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A Quick Breakdown of Horse Insurance Options

By The VHN Writing Team



It's a product of the world we live in. Insurance in all its forms is meant to help keep you out of a bind should you encounter the worst. Vehicle insurance, health insurance, life insurance, home insurance, these are all ways in which we cover ourselves so that we can take care of the things that matter.

The days when insurance applied only to humans is gone. Now, you can get insurance policies for your horse, in a multitude of ways. Some of them are familiar and some of them might not be.

Here's a quick breakdown of insurance types that could benefit you and your horse.

Loss of Use Coverage – This is basically what it sounds like. Some providers will offer what's called a Loss of Use coverage or something similar to balance the effects of suddenly having a horse that cannot be used. This can be beneficial if your horse is very important for your job. The policy would pay you a certain specified percentage of what your horse is insured for overall if your horse should become ill or sustain a serious injury. This amount is meant to counteract the loss of money you'd have from not being able to utilize your horse.

Equine Mortality or Theft Insurance – The mortality part of this insurance is meant to be all encompassing, or a blanket plan if you will. Should your horse die due to injury, illness, or humane euthanasia, you are covered for the loss. This also entails theft, should your animal be stolen and you are left with the loss should he not be found. Most mortality rates are based on your horse's age, breed, sex, use level, and overall deemed value.

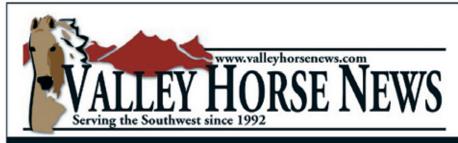
Colic Surgery Coverage – This is a specific coverage that is a stand alone policy, even separate from equine health insurance. It covers exactly what it says, should your horse need emergency colic surgery, which can cost anywhere from \$5,000 - \$10,000 out of pocket, your horse would be covered. There likely would be limitations, such as if he has trouble with colic routinely or has needed this type of surgery before.

Equine Medical or Vet Insurance – This type of coverage is very similar to your own health insurance. It's meant to cover partial or most costs of health care for your horse. If your horse is sick or injured, it could cover surgery, laboratory fees, medications, diagnostic imagery, in house care, and vet fees. Just as with human medical insurance, there are varying degrees of coverage that would benefit your unique situation.

There are other policies out there that are more unique or are smaller for very specific purposes. These can include things like equine fertility coverage, horse barn/ farm insurance, horse trailer coverage, horse cremation/ burial coverage, and horse equipment coverage as well.

It might seem crazy to insure your horse in anyway, but depending on your horse's health, your savings, your current finances, and just how integral your horse is to your income, insuring your equine could help on down the road when the unforeseeable happens and you need help that you didn't anticipate needing.

An insurance provider specializing in all things equine related can better inform you on the policies that exist, what would work for your situation, and what premiums are available in today's market.



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What is Hay Belly?

By The VHN Writing Team



There's no question about it, some horses are just good eaters. They are far from picky and will eat just about anything you put in front of them, licking the bottom of their bins or barrels clean. They might even wait for more and gladly take it if offered. Or act like they're still starving when they've had plenty to eat for their size and activity level.

Some of our horses might be chunky monkeys just because they're so talented at eating and we have to work extra hard to exercise them to keep them fit or limit their hay consumption, so they don't get too fat. It could also be a side effect of an ailment or a medication to treat an ailment, like insulin resistance.

Most chunky monkey horses will hold their weight all over their bodies. Fat will accumulate evenly across their form, like their necks, butts, chest and shoulders, and their belly included.

But some horses seem to only accumulate weight in the belly region, leaving the rest of their bodies looking either normal or extra skinny.

What gives?

When a horse seems to be more rotund in the belly and slimmer over the rest of their physique, it can make you wonder if there's something else going on.

What you are looking at could be what's known as "hay belly."

Hay belly tends to present as an overly bloated and saggy belly in horses, with the rest of their frame staying thin.

It might be tempting to chock it up as getting too much to eat or not exercising enough, but hay belly is more to do with gas accumulation in the gut and the quality of forage that the horse is receiving. Hay belly tends to accumulate over time, so it can be a little while before you're standing in front of your horse puzzled at his gradual change in appearance.

A horse with hay belly might look extra strange as the weight just doesn't hang right. Their ribs might show a little, the sides can stick out, and the belly will hang low. The muscles on the rest of the body, like the neck and shoulders can appear extra thin or poorly formed in comparison.

The symptoms of hay belly are mainly appearance based. A lackluster coat, overall poor condition, bad muscle tone, sagging belly, and a bloated or distended abdomen are all signs of this condition.

