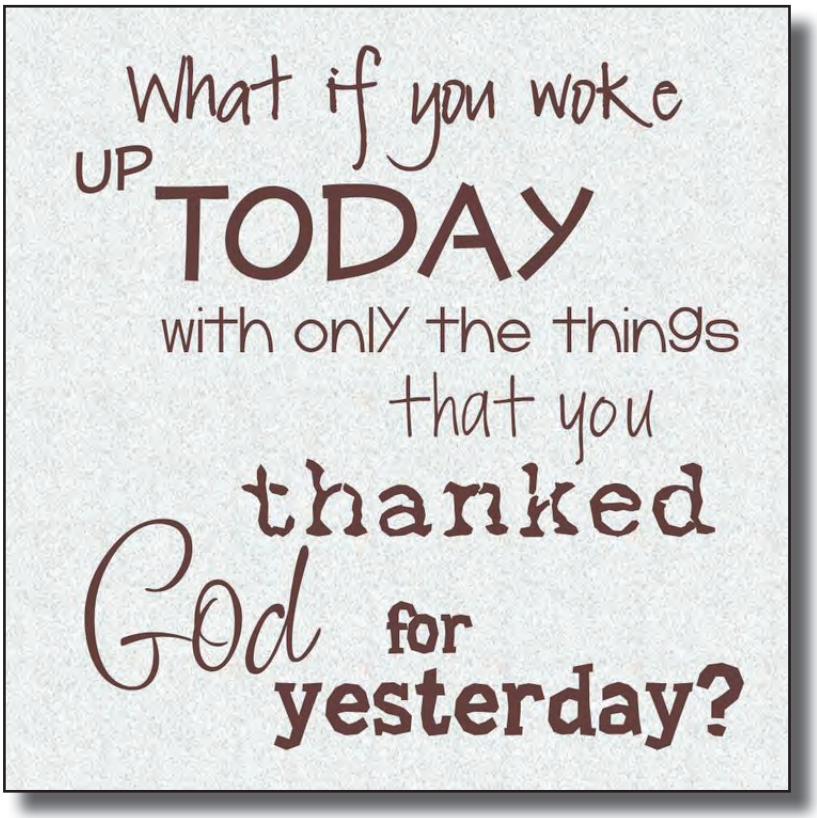


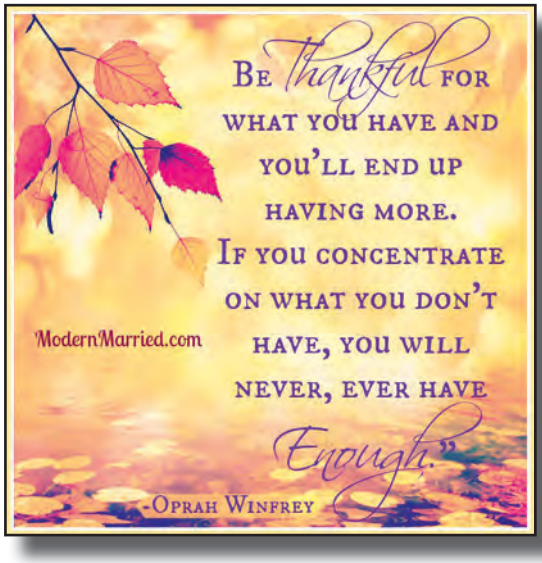


We all need encouragement and positive energy...especially these days. Each month, I'm going to send come positivity your way on this page. If you have a favorite saying, please share at magazine@etinational.com and I'll include the following month!!

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October 17, 2026: ETI Corral 66 annual charity ride from Barstow to Peggy Sue's Diner in Yermo, CA. Beautiful day for a trail ride, ending at Peggy Sue's where we enjoyed pizza and then a meeting. The mules outnumbered the horses this year. Our charity of choice this year is our local 4-H club.

November's ride has been cancelled. Tentatively , there's a stagecoach tour of the Barstow Murals, date and time to be announced.

