

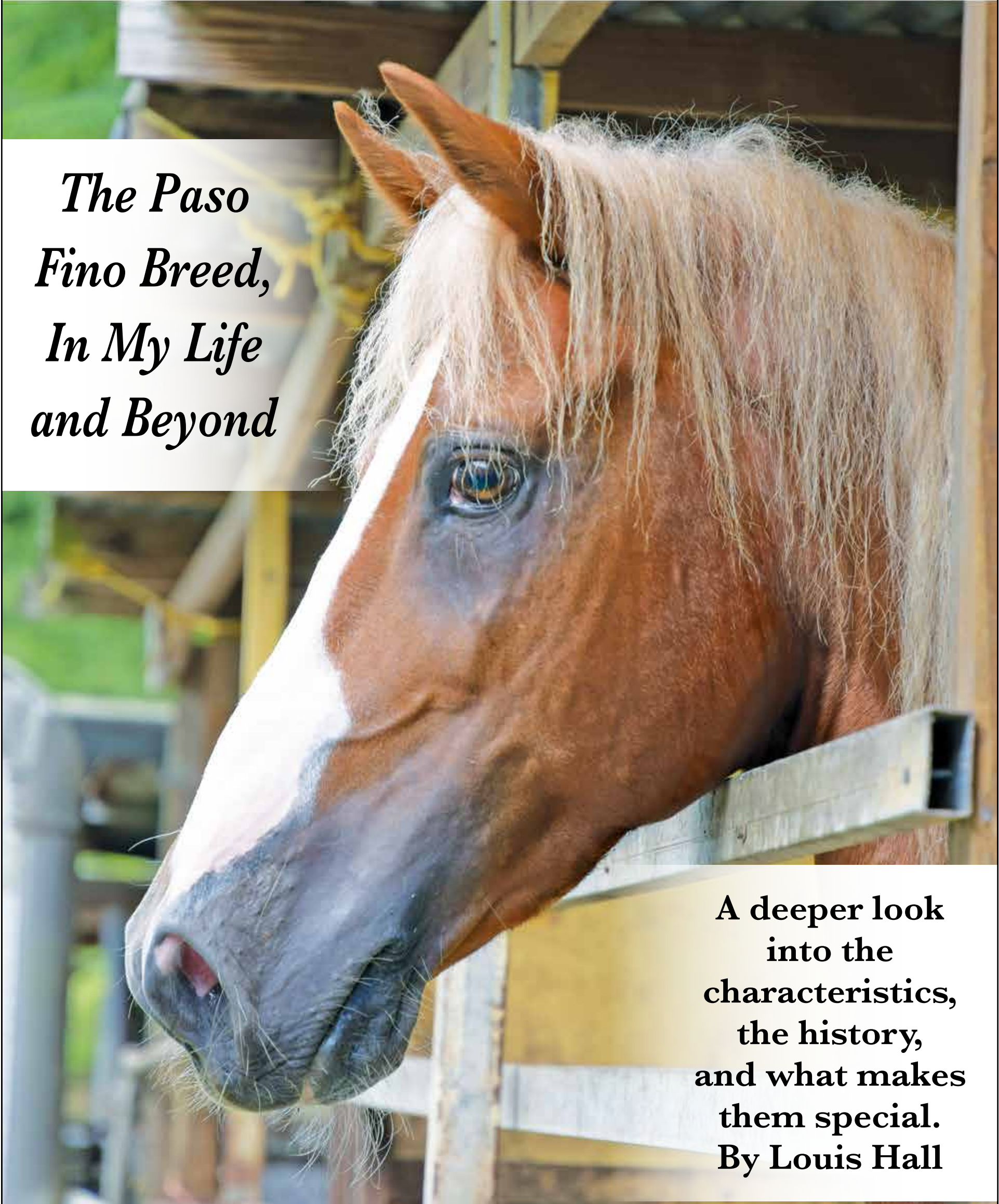
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The Mystery of Red Barns

By The VHN Writing Team



If you've ever driven through the older countryside, filled with barns that have stood for decades and decades, often times you'll see at least one, if not many more, red barns. They will be a fairly bright or mid-red color with a dark roof. There are even businesses and brands that relate to this red barn phenomena. There are classical paintings and works of art showcasing rustic barns, and many times they happen to be red. If you have family with older properties and older barns, there might very well be a red one somewhere in the mix.

But why? Have you ever stopped to wonder why when we google or imagine a barn, it tends to appear red?