The best indicator, of course, is the appearance of a very large and strangely proportioned belly on a thin or normally sized horse.

A horse with hay belly will have a coat that loses its shine and may seem dull in color as well. He will also have a poor topline and may seem less energetic or stimulated compared to how he used to be. Hay belly can also occur in horses of any age, so it's not just for older horses that have a tougher time keeping a well-conditioned physique.

If your horse has these symptoms, it's worth a call to your vet for an investigation. There are a few things that can cause hay belly, such as:

- Poor quality hay that doesn't provide adequate nutrition for you horse.
- Your horse isn't getting a source of grain.



- A diet that has a lot of fiber with little protein that leads to a large abundance of gas in the gut.
- The exercise regimen has not been well calculated for the individual horse.
- The horse is overeating on purpose to try and meet his nutritional demands from a bad source of feed.

A lot of horse owners believe that hay belly is just a thing that horses deal with or that it can come with age. But that's not the case. Most often, it's a diet and nutritional issue that can be solved.

Pending the ruling out of other diseases, like Cushing's, a vet can confirm if your horse is suffering from hay belly and then get a better idea on your horse's dietary requirements. Your vet will likely test for any deficiencies and get a complete blood work up. This will aid you in finding the right balance of feed for your horse and confirm any supplementation he may need. It's best to gradually introduce a new diet to your horse, working in new feeds, supplements, and grains slowly so his system isn't shocked at the sudden change.

With better feed and nutritional quality, you should slowly see your horse's condition improve and his belly bulge decrease. It's also important to keep your vet in the loop on how your horse is progressing, as there can be too much of a good thing. You'll have to find that perfect mix of feed and exercise for your horse so that he has enough but not too much of the nutritional mix that he needs.

To prevent hay belly in your horse, always make sure that he has an adequate diet. It's easy to feel like your horse is hardy and doesn't need much in the way of "fancy" feed. But each horse is different and may have deficiencies or requirements that you're unaware of until they become a problem. Every horse will need a certain amount of nutrition, from fiber, protein, carbs, to vitamins and minerals. This is just a benchmark for your standard horse and could be more or less depending on your horse's current health requirements.

Proper exercise can help with your horse's body conformation and keep his muscles strong to keep a good top line and increase his gut muscle strength. When you start to guess or band aid your horse's eating routine and health care, that's when problems, like hay belly could pop up.

Happy Trails Monthly Recipe

Created by Chef Sharon Hauht

"Doritos Taco Salad"

Prep Time: 10 min Cook Time: 10 min Servings: 6-8

Ingredients:

1 lb ground beef

1 cup chopped lettuce

1 cup chopped tomato

1 cup cheddar cheese

1 finely chopped red onion

1 (1 1/4 ounce) package taco seasoning

1 (15 ounce) can ranch style beans

1 (16 ounce) bottle Catalina dressing

1 (12 1/2 ounce) bag Doritos

Directions:

Fry ground beef and add taco seasoning.

Mix ground beef and ALL ingredients, except Doritos (unless you don't mind soggy), in a large bowl.

Refrigerate.

Mix in Doritos and enjoy!

Notes:

I enjoy this nice and cold from the fridge, but you may prefer it warm or room temperature.



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About Happy Trails Kitchen



Sharon Hauht is the owner of Happy Trails Kitchen that specializes in baking and artfully decorated custom celebration cakes, cupcakes, cookies and sugar art for your special occasion. Sharon is an award winning cake decorator who has more than 40 years experience. Sharon competed with her team, Gouly Goblins, on Season 10 of Food Network's Halloween Wars and was featured on the Road to Halloween Wars, which aired on September 13, 2020.

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Is My Horse Peeing Too Much?

By The VHN Writing Team



No matter what kind of climate your horse lives in, hydration is of huge importance. All of our equines need adequate access to water every day, and that need becomes even more imperative when they have routine workouts and competitions.

The more a horse exercises, the more water he will need to intake to replace the fluid he's lost by sweating. Hydration plays a key role in how our equine's bodies perform internally as well. Our horse's systems all need enough water to function properly, and one way to tell if your horse is getting all of the water, he needs is based on how much he urinates.

Your horse should be drinking anywhere from 5 – 10 gallons of water depending on weight and activity level. In a horse that is much more active and in hotter conditions, this could nearly double.

But if you clean your horse's stall and notice that he seems to be peeing more than usual without a change in routine, you might begin to ask yourself, is my horse peeing too much?

If you start to notice your horse peeing much more frequently or you are changing out wet bedding more often, there can be a few reasons why. Excessive or increased urination in horses is called polyuria.

