

Ontario Reining Horse Association

SLIDER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This issue reflects the winding down of what has been a terrific show season, with our members earning top spots at the most prestigious of events - the Affiliate Finals in Quebec and Congress in particular, as well as the FEI North American Young Riders Competition in Kentucky.

And speaking of Kentucky, the reining events this past month at the World Equestrian Games at the Kentucky Horse Park had reiners and non-reiners alike buzzing. There were some amazing runs, and I have spoken to several "non-horsey" folk who watched them and were blown away by the skill of the riders and their magnificent horses. This event advanced our sport and interest in it like no other, and I would expect to see an increase in new members next year as a result.

And check out the acknowledgement in this newsletter of two of our members who played very prominent roles at the W.E.G. If you are on Facebook, look for "Canadian Reining Committee" for photos of the event, and to view Wendy Dyer's blog, which gives interesting behind-the-scenes insight.

At this point in the year, all we have left is the Grand Finale and Sired Stakes Show, the year-end awards Banquet and then the NRHA Futurity in Oklahoma.

We need everyone to come out and support the Grand Finale, and to attend the Banquet where our members' accomplishments will be recognized. Both events will be a lot of fun, and will also mark the end of our show season and the long hiatus before we all get together again. So I hope to see you there!

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WHY GOD CREATED THE HORSE

On the first day of creation, God created the Horse.

On the second day, God created man to serve the Horse.

On the third day, God created all the animals of the earth to spook the Horse when man was on his back.

On the fourth day, God created an honest day's work so that man could labour to pay for the keeping of the Horse.

On the fifth day, God created the grasses in the field so that Horse could eat and man could toil and clean up after the Horse.

On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the Horse healthy and man broke.

On the seventh day, God rested and said "This is good. This will teach man humility. It will tire him out and keep him striving ever forward to meet the needs of the Horse."

MY WIFE, SHE HAS A HORSE

My wife, she has a Quarter Horse with flaxen mane and tail.
She thinks he is the finest thing that ever jogged a rail.
His name is Dandy Darlin, and if the truth I tell,
that fancy, pampered Quarter Horse has made my life pure hell.

My wife she used to cook for ME, and serve it with champagne,
but now she'd rather feed that horse and fix his special grain.

She rides him every morning, she grooms him half the night,
the last time that she kissed ME, was just to be polite.

He dresses better than I do, with blanket, wraps, and ties.
My wardrobe's so neglected, that I attract the flies!

One day my wife was shopping, she'd gone down to the mall,
And fancy, pampered DANDY was standing in his stall.

He looked so smug and sassy that I began to grin.
I'd saddle that fat sucker, and take him for a spin.

I've wondered since, if cues I gave he might have misconstrued,
For when I climbed aboard that horse, He rightly came UNGLUED!

He bucked and spun and snorted fire and flung me through the fence.
I saw big stars and there are teeth that I ain't heard from since.

The wife came home and saw me, just lying in the dirt.
She rushed up to her HORSE and said to him "Sweetheart, are you HURT?"

He'd scratched his nose a little bit- and the memory burns me yet-
She left me lying in the mud and ran to call the VET!!!



Hoof Abscesses

Yesterday your horse was sound, but today you find him crippled, with no apparent injury. You are stumped. There's a good chance this horse has a hoof abscess.

Hoof abscesses occur when bacteria get trapped between the sensitive laminae (the tissue layer that bonds the hoof capsule to the coffin bone) and the hoof wall or sole. The bacteria create exudate (pus), which builds up and creates pressure behind the hoof wall or under the sole. This pressure can become extremely painful.

Although most commonly seen during the wet winter months (moisture in the environment can soften regions of the foot and make it easier for bacteria to get trapped inside), hoof abscesses can occur year-round. Extremely dry conditions can cause brittle, cracked feet. The abscess-causing bacteria enter the foot through hoof cracks, by travelling up the white line, through penetrating wounds to the foot, and even by "close" horseshoeing nails. Deep bruising might also trigger abscesses.

While a hoof abscess generally takes several days to develop, most horses don't show any clinical signs until the pressure becomes so great that severe lameness is evident. Often this lameness develops overnight. Changes in blood flow to the hoof cause it to throb, and this can be detected as a more evident pulse in the affected lower limb. Palpation of the coronary band (hairline) or heel bulbs often elicits pain. Some hoof abscesses can cause varying degrees of swelling in the lower limbs, but the majority will not.