There are some farmer jokes (or maybe it's misinformed logic) but some will say barns are red so that the cattle can find them easier. This is easily disproven, as cattle cannot see the color red. (Kind of like the belief that the color red makes bulls angry – not true at all.)

It's not just a random coincidence or the Mandela Effect. Or even an old farmer's tale. It's a fun fact of history for why barns are traditionally red in color.

Barns have been red for much longer than just decades. Back in the olden days, like pre-1800's, most farmers wouldn't paint their barns. Paint at the time was expensive, especially to paint a whole building exterior. One issue that most wooden barns had was the tendency to rot from moisture and fungus. Farmers figured out a way to combat this rot, and it was by making their own kind of paint.

Farmers discovered that red iron oxide (or rust) could deter fungus. So, they would take red iron oxide, skimmed milk, and lime and mix this combination with oil, specifically linseed oil. Linseed oil is still very popular today and can be found in different forms at the hardware store. Linseed oil is a sealant for wood. By creating this concoction and coating their wooden barns in it, the mixture would effectively seal the wood, preventing moisture from accumulating and damaging the material.

The red iron oxide would also provide color to the wood. In this first version of barn paint, the color was more like a burnt orange or red orange and could darken a bit with time or layering. Once the second half of the new century came, paint was more readily available.

Whitewash paint was at first more expensive in color. But the old tried and true red paint that was being sold in stores now was still fairly cheap. And this red paint was that true, deep red color we are so familiar with.

Red was destined to stand the test of time and out of tradition or maybe habit from seeing the color all over farms, red barns endured. The red that you can still see today may just be a traditional and snazzy color that people find enjoyable. After all a red barn with a dark roof and white trim is pretty flashy.

The red coloring can also help with temperature control during the summer and winter months.

While white eventually became a very popular barn and farmhouse color, red remained in the memories of farmers for years to come and can still be seen today.

And that's how the mystery of the ever-present red barn color came to be.



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The Top Barn Dog Breeds

By The VHN Writing Team



For a large number of horse owners, their horses are not the only animals in their lives. Many people that have a horse will have other types of pets in their care as well. They may have chickens, goats, cattle, and other farm animals in their barns. They might also have your more typical cat or dog. And these two more domesticated animals can be great additions to a barn.

Dogs are particularly popular for horse people, as many of us enjoy and rely on your classic “Barn Dog.”

Now, what exactly is a barn dog, compared to your normal household dog?

A barn dog is meant to be at the barn for starters. Or more so a barn dog is a dog that is used to being outside, being obedient, being smart, and being around farm animals. They are dogs with jobs, and while they don't have to be outside all the time and sleep out of the home, they will spend more of their day doing their duties.

Barn dogs can be guardians of the property. They can keep an eye on the buildings and people and be an extra form of security outside of the home. They can protect the animals on the farm or in the barn from people or even predators looking for food.

Barn dogs can also help with livestock sorting and care, where their job is more integrated with your commands and working with other animals face to face. They can herd cattle, get rid of pests like mice, and help sort different types of livestock.

A barn dog can also just be your companion for trail riding and going on trips with your equines. These dogs, while not quite doing the above jobs, still need a sense of intelligence and they need to be hearty, animal smart pets. They must know when to come and when to stay. They must know to stay out from under your feet and your horses, and they must be healthy dogs with stamina to keep up.

Some barn dogs will be more job oriented without much need for cuddles and attention, while others do their tasks but remain a lap dog at the end of the day.

The best part of barn dogs is that there are so many great breeds to choose from. And each of them will have attributes that makes them a top contender for your next barn dog search.



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1. The Australian Shepherd (bottom left) is perhaps one of the most popular breeds we think of as a barn dog. They are smart, sharp, obedient, learn quickly, and are eager to please their owners. They are easily trained which means they can be tailored to your specific needs in the barn or on the road. They also have a great energy level, always raring to go for the day's chores.

2. Jack Russell Terriers are a great compact barn dog. At first their size might fool you, but Jack Russell's have a keen mind, while also being loyal and fierce. These little dogs are super hearty, tough, and don't mind getting dirty and in the thick of it. This breed was originally bred to hunt rodents, so if you need pests kept under control, they're perfect for it. Their small size means they travel easy and don't take up much space. With training, they can even learn to ride on the back of a horse or at the front of your saddle on trails.

3. Australian Cattle Dogs (Blue Heelers) are extremely popular in barns. This breed is more mid-sized, and they are very quiet and obedient dogs. They're smart, with natural herding instincts. They're also very independent and tend to be horse savvy, so they will stay out of the way and not cause trouble. This breed can also be pleasantly social, with both people and other dogs, which makes them an all around good breed to choose for any barn dog need.