For your horse to be able to pee in excess, he must be taking in extra water. Polydipsia is excess intake of water.

Your horse's kidneys are the main organs that filter out the blood and clean out waste from the urine. The color of your horse's pee will indicate just how much urine his kidneys are filtering.

filtered, while clearer urine indicates more fluid intake that's quickly being processed.

Diet can have an impact on your horse's peeing habits. A horse that is fed a You might think that extra water intake that's unrelated to a disease or more legume variety of hay, such as alfalfa will be eating more protein and calcium. This is more digestible than other types of hay, like grass. When can actually be bad. horses consume alfalfa, they are more likely to pass larger amounts of urine and less stool.

The urine will also have a stronger ammonia odor due to the proteins in the hay and you'll notice a wetter stall or turn out. In contrast, grass hay will produce more of the opposite effect, with less urine volume and odor.

If your horse seems to be peeing much more, it's important to rule out If you live in a hotter climate or your horse has intense workouts, this kidney disfunction, like CKD or chronic kidney disease.

With this disease, the kidneys cannot produce concentrated urine, so the output is much more frequent. Speak with your vet about testing your horse's blood for signs of CKD.

If everything appears within a normal range, your vet can help you rule out kidney issues and give you ideas on how to test your horse's water consumption and urine concentration. Excessive drinking and peeing can also be a sign of Cushing's disease and other ailments, so it's important to have a full work up.

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It is possible that instead of having a disease that causes polyuria/polydipsia, it could all be behavioral or psychological. Horses can begin to drink more water than usual because they are restless.

A bored horse will sometimes try to fill the boredom they feel with over drinking. If this is the case for your horse, increasing your horse's turn out time and adding in some more tasks to keep him stimulated will help with this bad habit.

You should also keep track of what supplements and medications your horse is taking, as there are side effects to certain substances that will cause excessive thirst and frequent urination.

If you've had any changes in supplements or even in feed type, the increase A darker brown or deep yellow color means your horse has less fluid being in drinking could be a reaction to this change, so test of elimination could reveal the culprit. Any tests should be carefully monitored and short term, especially when denying a supplement that your horse is used to.

ailment is fine as it's just additional hydration, but too much fluid intake

It is extremely important that any excessive drinking and urinating be evaluated quickly, as it can be dangerous for your horse to drink too much over a longer period of time. The extra volume can put too much strain on the kidneys and can dilute the level of electrolytes in your horse's body, leading to problems with regulating body temperature.

can be a recipe for disaster. When in doubt about your horse's condition, consulting your veterinarian will always be the best option, as the sooner you can take care of a potential problem, the better.

Your vet will also have experience in riddling out the signs your horse is giving that something isn't quite right.

What might seem odd or random to you could be a clear indicator to your vet that your horse is dealing with an issue under the radar.

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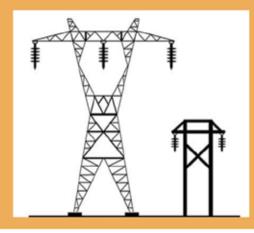


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How to Clean a Stall Like a Pro

By The VHN Writing Team



If there was one word that helps to perfectly describe horse care or owning a horse, it would be the word routine. No matter what happens in your horse life, there will always be a set routine for how you care for your equine each and every day.

And so many parts of horse care are things that must be done at least once if not a couple times a day. Feeding and filling water buckets is one example of a routine chore that must be done twice a day, sometimes more. Another routine part of horse care is cleaning out your horse's stall. If there's one thing our horses are very talented at, it's making a mess from sun up to sun down.

Some horses are more neat and tidy in their living quarters, other horses not so much. There will be horses that poop in exactly the same spot every day, making you seriously consider placing a bucket in that area just to see how much would end up inside it.

Then there are the other horses who not only poop and pee all over the place, they also manage to do it inside their feed buckets, water buckets, and right where they sleep. These ones might as well have been born as piggies, and have a tendency to be white in color.

No matter your horse's personal potty habits, mucking up what he leaves behind is a priority.

Now, many of us have the automatic inclination to say that mucking out a stall is pretty straight forward. You pick up the dirty and leave the clean, simple as that, right?

What if we told you that there was a way to clean your horse's stall that made it easier each time you did it and could also save you some time and money too.

Intrigued? We thought you might be.

The first thing to do is make sure you have the right tools to clean. If you use a straw form of bedding, a pitch fork is optimal. If you use shavings or wood pellets, use a bedding pitchfork with tines that are much closer together. A broom and a rake will also come in handy as well as a very necessary bucket or wheelbarrow.