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Corral 83

Tehachapi Mountain Riders
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Liz Komin hosted our October meeting where a number of items were discussed. Plans for our December Christmas party and potluck were being finalized. Unlike previous years when we had our party on the first Tuesday of December, this year it will be a few days later on the evening of December 6, Sunday, at 5pm in the Bear Valley Springs Equestrian Center Clubhouse. More details for C83 members, on the December meeting to follow, via email.

Our October ride in Sand Canyon was led by Monica Lindsey. The riders enjoyed perfect temperatures, with some members riding mules, others riding Oak Creek Wildhorses. We don't often have the opportunity to ride in Sand Canyon… this ride was enjoyed by all. Monica shared pictures on her facebook page, and I believe a few would be shared on ETI Corral 83 facebook page. It's always a treat to see our local wild horses gentled and ridden in our rugged canyons and scenic mountains. Thank you, Monica, for leading the ride… fantastic job taking our members to this special place.

Kim Brandon is the ride leader who will be leading the C83 November ride in Placerita Canyon National Center. I would encourage any ETI members interested in participating in this ride to visit the LA county Parks website to see additional information about the area. Or Google Placerita Canyon Nature Center. Once you have decided you want to participate in this ride, please be sure to contact Kim directly for additional details. The Placerita Cyn Nature Center is a scenic nature preserve nestled in an east-west canyon on the north slope of the San Gabriel mountains. It is the home of some historical landmarks as well as some very interesting flora and fauna. Kim described the trail as an easy ride with one rocky area of about 300 yards. The plan from the Tehachapi area is for participants to meet at Walmart parking lot at 8:00am, departing from there would put the participants in the staging area by 9:30 ready to ride at 10:00. Call Kim at (661) 714-6038 to confirm your interests and any additional details.

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A late November meeting will be held at Carolyn McIntyre's ranch, to put together our 2027 ride calendar. Can you believe it? We are readying ourselves for the New Year, and we haven't even finished October.

Our final ride of the year is on Thursday, December 10, led by Monica. It's a Gliderport ride, and lunch at the Ravens Nest cafe inside the Gliderport. Monica has led this ride quite a few times. It's an easy, mostly flat ride, suitable for all levels of riders and all conditions of horses. By now most of our horses have been out on a lot of rides and have pretty good muscle on them. But even if you haven't been able to condition your horse or mule, this is a ride you can still feel comfortable attending.

Lastly, this being November an election month, I would like to remind all readers to find out who your representatives are at the district level and urge them to support HR 1661 which addresses the plight of America's Forgotten Horses. Save America's Forgotten Equines act seems to be somewhat stalled, no pun intended. Our local Congressman Vince Fong supports HR 1661. Please take some time and look into it.

Doris Lora
C83 Scribe, Ride Coordinator (interim)

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It's that time of the year again, great weather for Phelan Phun Days, and Dusty Spurs/ETI 88 rode away with the 2nd place trophy!





Dusty Spurs Gymkhana results:

October Hi Points!

AAA - Marissa Lawler & Roper

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A Adult - Abbey Welch & Harper's Gem

A Youth - Mckenzie Festa & Austin

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Corral 103 had a very nice ride in October in North Apple Valley. The weather was perfect, a little overcast but very comfortable. Everyone seemed to enjoy their self.

We may have to change the location for our November ride. At this time, we don't have a Trail Boss for Walnut Creek. With the holidays just beginning everyone is going to be busy.

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Use these least-toxic products:

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Dumping toxics into the street, gutter or storm drain is illegal!

Residents outside the City of Los Angeles can call the reference numbers listed in this pamphlet to learn more about the proper disposal of household toxics.



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City of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering
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1 (800) 974-9794

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(213) 237-2793 or (213) 485-4011

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This is one in a series of pamphlets describing storm drain protection measures. Other pamphlets include:

Automotive Maintenance & Car Care
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Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs)



Horse Owners & Equine Industry

Safe Environmental Habits and Procedures for:

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Stormwater Management Division — Department of Public Works

Ocean Pollution Prevention It's Up to Us



Los Angeles has two drainage systems–the sewers and the ***storm drains.*** The storm drain system was designed to prevent flooding by carrying excess rainwater away from city streets out to the ocean.