4. German Shepherds and Rhodesian Ridgebacks. These two breeds are more of a muscled barn dog. If you need a barn dog that's smart with animals, but also needs to be a form of security that can take on a predator or a person up to no good, these are two great choices. Both smart, athletic, and trainable, these loyal dogs are great for the right circumstances.

5. Border Collies (top left) are very famous for their herding ability. There's no better or quicker herder than a Border Collie that's been trained to perfection. They are quick, quiet, and smart dogs that make great barn dogs, especially if you need help sorting cattle or bringing in the herd at night. These dogs will round up animals beyond sheep or cattle, like ducks, goats, and chickens.

There's a long list of other dog breeds that are perfect for your individual barn dog needs.

Security and Muscle: Great Pyrenees, Bernese Mountain Dog, American Fox Hound, Malinois, Sheepdogs, Airedale Terrier, Rottweiler.

Herding and Pest Control: Corgis, Dachsund, Scotch Collie, Min Pin, Fox Terrier.

When looking for a barn dog to be half working dog and half companion, stay away from your classic lap dogs that are too small or too noisy. It's best to pick a breed that can stand your climate, keep up with your work, learn to be around animals, and also remain independent when you're not there.



• Happy Trails Monthly Recipe •

Created by Chef Sharon Hauht

“Poached Chicken Breasts with Ratatouille ”

Prep Time: 20 minutes Cook Time: 30 minutes Difficulty: Easy
Servings: Serves: 4

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups chicken stock
- 1 1/2 cups chunky jarred spaghetti sauce
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, about 6 oz. each
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1 medium red bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1 small zucchini, diced
- 1 small yellow squash, diced
- 1 small eggplant, diced
- 1/2 small onion, peeled and diced
- 3 gloves garlic, peeled and minced
- 2 Tbsp. dried basil

Directions:

Combine the chicken stock and tomato sauce in a soup pot and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Season the chicken with salt and black pepper and add to the pot. Cover and simmer for 5 to 10 minutes until chicken is cooked.

Remove the chicken breasts and keep warm. Add bell pepper, zucchini, squash, eggplant, onion, and garlic. Sauté, 10 minutes until the vegetables are tender. Stir in basil.

Spoon the ratatouille into 4 large bowls. Cut each chicken breast horizontally into strips and place over ratatouille



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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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The Importance of Arena Footing

By The VHN Writing Team



So many factors go into how your horse performs on a daily basis. Everything from what he eats, to what he wears, and how he works with you will have an impact on how he functions both under and out of the saddle.

There is one factor that many of us might not consider, and it's waiting right under your horse's feet.

Your arena footing.

We all have to admit, the feel of well worked arena footing and the sight of it is so, so satisfying. It looks so perfect and tidy and soft that you almost hate to mess it up by riding. Almost. Then you can feel the quality and effect of it on your ride and want to stay that way every single day.

However, have you ever stopped to ask yourself what the best arena footing is for your horse?

All the times we have seen the perfect footing in a big arena and drooled at the sight probably hasn't been influenced by the question of just what is the makeup of that ground. As random a thought as it may be, understanding what's important in arena footing can have the ability to change your perspective on what great footing is really like.

Ideally, an arena's footing should encompass a few things: there should be no dust, no slippage, and have some spring.

That is to say that as you ride your horse, you shouldn't feel his feet struggle over the surface. There should be good traction where he can really dig in and use that material to work. The ground should also do some shock absorbing as that is actually what's being transferred every time your horse takes a step, whether in a walk or a canter. Energy is being pushed from his body to the ground, so having a base that responds well to that force will have a huge impact on how your horse handles his movement.

And of course, dusty clouds springing up everywhere is no one's favorite. It dries out your horse's feet, make it hard to see and to breath, and your horse will be fighting through it and breathing it in just as much as you.

Successful arena footing will reduce the chance of accidents and injuries as your horse does his thing, and allow him to move at peak levels.

Just about every horse owner will have a list of different footing types they've encountered over the years. Everything from grass, gravel, dessert dirt, muddy soil, pavement, freshly turned dirt, rocky landscapes, and more.

If the footing was too hard, too deep, too cluttered with rocks and debris, too dry, too wet and sticky, etc. your horse probably had to take extra time to navigate. When you put your horse in the position to work hard on a footing that isn't conducive to his natural motion, he will eventually take a toll, if not sooner then later. The struggle that your horse's body has to go through to move in such conditions will catch up to him.