Also, if possible, make sure your horse is turned out, so the stall is empty for your cleaning. This way you don't have to work around your horse and there's no chance of him walking right through your hard work or adding to it.

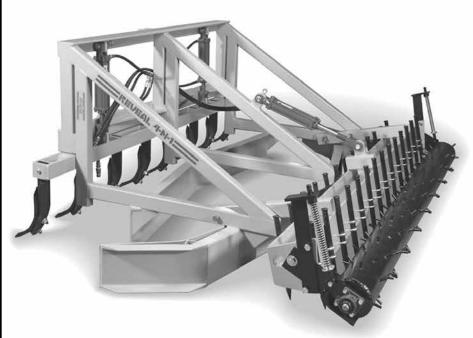
Next, plan to section out what's clean in the stall and what's dirty. Clean up all of the poop as best you can. Then start to toss and pull all the dirty bedding towards the middle and the door/ gate. Any bedding that appears clean you should start to shift to the corners of the stall and by the walls.

So now all the dirty should be in the middle and front, and the clean should be on the perimeters. Place all of the dirty bedding in the muck buckets or wheelbarrow.

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Allow the floor to dry out as much as possible. Right before you bring your horse back to his sparkling stall, bring the clean bedding back to the center and add any new bedding as needed.

The benefit of cleaning this way is you don't miss any soiled areas, and the very bottom of the stall is allowed to dry and air out to prevent a buildup of moisture and stool.

This can also save you from wasting bedding that gets contaminated from the bottom layer and keeps your horse's stall fluffy and comfy. Your horse's stall won't have to be stripped of everything nearly as often, odor will be eliminated, and flies will also be less likely to hang around.

What should you do if your horse's stall doesn't have a cement or rubber base? If your horse has all sand in his stall, you can still use a similar method of cleaning.

You can pull any poop from the stall and any soiled bedding on top of the sand. Once all of the stool is removed, take a wide, metal rake and go over the area. Sift through every wet spot so that it has a chance to dry out. Pull piled up sand from the edges that have naturally worked their way over from your horse's activity.

Smooth the sand in multiple directions to fluff it up so it can dry out and keep from being packed down again. If your horse has very wet urine spots, invest in some absorbent pellets.

As these pellets absorb the urine, they break down and can be either mucked out or mixed in with the sand during the next mucking. You can also keep a few extra bags of sand on hand to layer onto thin areas, allowing your horse to stay comfy and the bottom layer of dirt to remain moisture free.

The more layering you can do, the less saturated and stagnant the sand will remain as your horse uses it.

Free Fecal Water Syndrome, Not Just Diarrhea

By The VHN Writing Team



One of the not so glamorous parts of horse ownership has to do with everything fecal. Not only are we responsible for cleaning up our horses' poop on a daily or almost daily basis, we also have the lovely job of monitoring its condition.

The appearance and frequency of our horses' stool can tell us a lot about their health. And our horses can be pretty good poopers, amassing quite the quantity in a short amount of time.

Most horses will have the typical balls of poop that are signature for horses and other equines. There might be a few or there might be a lot. They can even be slightly greener or browner depending on their forage and what they eat each day.

The bottom line is, healthy horse poop should be well formed and regular. It should also come out at regular intervals as well.

A horse that has loose stool or diarrhea can be pretty straightforward. You'll notice your horse has very mushy, watery stools. They look more like a cow patty. And they can be extra heavy and hard to clean because of their watery nature.

A horse with diarrhea might be on a new feed, a new supplement, an older equine, recovering or has just caught a virus, and more. Something has caused a disturbance in your horse's system, and aside from the presence of a worrisome fever, your horse would be monitored by you until he either recovers or a vet's inspection is necessary.

usual balls of stool that they pass, but either before, during, or after the stool has come out, there is straight liquid that follows.

might think your horse is at the beginning of a stomach bug before the true could be to blame. diarrhea hits.

But this weird passage of water with normal stool can be something else treat or manage the syndrome for a horse that obviously has this issue. entirely.

It's called FFW or Free Fecal Water Syndrome.

This syndrome is not considered life threatening and is not actually diarrhea. It simply means that your horse is passing exactly what it's called, free fecal water, with his stool.

Now while this isn't life threatening, it can mean that your horse is losing extra water or that his body isn't absorbing his full amount of hydration before it's expelled.

The amount of water a horse moves through his intestinal system is a lot each and every day. Horses should consume around 30 liters of water each day.

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But the intestines have the job of reabsorbing water.

The hindgut is lined with colonic cells. These cells are integral for this absorption process, sucking the water and liquid content from forage as your horse digests. This cell lining is held together by proteins, and when these proteins become weakened and the cell wall suffers, it can cause issues.