Because the system contains no filters, it now serves the *unintended* function of carrying urban pollution straight to the ocean.

This pamphlet tells you how to prevent ocean pollution from "stormwater" or "urban runoff."

Rain, industrial and household water mixed with urban pollutants creates stormwater pollution. The pollutants include: oil and other automotive fluids, paint and construction debris, yard and pet wastes, pesticides and litter.

Urban runoff pollution flows to the ocean through the storm drain system–1,500 miles of pipes that take water and debris straight from Los Angeles streets to the ocean. Each day, 100 million gallons of polluted urban runoff enter the ocean untreated, leaving toxic chemicals in our surf and over 4,300 *tons* of trash on our beaches annually.

Urban runoff pollution contaminates the ocean, closes beaches, harms aquatic life and increases the risk of inland flooding by clogging gutters and catch basins.

These Best Management Practices (BMPs) will ensure a cleaner ocean and city.

Animal Waste Problems

Animal waste contributes to ocean pollution when it is improperly stored or left uncovered near small streams and storm drains. During rainfall, it is washed into storm drains and flows untreated, directly into the ocean.

Animal waste contains some nutrients–phosphorus and nitrogen–as well as bacteria. The nutrients fertilize the aquatic plants causing their proliferation which depletes oxygen in the water, killing sea life. The high bacteria levels in the water can cause gastrointestinal disorders and other medical problems for swimmers.

Sediment is also a common pollutant washed from pastures and livestock facilities. It creates multiple problems once it enters the ocean. It harms sea life by clogging the gills of fish, blocking light transmission and increasing ocean water temperature.



Solutions

Facilities Design

- Site barns, corrals and other high-use areas on the portion of property that drains away from the nearest creek or stream.
- Install gutters that will divert runoff away from livestock area.
- Design diversion terraces which drain into areas with sufficient vegetation to filter the flow.
- Protect manure storage facilities from rainfall and surface runoff.

Pasture Management

- Confine animals in properly fenced areas except for exercise and grazing time.
- Corrals, stables and barns should be located on higher ground when possible and surrounded by pasture to act as a natural filtration system.
- Utilize fencing to keep horses away from environmentally sensitive areas and protect stream banks from contamination.
- Use manure and soiled bedding sparingly to fertilize pastures and croplands.

Grazing Management

- Establish healthy and vigorous pastures with at least 3 inches of leafy material present.
- Subdivide grazing areas into three or more units of equal size.
- Clip tall weeds and old grass to control weeds and stimulate grass regrowth.
- Rotate animals to clean pasture when grass is grazed down to 3-4 inches.
- Let pasture regrow to 8-10 inches before allowing regrazing.
- Keep animals away from wet fields when possible.
- During heavy rainfall, consider indoor feeding, a practice which keeps more manure under roof and away from runoff.





Collection and Storage

Collect soiled bedding and manure on a daily basis from stalls and paddocks and place in temporary or long-term storage units. Store in sturdy, insect resistant and seepage free units such as:

- Plastic garbage cans with lids.
- Fly-tight wooden or concrete storage sheds.
- Composters.
- Pits or trenches lined with an impermeable layer.



Use and Disposal

- Compost soiled bedding and manure for your own use.
- Give away composted material to local greenhouses, nurseries and botanical parks.
- Transport manure to topsoil companies or composting centers.
- Fertilize pastures, cropland and lawns with manure and soiled bedding. **Do not** apply fertilizer just before or during rainstorms.

Pesticide Alternatives

The "chemicals only" approach to pest control is only a temporary fix. *Integrated Pest Management* is a more common sense approach for a long-term solution. Plan your "IPM" strategy in this order:

Physical Controls

- Pheromone Traps
- Tarps
- Bug Zappers
- Fly-Tight Storage Sheds



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)

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Minor's Birth Date: _____

Dated: _____ Signature: _____

Relationship to Minor: _____ _____

(Printed Name of Signor)

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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_____
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_____ 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.