For horses with joint or muscle issues, a bad arena footing can aggravate these problems and even make them worse. So how do you know when your arena footing needs a professional diagnosis and an upgrade?

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- The footing is inconsistent, no matter how much you water or drag.
- Rocks are popping up more and more across the footing.
- Over the years, the footing has gotten extremely shallow, and no amount of drag fluffs it.
- The footing is too deep and catches easily during activities.

These issues are pointing to the arena needing a redo, and the best way to understand why your arena has the footing it does and how to fix it is by calling a specialist. A professional assessment can allow you to make the call on just what it would take to get the arena footing necessary for your horse's care and safety.

It might seem like all an arena is made of is a bunch of dirt that's been piled in and smoothed over. But in fact, that's not the case for an arena that lasts through all kinds of weather and wear and tear.

A good arena has a solid bass installed that allows for irrigation. It's also been cleaned of any underlying rock and debris that could work their way up to the surface. Depending on your needs and your area, the "dirt" that's used can be a mixture of different textures and substances, in particular sand.

A great way to get a better idea of what your working with and if you have a footing problem is to walk the arena yourself. If your own feet crunch about, don't sink into the dirt, get stuck easily, or you trip about, your horse will be having the same issues.

No matter how your arena is now and how it was put together in the first place, a professional horse arena footing specialist will be able to guide you on the right path and create an arena that will last and perform in the way that horses can rely

Father's Day for Equestrian Dads

By The VHN Writing Team



Father's Day is June 19th this year and for those of us with equestrian dads, it can feel a bit tricky to celebrate the holiday. Getting the perfect gift for anybody can be difficult, but when it comes to fathers, especially those who aren't forthcoming with what they want, it can be extra hard to find that perfect present.

But never fret, there are quite a few gift ideas for the horsey dad in your life this year, and they are all pretty easy to find.

1. A new hat – this can be a new cowboy hat, a baseball cap, or any kind of working hat for at the barn, at work, or at home. You can find his favorite color, favorite sports team, favorite brand, or just something with a funny saying.

2. A new shirt – kind of like the hat, old barn shirts tend to linger in use a bit longer than they should. If your dad's barn shirts are looking a little too beat up these days, try finding some new barn shirts for him. They could be crisp button shirts, long sleeve or short sleeve, cotton or moisture wicking for the summer, or something with a funny saying to make him laugh.

3. Work gloves – you can probably see where some of these gift ideas are coming from. Those items your equestrian dad uses on the daily will eventually wear out. And there's nothing quite as satisfying as a new pair of gloves to break in. They can be work gloves or riding gloves, any kind of glove that your dad can't wait to get his hands on, or rather in.

4. A coffee cup or insulated container – That morning cup of coffee is practically a life force for many fathers, equestrian or not. Getting him a witty new coffee cup or a fancy metal to go cup that keeps his hot or cold coffee the perfect temperature will make his mornings or possibly evenings that much better.

5. A case to show off those awards – if your dad competes in any equestrian competitions, he probably has some ribbons or trophies sitting around. Don't let those accomplishments go unadmired. Invest in a nice display case to hold these items, and it can go in the barn or at home. Bonus if he can put it in his man cave or dad den.



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6. New barn tools – every barn needs fixing up at one point or another. Baling twine and duct tape can be invaluable but they only go so far. If your equestrian dad loves to tinker and expand on his barn and storage, get him some new power tools or other essential fixer upper items can be the perfect gift this father's day. Don't be surprised if he disappears for a while to test out his new gear. You just might walk into a whole new barn.

7. Other clothing items, like belts, socks, boots, and handkerchiefs - Anything your dad wears all the time is an item that he'll probably need multiples of. And the best part about multiples is he can have an array of colors to choose from in his closet.

8. Tickets to an event – maybe your dad is a rodeo guy. He might like gymkhanas, dressage, jumping, or just clinics in general. Any kind of event that your dad enjoys can be a Father's Day present. Grab some tickets for a special clinic or an event he can attend either with you, his friends, his horse, or just solo.

9. Book or magazine subscription – if your dad is a reader and likes to learn, you can get him a book on his favorite breed, trainer, sport, or about a famous horse or rider. You can also get him a year's subscription to a horse magazine or newspaper, perfect to read while enjoying his morning coffee.

10. Plan a surprise trail ride or outing – you don't have to buy anything really. Instead, you could plan a trail ride or take your dad out to his favorite spot to do some riding, just the two of you. You can pack a lunch and spend some quality time.

No matter what gift you decide on, there are so many great options to find for your equestrian dad this Father's Day!