It's unclear why these proteins become weakened. It's thought that stress But sometimes we come across horse with, well, peculiar poop. It's the could play a factor. When the cells can no longer absorb properly, that's when you have problems with FFW.

There are no warning signs or factors that put a horse more at risk for FFW It can cause owners to scratch their heads as it's not really diarrhea. Or you and the exact cause is still unknown, though stress and potentially age

Because it's unclear what specifically causes FFW, it can seem difficult to

The key to keeping an FFW syndrome horse healthy is by fortifying their gut health. After getting an evaluation from a vet to rule out other problems and confirm the likelihood of FFW, you can start your horse on a better regimen to maximize his gut health.

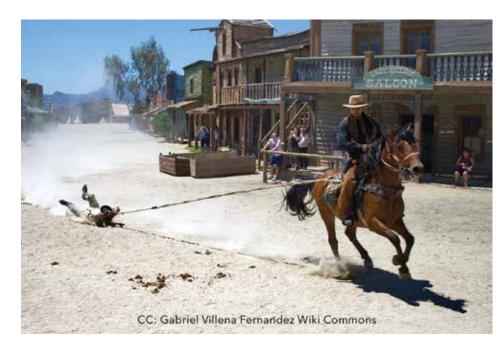
Your horse's forage is key, as different types and the amount of fiber can vary. Depending on how digestible your horses' forage is and how much water it can hold, will dictate which kinds of feed can be beneficial for a horse with reduced absorption.

Providing enough of this forage, enough access to water each day, monitoring the condition of their stool, and considering the microbiome of your horse's gut will all help.

While you can maintain your horse's hydration with this water loss, you can also support the gut on a bacterial level as well, promoting their healthy microorganisms through probiotics and other sources.

Horses in the Movies: Stunts and Stars

By The VHN Writing Team



Being such dedicated horse lovers as we are, horse owners have a special love or a special hate for horse movies. Even just movies that have a lot of horse scenes in them count. We tend to get a little giddy when a horse scene pops up in a film we weren't expecting. We will love horse movies if they get it right, and we will absolutely despise horse movies when they get it wrong.

Like when a movie uses three different white horses interchangeably. To the everyday person, they may pass off as the same horse each time. But to us tried and true horse people, we know that those three horses look nothing alike.

One has gray around his eyes, another has an obviously pink nose. Heck, one is clearly a quarter horse while the other has the frame of a Lipizzan mix. To us, it's a blatant disrespect to horse knowledge and we won't forget it.

One of the things that we tend to hate or at least cringe at the most is when a horse gets hurt in a movie's plot. Maybe it's a war movie and a horse gets hit with bullets or shrapnel that he clearly won't survive, maybe a horse is abused or treated badly by a person before his eventual day with karma, or maybe it's that scene in The NeverEnding Story where the warrior Atreyu loses his white pony, Artax, to the sinking swamps of sadness (hello, child-hood trauma.)

Every horse owner that watches movies can probably think of a film or two that makes them cringe at the memory of what happens to the horse. We don't care what happens to the stupid main character, just don't hurt the horse.

This sentiment may hit a little too close to home, in fact.

One of the sad parts about movie making with horses is that, depending on when that movie was made, that horse may have endured its own trauma to make the scene you remember not so fondly. It's not by accident that you were cringing while watching or remembering.

One of the tragic parts about old movies is that they happened back when animals did not have the rights and safety that they do now. They were expendable and used for effect, without concern for the animal's wellbeing.

If you were to look at a classic western movie from say the 40's, chances are the practices used in the stunts involving horses is a little too real for your liking. And sometimes, when you're watching these scenes, you are left to think – that looked a little too real and a little too dangerous. And that's because, it was real.

At the time, horses were not trained to do these stunts on cue or in a safe way. Instead, things like trip wires were used. If a horse was meant to fall or tumble head over heels in a scene, the horse wasn't trained to do that maneuver.

It was just made to happen. The horse would be tripped with a wire or rope and he would actually fall just as you see in the finished scene.

Talk about traumatic and deadly for the horse!



Picture from a 1919 Western Film

Many horses were horribly injured or even ended up dying in the old days of movies because of this nasty practice. From broken bones to paralyzed spines, horses would suffer some catastrophic injuries all for the sake of film.

Starting in the 1940's however, the American Humane Association began pressuring film studios to have more respect and safety measures for their animal actors.

The studios had no choice but to listen as public outcry villainized the truly barbaric tactics being used. Because of this push from humane groups and movie lovers, studios employed trained horses for stunts.