Vets usually diagnose a hoof abscess based on history and a physical examination. Whenever possible, your vet will use hoof testers to localize the abscess to a region of the foot. Sometimes he or she might use diagnostic nerve blocks or even radiographs to confirm the diagnosis or to pinpoint the exact location of the abscess.

The quickest way to relieve hoof abscess pain is to drain the exudate buildup, which is like popping a large pimple. The growing exudate and pressure of the abscess will try to take the path of least resistance. For some abscesses, this means they will rupture on their own and drain at the coronary band (commonly referred to as a "grave") or heel bulbs. Other abscesses will need to be surgically drained by your veterinarian. For a small percentage of abscesses, they will spread deeper into surrounding structures, such as the coffin bone, navicular bursae, or deep digital flexor tendon sheath. This is particularly true with chronic abscesses in which treatment is delayed. If any of these other structures become affected, the treatment can be prolonged, costly, and could result in unsoundness.

In most cases your veterinarian will create a small hole through the white line, sole, or hoof wall in order to provide a pathway for the exudate to leave the foot. Once drainage is established, your veterinarian will probably apply some type of poultice or bandage to help pull the remaining exudate from the hoof.

Regular hoof care and farriery is an important step in preventing hoof abscesses. While difficult to control, avoiding extremely wet or dry conditions, as well as sudden changes in moisture, can help prevent formation of hoof abscesses.



REINING CANADA TOP TEN

Congratulations to the following ORHA members who are ranked in the RC Top Ten as at August 8, 2010:

OPEN

Jason Richards on Wimpys Tinseltown

Loris Epis on SV Save Sum Cash

Harvey Stevens on Peptoleap

INT. OPEN

Jason Richards on Wimpys Tinseltown

LTD. OPEN

Bill Rinzema on Ghost Busterima

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NOVICE HORSE OPEN I

Jason Richards on Custom Crome Wonder

Loris Epis on SV Save Sum Cash

NOVICE HORSE OPEN II

Loris Epis on SV Save Sum Cash

Jason Richards on Custom Crome Wonder

Paul McGrath on Super Slide Over

INTERMEDIATE NON PRO

Dan Fletcher on Custom Crome Wonder

PRIME TIME N/P

Lesley Martin on Oh That Boomer Wood

NOVICE HORSE N/P I

Dave Dorland on Double Jac Dunit

NOVICE HORSE N/P II

Dan Fletcher on Tinselgun

Dan Fletcher on Custom Crome Wonder

Larry McDougall on Foxy Whiz Kid

Dave Dorland on Double Jac Dunit

ROOKIE II

Carolyn Ruby on Spinnin Jac Flash

Lesley Martin on Rondalena Chex

Colie Florica on Slide Over Hollywood

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Darby Mailhot on Long Island Ice Tea



CONGRATULATIONS to Darcy Wilson for once again earning a medal at the FEI North American Young Riders Reining Championships in Kentucky this summer, where she won the individual silver medal.



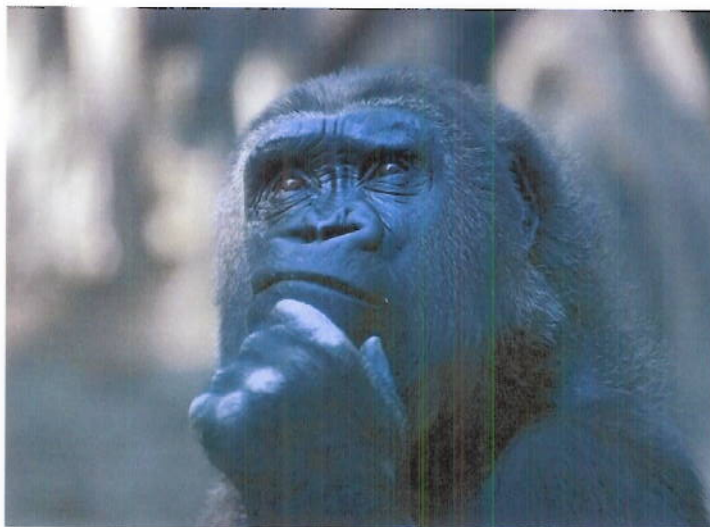
IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The O.R.H.A. is proud to have had strong representation at the 2010 FEI World Equestrian Games in Lexington, Kentucky at the end of September.