What Your Horse's Tail Behavior is Telling You

By The VHN Writing Team



Becoming a horse person means learning the ability to read your horse's body language and silent cues.

Since they cannot speak to us with words or in a language we can readily understand, it is vital that we strive to decode their subtle signs and body movements in an effort to monitor their condition and overall health status.

There are all kinds of small tells our horses can give to alert us to a problem they are having. The look in their eyes and how they look at us, the position of their ears in regard to our presence and other horses, the height of their head throughout the day, and their stance on all four feet can all explain our horses thinking and feeling.

Signs can come from even the more unexpected areas of our horses bodies, like their tails.

While a horse's tail height and carriage can depend on their specific breed, the way your horse uses his tail can tell you a lot more than you may realize.

If your horse has a large decrease in tail movement from one day to the next, particularly while working under saddle, this could signal a painful issue. A good way to double check is to catch your horse while he is pooping, as he will typically have to move his tail to one side or up to do so.

If he seems unwilling to move his tail enough to go to the bathroom, and actually lets his tail get dirty from his excrement, something definitely isn't right.

This could point to anything from needing a professional chiropractic adjustment, a fracture to a bone or tail trauma, trauma farther up the spine and in the horse's back, a surface injury like a cut, sore, or skin irritation, or even a gut problem/ anal problem.

There's also the opposite behavior to no tail movement, extreme tail swishing. Some horses are more naturally inclined to swish their tails while working and moving. They might be thinking or just naturally in a mood.

In any case, this behavior should be evaluated, as tail swishing can be an indicator of pain and straining muscles.

Be sure to check your horse's saddle fit and even palpate carefully around his spine and muscles connecting to his back end to see how he responds. Be sure to position yourself carefully in case you press in an extra irritated area.

Try walking your horse in the saddle and out of the saddle and even turn him loose to watch how his tail works without you on him. This can help you pinpoint tack problems or something deeper. There could be an organ issue, say ulcers or other more internal problems that are presenting as tail swishing.

If your horse seems to be suffering from tail pain or irritation, the physical appearance of his tail can reveal a lot outside of how it moves.

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A horse with a healthy tail will have full hair growth all the way up to the top or base of the tail. The hair should be strong and shiny, with no bald spots and obvious skin issues. If there are spots without hair, broken hair, dead skin, and even some redness or swelling, this could be a sign that your horse has been rubbing and itching his tail.

Tail rubbing can be the result of dry skin, vitamin deficiency, skin allergies, parasites, or medication side effects. It can also be an expression of internal pain.

If there are visible signs of trauma, like a cyst or wound, be sure to treat it promptly, particularly if it is located on the underside of the tail where rubbing and fecal matter are unavoidable. A wound that repeatedly gets exposed to your horses poop is a recipe for infection, even a serious one if left untreated.

There's also the chance of more serious disorders, like cancer presenting around the tail.

If there is any strange tail behavior from your horse, first evaluate his condition yourself, and be extra thorough. If you don't find anything wrong, don't assume there's nothing to worry about. Unexplained pain or annoyance can simply be a prelude to a full blown condition. It could be the very first sign before your horse becomes fully sick.

If you find the cause of the swishing, treat by yourself if possible. And ultimately, the eyes and advice of a veterinarian will be the most beneficial for decoding your horse's behavior. Something that looks normal to you or like something that's easily treated topically may not actually be that easy to treat.

Be sure to mention any new behavior, tack, supplements, or changes in your horse's daily routine to your vet as you might be surprised what small things can present as the trigger for our horse's behavior.

Reading our horse's behavior and small clues in body language isn't an easy task, but with practice, you'll be able to learn your horse's language quicker than you'd expect.

Horse Grazing Muzzles

By The VHN Writing Team



For a non-horse person, passing by a grassy field and seeing a horse with a muzzle over its nose might seem strange. They probably wonder how the horse is able to breathe, eat, and drink with that thing on their face.

Luckily for us horse savvy people, we understand that a grazing muzzle can sometimes be a necessity, especially in a fresh, giant pasture full of lush green grass.

A horse grazing muzzle is meant to limit food intake while grazing, meaning as a horse picks away at the grass, he'll have to work harder to eat and naturally won't consume as much material in comparison to not having one on.

Some horse owners might wonder if their horse needs a grazing muzzle. There are a few reasons why you might want to invest in one.

First, if your horse is regularly turned out to pasture, especially for longer periods of time. Second, if your horse has a history of being a piggy and absolutely gorging himself, particularly on sweet grass. Third, if your horse's breed is prone to complications, like insulin intolerance, laminitis, or quick fat gain.