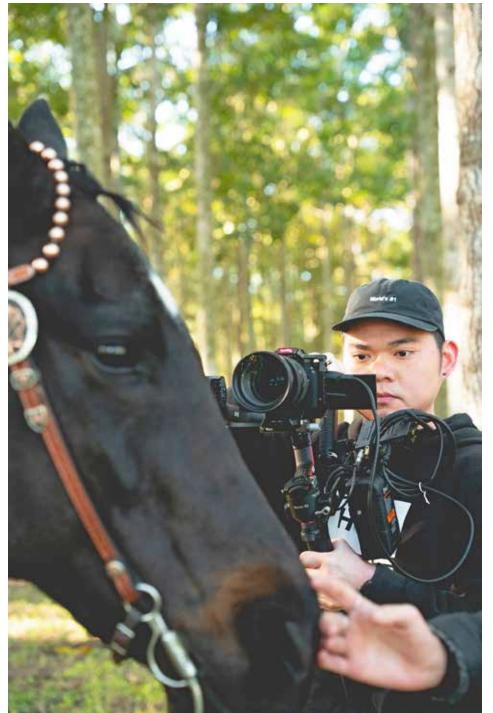
And that is where it all began.

Known as "falling horses", these horses were trained to fall on cue and in a safe manner so that they didn't have to endure being tripped. These first falling horses are what lead to the stunt horses we see today, in everything from major blockbusters to your small scale TV commercials.

And in the beginning of movies, horses were mostly trained for falling on cue, but now these horses are practically stunt doubles without actually doubling.

Horses can do all kinds of trained maneuvers for movies today. They can fall on cue, tumble, rear, sit, carry things, ride into scary situations or in mass numbers, even pretend to be dead or injured. They also need to travel all over the world to the specific film sites.





And anyone who trains horses to do special skills will tell you that it takes a special horse to do them, and a special group to train in the first place.

Most stunt horses come from separate training businesses that are employed for different films. Movie studios will hire from these outside businesses that train horses for special jobs or tricks. If a movie requires a horse that is comfortable jumping into water or working with fire sources, the studio will consult with these businesses and see what horses are available to do the job.

These horses are not your average horse either, as they are trained to not care about scary scenes or using equipment that's not common to the everyday equine.

Explosions, fire, things running or driving toward them, loud sounds or music, swimming, or wearing costumes. All of these things would be the stuff of nightmares for our own horses, but not for these specially trained stunt horses.

Truthfully, these horses are almost like acrobats. They have to fall or move in such a way as to stay safe themselves, as well as execute the scene with maybe a rider along too.

Film sets are now made much more horse and animal actor friendly, with matts, specialized and softened dirt and other surfaces, pully systems, and of course the use of CGI and green screens.

These horses need to not only be trained to a T, they also need to be able to work with a lot of different people, all the time. And these people might not have the same level of horse experience either. So horses must be flexible enough to handle different riding levels as well as being ridden by multiple people on one movie set.

Different actors and set crew will have to work with these horses in a variety of scenes, so these equines cannot be shy or fearful of the work. And the actors have to be able to rely on the horse doing its job.

Many of these stand alone training business have a few requirements for the horses they employ. Horse masters have said they often prefer geldings or even stallions for the work over employing mares. They also try not to get horses with too much color or are too flashy in appearance, as they may need makeup on set to match other horses.

Or they might look for horses that already have a background in a certain skill that would make training a lot easier and more familiar to the horse.

Like carriage horses for example, which are often pulled from logging sites or similar situations, and will tend to come in two's or groups. These horses will get used to pulling loads or doing harness work, like in the movie Ben Hur. They're made for heftier jobs like this and also have experience being harnessed and pulling loads for long periods of time.

Horses can also become of interest if they fit a certain style or popular look, like Friesians, Lusitanos, Clydesdales, or even ponies or miniature horses. Medieval movies would need large breeds for tournament scenes, or a black knight or an evil period character would need an all black mount to really showcase the characters qualities.

Period films, like war movies, would be looking for horses that are a certain stature or size, like warm bloods, and a trained horse that can handle on set explosions, the sound of heavy artillery, a lot of action happening at once, and maybe having to do a falling scene as well. The movie War Horse is a great example.

It's important for these businesses to have a number of horses fit for multiple jobs and styles, as so many movies now employ horses for effects. Even movies like Avatar that use CGI, but need the real movements of a horse to film.

And once a horse is bought to train at these businesses and lease to movie sets, they are there for the long haul. Stunt trainers will keep these horses until they either get burned out by their jobs or their health requires a retirement to a different setting.

Many of these horses will go on to second homes where they'll become sport horses, doing things like dressage, roping, or western pleasure. Or they may just simply retire to a loving place where they can enjoy their new rest and relaxation.