Jane Lyon (Foster) was deep in the thick of things as a steward, and

Wendy Dyer was Chef d'equipe for the Canadian Team.

Way to go ladies, we look forward to hearing all about it.



Hmmmm. I know you think you understand what you thought I said, but I'm not sure that what you heard is what I actually meant!

SIRED STAKES DERBY

The Sired Stakes show at Fletchers Horse World saw Tim Stanton take home the Open Champion on Chex To Bee Cashed, and Deena Colic the Non-Pro and Limited Non-Pro titles on Guess Peppys Flasshy.



Deena Colic winning the Sired Stakes Non Pro Derby at Fletchers Horse World



Tim Stanton winning the Sired Stakes Open Derby at Fletchers Horse World

PEOPLE MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD

This year's winner of the O.E.F. People Make a Difference Award is Wendy Dyer, a most deserving candidate after her many years of hard work and dedication to the ORHA and the sport of reining.

We are proud to see you receive this recognition, Wendy.



Jane Lyon on her first horse?!



Actually, Jane tells us this is one of their grandchildren, but as payback to Lee for sending this in, Jane sent us this picture of Lee Foster on HIS first horse!



Vital Signs

Ask your veterinarian to help you learn to assess your Horse's Vital Signs.

	Normal	How to Assess	Be Concerned When
Heart rate (beats per min.)	30-42 beats per minute	Take pulse where the facial artery passes under the lower jaw. Using two fingers, locate the artery, count number of pulses for 15 seconds, multiply by 4 to obtain pulse rate.	Pulse rate sustained over 60 bpm when horse is cooled down and calm.
Respiratory rate (breaths per min.)	20 to 30 breaths per minute.	When listening to the lungs, most noises should be heard over a 3 to 4 inch section of chest wall. Place a stethoscope 5 inches behind and 7 inches above the elbow. You should hear gentle blowing sounds, similar to someone blowing on a hot drink. Listen for unimpeded airflow.	Signs of congestion: Loud sounds heard over a large chest area. Bubbling sounds, similar to someone blowing through a straw into a liquid • A high-pitched squeak • Silence
Temperature (degrees Fahrenheit)	99.5 to 101.5 degrees F.	Lubricate an equine thermometer, partially insert into horse's rectum, tilted slightly. Hold for a full minute, wipe clean and read.	Temperatures over 103° F indicate a serious disorder, contact your veterinarian immediately.
Mucous membranes (gums, nostrils)	Pale pink	Observation	Bright red, white, or bluish-purple
Capillary refill time	1 to 2 seconds	Briefly press a thumb against your horse's gums. Gums should turn white, then pink, in no more than 2 seconds.	Over 5 seconds
Hydration	After "pinch test", the skin flattens immediately.	Pinch Test - pinch your horse's neck pulling up, skin should flatten immediately.	If the skin stays "tenting", the horse may be dehydrated.
Gut sounds	You should hear a lot of gurgle noises.	Listen in the area behind ribcage.	Be concerned if you do not hear anything.
Feces	Small, firm fecal balls.	Watch for sand or parasite larva.	Check for Sand Colic or parasites
Pain level in stomach	None	Any sign of abdominal pain	Check Signs of Colic Chart



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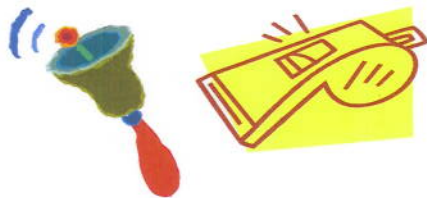
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Tim Stanton on Chex To Bee Cashed, winner of the Open Gun Dealer Derby at the Van Alstine show in London. Photo courtesy of Dieter Wahr

HOT OFF THE WIRE



ORHA members left their mark at the All American Quarter Horse Congress with the following placings:
Lisa Stanton and Gun Dealer WON the Limited Open
Jason Richards and Wimpys Tinseltown WON the Intermediate Open
Jason Richards and Wimpys Tinseltown took Reserve Champion in the Open
Loris Epis was top five in the Novice Horse Open and AQHA Junior Reining on Rondalena Chex and was also top ten in the AQHA Senior Reining

What a fabulous showing from Ontario - we are very proud of you.

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