These are a few reasons why you might think of getting a grazing muzzle for your horse. Some horses are used to eating at pasture for half a day in comparison to those horses that are turned out to pasture simply as a treat or time of relaxation.

If your horse gets onto the grass and starts to eat like his life depends on it, it might be a good idea to try and limit his overeating. This is especially true if your horse currently has a health complication related to sugar or increased fat storage, like laminitis. Or, if your horse has had issues with weight and health problems in the past.

Some breeds are naturally prone to easy fat storage. They're natural biology allows them to accumulate extra fat in a small span of time. But this would be ideal in conditions where food is scarce, like in the wild or drier climates.


Without that ready to eat pasture grass, his fat accumulation would be a good thing, a survival tactic. But when you are giving your horse more than adequate food, this quick accumulation of fat can be a very bad thing.

Grazing muzzles can be thought of as a portable slow feeder. Many horse owners enjoy slow feeders as it gives their horse the sense of being able to graze and pick away at food over a longer period of time without allowing them to gobble down masses of forage. The muzzle works similarly in that your horse can enjoy his pasture grazing without over doing it.

If you decide that a grazing muzzle would be beneficial or healthy for your horse, it's a good idea to get the opinion of your vet. A grazing muzzle is meant to be worn routinely, so your horse develops a good eating relationship with the device.


If your horse is deprived of too much caloric intake, it can be detrimental. So, seeking the advice of your vet can help you truly deduce if a muzzle is needed as well as just how much pasture time your horse should be getting.

Once you've decided to get a muzzle, you should make sure the device fits properly. Just like a bridle or halter that doesn't fit right, a grazing muzzle that doesn't fit how it should can be a safety risk. Follow the two finger rule, so that a gap of two fingers is allowable all the way around your horse's face.



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There are ways to cushion the muzzle so it doesn't rub, and owners should check regularly that the muzzle isn't causing sore spots. If this is the case, a different style or brand new muzzle is needed. A breakaway muzzle is also a very good choice, like a break away halter. So that by some chance your horse gets caught up on a fence or elsewhere, the muzzle will break and let your horse free.

Getting your horse used to a muzzle can be tricky. It's different from a halter in that he's got an entire "basket" if you will on his nose. Breathing will be different, and of course using his mouth. Most horses will not like the muzzle at first. It'll feel like a nuisance and he'll want it off. But with time and patience, he will get used to it. And it's best to use it often, so that he will learn to tolerate it. If you give a break in its use, your horse might revert to trying to get it off again.

It's important to carefully observe your horse when he grazes with a muzzle, so that you can be sure it's working properly, he's comfortable, he can eat like he's meant to, and that there are no other dangers present, like trying to paw it off with a foot or having a fellow horse without a muzzle trying to pull it off.

Obviously your horse will only need this muzzle during pasture season, so once he's no longer going to pasture either for half a day or only a few hours, wearing it won't be necessary. Some owners feel it's alright to use this with regular feeding, but if you truly wish to extend your horse's every day feed, use a slow feeder instead. This way your horse can have some freedom and also drink plenty of water without being encumbered.

What happens if your horse just won't keep the muzzle on?

Well, this will take some investigating. It could be the muzzle doesn't actually fit right. It might hurt your horse or be uncomfortable. It might take a different fit or type of muzzle. Or, your horse will need to be limited in other ways during pasture time.

Not all horses will adjust to a muzzle. It makes sense that the feel of it would go against their natural instincts. But if you just can't get your horse to deal with wearing one, it may not be worth it to keep trying.

If you are taking a horse that has had free grazing and you start muzzling him, naturally, he will lose weight. That's part of the idea and you'll know the muzzle is working. This weight loss should be watched carefully. As it shouldn't be dramatic. A rapid weight loss can have its own health risks. So make sure to take stock of your horse's eating habits, both muzzled and not, and watch his body.

If your horse doesn't have a reduction in weight, he very well might be sneaking grass through the muzzle somehow. A bad fit can be the cause. When the muzzle fits well and there's still no weight loss, it can be chocked up to not being calorie deficient. So your horse is still managing to eat more than he needs, even though it's less than before.

All of your horse's weight goals should come with the inspection of a vet. And your horse's physical health is important, as well as his mental health while wearing such a device. It can improve his behavior or lead to new issues.

If you're thinking of using a grazing muzzle, do your research and figure out the best grazing practices for your individual horse.