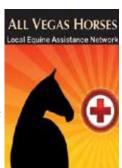
The next time you watch a horse movie or just a movie with horse scenes in it, think about what these horse actors have to be capable of and the amazing things they can do all for the sake of movie magic.

And we should also remember just how far the industry has come with animals rights and how horses are treated on set, while they do these crazy jobs all for the sake of our entertainment.

Maybe animal actors deserve their own award category for their work in Hollywood and beyond!



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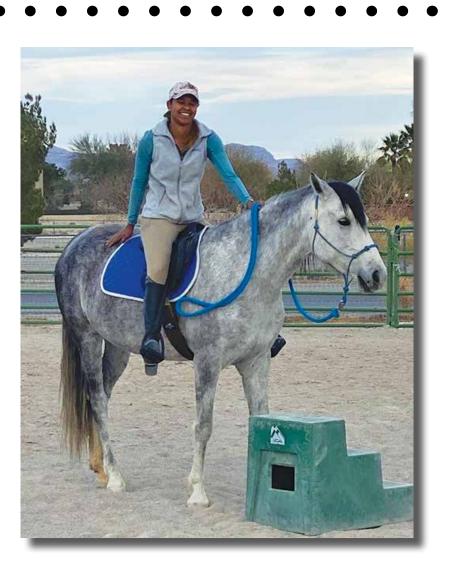
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by The VHN Writing Team



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Common items available at the sale are English and Western Saddles, tack, boots, show clothes, wraps, barrels, feeders, grooming tools, equipment, totes, blankets, halters, as well as home décor and artwork. You can find more info on page 9 of the publication or on L.E.A.N.'s website and social media pages. www.leanhorses.org

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10 Inventions Every Horse Owner Wants

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If you are a horse owner, odds are at some point you have daydreamed about inventions that would make the entire horse care process a thousand times easier. If you say you haven't, you're lying or have way too much energy and patience.

While we have already covered in this edition the inventions that do exist to help us with our horses, there is still a laundry list of inventions that we are all biding our time until a brilliant equine loving brain thinks up a way to do them.

The jury is out on the most desired invention that would solve our horse care woes, but here are some that we would all be pretty thankful for:

1. Jumps and barrels that set themselves back up after we knock them down. You're riding by yourself on a Saturday morning and you want to run some barrels to practice. You get them set up perfectly, and on that first run, you knock one down. Oh the humanity! Now comes the process of getting off, resetting, then getting back on. And the process repeats, and repeats, and repeats.

This isn't so hard when you have a trainer or friend helping you so that you don't have to get off at all. But when you're by yourself, it can drive you bonkers and zap your energy in no time. So, somebody out there with a mind of inventing, please create a robot or some system that sets jumps or barrels or any other set up back to how it was before it fell. Thank you in advance.

- 2. A stall floor that sweeps/ cleans itself without you lifting a single finger. Oh mama, that would be the day. When there exists a stall that somehow turns on, sans horse of course, sifts itself, and removes the muck all in one go, horse owners wouldn't know what to do with all the time. We can all dream. But seriously, money in the making here because almost everybody would want one.
- 3. Tack cleaning machine. So, we will admit, there are times where cleaning tack on a lazy Sunday afternoon with a cool breeze and the birds singing is actually pretty peaceful. Throw in a beer and some music, and it's really not bad. It's satisfying in a weird way. You take your time and afterward your sparkling tack is a glorious sight.

But then there's those days where you have literally everything to clean. Every. Single. Scrap. And its hot out, and it takes way too much elbow grease to get it all out. And just... bleh. But imagine a machine that washed your tack for you, and maybe even conditions it at the same time. It's beautiful, even in our minds.

4. Self-dragging arena. Whew boy, now who doesn't love riding in a nice, soft, freshly dragged arena? Come on, it's so satisfying and feels so good. Your horse probably agrees with you, especially after a roll. But the amount of time and effort it takes to get that done. Yikes. Wouldn't it be great if, like that self-cleaning stall, there was a self-dragging arena?

Absolutely perfect for riding with the press of a button. No muss, no fuss, just ready to go. We'll take one!

5. A spray to keep every horse clean, especially grey and white horses. Yes, please. A spray that is somehow totally safe, none toxic, and washes out, that somehow creates a barrier to dirt and dust. Can you imagine keeping your horse clean like this before shows and after baths?

No stains, streaks, poo and pee stains, no double baths and hard work wasted. The thought gives us goosebumps.