The Paso Fino Breed, In My Life and Beyond

By Louis Hall

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In Las Vegas, a town where glitz & glamour is the norm, the gait of a Paso Fino turns heads.

The Paso Fino is a naturally gaited light horse breed dating back to horses imported to the Caribbean from Spain. Pasos are prized for their smooth, natural, four-beat, lateral ambling gait; they are used in many disciplines, but are especially popular for trail riding. In the United States two main groups of horses are popularly called “Paso Fino”: One, also known as the Pure Puerto Rican Paso Fino (PPR), originated in Puerto Rico. The other, often called the Colombian Paso Fino or Colombian Criollo Horse (CCC), developed in Colombia. Though from similar Spanish ancestors, the two groups developed independently of one another in their home nations.

The Paso Fino is also known for its brilliant presence and beautiful appearance. These horses are popular in the show ring, but they’re surefooted and great choices for trail and endurance riding, too. This versatile breed is often a favorite of riders with back pain or other injuries, and with its comfortable gaits, you can ride all day. Many Paso Fino owners say that once you ride this breed, you’ll never want to ride another breed again.

History

The Paso Fino’s history spans more than 500 years. Christopher Columbus brought mares and stallions to the Dominican Republic during his explorations. Those horses included Barb, Spanish Jennet, and Andalusian bloodlines, and the conquistadors rode them as they explored Latin America. The Paso Fino’s origins also can be attributed to the Spanish conquistadors, who brought Andalusians, Spanish Barbs from North Africa, Spanish Jennets (now extinct) to the America’s.

The Paso Finos were bred for their stamina, smooth gait, and beauty. Called “Los Caballos de Paso Fino”—the horses with the fine step, they served as the foundation stock for remount stations of the Conquistadors. Centuries of selective breeding by those who colonized the Caribbean and Latin America produced variations of the “Caballo de Criollo,” among them the Paso Fino, which flourished initially in Puerto Rico and Colombia, and later in many other Latin American countries (primarily Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Aruba, and Venezuela). Descendants of the Conquistadors’ horses are believed to have spread into North America after the Spanish soldiers forayed for a brief time into this territory.

Awareness of the Paso Fino as we know it today didn’t spread outside Latin America until after WWII, when American servicemen came into contact with the stunning Paso Fino horse while stationed in Puerto Rico. Americans began importing Paso Finos from Puerto Rico in the mid-1940s.

Two decades later, many Paso Fino horses began to be imported from Colombia. For a while, there was some debate as to which country produced the “true” Paso Fino. Though there are still some self-professed “purists” who advocate for one or the other country, the American Paso Fino—true to our “melting pot” tradition—is often a blend of the best of Puerto Rican and Colombian bloodlines. The registration on my Paso Fino goes back 5 generations but they all seem to be from the United States.

Some of the Characteristics of a Paso Fino

The Paso Fino is a relatively small, fine built, kind and gentle horse. A Paso Fino’s peaceful temperament makes it an excellent show horse, and good for saddle riding, too. I find mine to be very loyal and fond of me.

Paso Fino Size

The Paso Fino typically stands between 13.3 and 14.2 hands high, though some horses can be as short as 13 hands or as tall as 15.2 hands. Paso Finos take time to mature, and some horses won’t reach their full height until they’re five years old. My Paso Fino is 13.2 hands. That makes him very easy to mount when on a trail with nothing to stand on. This breed weighs between 700 and 1,000 pounds. Mine weighs 765 pounds.

He seems to be powerful for his size. He has a convex head, clean legs and a relatively short back with prominent withers. The cannon bones tend to be short and the hooves are hard. Mine always wears shoes, though. The Paso Fino often has a thick mane and tail. They are found in all horse colors and there are no restrictions by the various breed associations. I’ve never seen one but I understand the Puerto Rican Paso Fino is the only breed in which tiger eye was found, which usually lightens the eyes to an eye catching amber, yellow, or bright orange color.

The action of the two types of Pasos is somewhat different. The Puerto Rican Paso Fino is admired for its fine or delicate step, while the Colombian Paso Fino tends to have more of an up and down rapid, piston-like action.

Paso Finos are energetic and have a natural drive and willingness. This is known informally as “brio”, and generally a friendly disposition. Paso Finos come in a variety of colors, sizes and body types. Mine is chestnut. But all real Paso Finos have the even four-beat gait.

So how much weight can a Paso Fino carry?

Paso Finos can easily carry a rider that weighs 25% of its body weight. Compared to most horse breeds that shouldn’t carry any more than 20% of their body weight.

Unique Characteristics of the Paso Fino is the gait.