6. Horse speech translator. Have you ever wanted to know what your horse was either saying or thinking? Usually we can assume fairly accurately, and we probably get pretty close based on our horse's facial expressions and overall lack of enthusiasm. But it would be pretty cool to know what they were saying to each other and to us. To know exactly what they were talking about, to our face and behind our backs.

Then again, having an automated voice tell us our horse's opinion on, well, just about everything might get old, quick. "I want my breakfast, now!" "Those aren't the right treats." "Do we really have to go riding?" "His hay looks better than mine!" It would be never ending.

7. Horsehair Off Spray. Shedding season is such a lovely sight. Tumble-weeds of fluff, galore. Hair everywhere! On your shirt. On your pants. On your face. In your mouth. And it just keeps on coming. But imagine, if somehow there was a spray that repelled horsehair so that it couldn't stick to you in the first place. Kind of like the spray that keeps your horse clean. It could even repel hay and horse snot.

It would be revolutionary.

8. A weather machine that creates your perfect riding day. Now, this could obviously have some real world advantages and make things better for so many people. Disasters could be avoided, food would be plentiful. It's a humanitarian's dream and probably at the top of scientist's lists too. But, we're talking just for the barn at the moment.

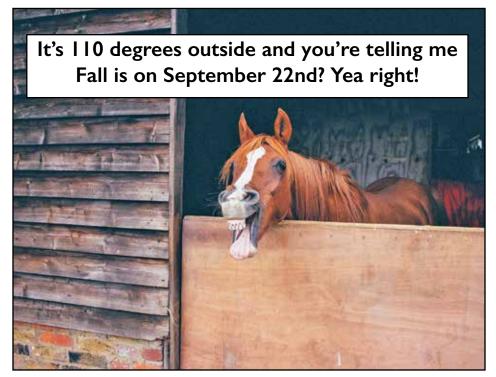
Imagine a weather machine that keeps it 75 degrees and sunny, with only a few clouds in the sky. No bone dry afternoons, no muggy moisture making you sweat before you get out of the car, no raining to make arenas muddy, no snow and ice to chill you to the bone.

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- 9. Breeches with cushioning. There might be helmets and vests with airbags in them, but what about pants. Some of us might have some extra cushioning down there already, but that doesn't mean we couldn't use more. Falling off would be a breeze.
- 10. Heated and air conditioned saddle seat. If the weather machine is totally out the window, what about this one? You could have a toasty warm saddle seat in the winter, and a nice, sweat free, cool bottom in the summer.

Yes, there would be some serious safety issues to resolve and it would have to be very compact. It would be insanely expensive if you or your horse broke it. But still, we can fantasize right? It would be the luxury vehicle equivalent of horse saddles. Oh my.

We could go on... and on... and on with this list, but we're trying to stay within sane limits here. So, we'll just end with this: all of you smarty pants out there with horse experience, get on it! We're waiting!



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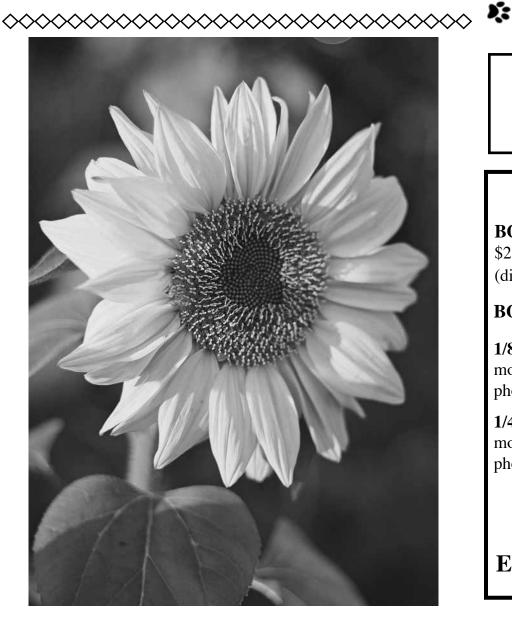
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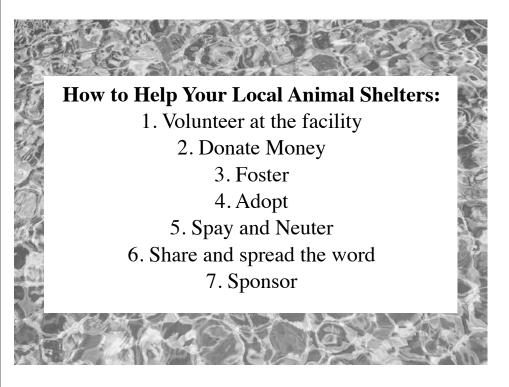
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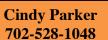
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