The Paso Fino gait is performed at three forward speeds and with varying degrees of collection. This four beat gait is a most distinctive trait. In all speeds of the gait, the rider should appear virtually motionless in the saddle, and there should be no perceptible up and down motion of the horse’s croup. This gait is incredibly smooth for the rider, since the horse keeps a foot on the ground at all times. Unlike the trot, which creates lots of vertical motion, the Paso Fino’s shoulders only move slightly vertically. The result is a rhythmic gait that riders can comfortably sit for long distances. There’s no requirement to post. Except my trainer has me post every once in a while for practice.



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Paso Finos perform this gait in three speeds, they are the

- Classic Fino: A collected gait where the horse steps quickly but almost seems to prance in place
- Paso Corto: A medium gait with the speed of a trot, perfect for long distances, and the
- Paso Largo: The fastest gait, allowing the horse to cover significant ground quickly.

My Paso Fino tends to like to stay in the Paso Corto. This gait is natural to Paso Finos, and they are able to perform it from birth. It's been said that the Paso Fino is known as "the smoothest riding horse in the world." Paso Finos can also perform other gaits that are natural to horses, including a walk or canter.

As you might expect, training Paso Finos comes with its own set of approaches. A strong foundation in classical training is important for any horse, and Pasos need that training, too. The natural gait requires good flexibility, so you will often see trainers stretching to keep them supple. I usually just lunge mine to warm him up. Pasos have up to three feet off the ground at any given time, with no upward suspension in the gait, allowing you to enjoy the smoothest ride around.

What also makes a Paso Fino different is that they are highly sensitive, intelligent, and willing. Where you might have to train and retrain some horses repeatedly, Paso Finos often learn things on the first try. They are also very responsive, so a light touch will work better and they respond quickly to commands.



Diet and Nutrition

Paso Finos generally don't have any special dietary needs. They often thrive off of a diet in which they consume between 2 and 2.5 percent of their body weight in forage daily. A combination of hay and pasture is often suitable. There are advantages to being a smaller horse. One is that he only eats a bail of hay a week. I give mine Timothy hay. I also give him a balancer supplement. For the first week of the month I give him psyllium because we live in a desert.

Common Health and Behavior Problems

My Paso Fino tends to be healthy all the time, But I understand that they are prone to degenerative suspensory ligament desmitis (DSLSD). This condition often affects the hind legs and can emerge later on in a horse's life. When a Paso Fino has DSLSD, the suspensory ligaments degenerate and the fetlock sinks toward the ground. Horses diagnosed with DSLSD have to be retired from riding and suffer progressive degrees of lameness. There is no cure for this condition and affected horses often have to be eventually euthanized because of the pain this condition can create. Mine is 21 years old and doesn't have this condition.

Grooming

With long, thick manes and tails and beautiful coats, Paso Finos benefit from regular, attentive grooming. Paying regular attention to mane and tail conditioning and grooming can help to minimize hair tangles and breakage. I've heard that many owners allow their horses' manes to grow long, so braiding the manes and tails is popular. I don't care to do that. I just brush mine down, and brush his main and tail. During the warmer months I put fly spray on him.

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Uses

I've ridden my Paso Fino on the pony express several times. We seem to get selected to ride the rockiest, muddiest steepest terrain because we seem to do it successfully. The section we ride goes from Ivapah, UT to The Ruby Mountains. It's a relay that goes 24 hours, 150 miles at an 8 minutes pace.

For trail riding I have a maps of the horse trails in the Spring Mountain Wilderness Area and the Red Rock NCA. We have ridden most of the trails several times. We've also ridden the Lake Mead Recreation Area and the Valley of Fire State Park (Below).



Are Paso Fino horses good for beginners? If you have a good trainer you could probable learn to ride on any horse. My Paso Fino was my first horse and I learned to ride on him. His gait is smooth, so I would think they were good for riders who have back pain or other injuries that make riding non-gaited breeds difficult or uncomfortable.

Paso Finos are consummate show-ring competitors, but they also participate in a wide variety of sports outside the ring, from trail riding to jousting! We also do mounted archery (Left) and Cowboy Mounted Shooting. My Paso and I also perform Civil War Reenacting (Below).



Some of the Pros are:

- Gaited and smooth riding
- Common and relatively affordable
- Very surefooted
- Versatile

Some of the Cons are:

- Susceptible to DSLSD
- Can be quite forward
- Can be too small for larger adults

If I ever get another horse it will most likely be another Paso Fino.

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Things That Keep Your Horse Cool During the Summer Heat

by The VHN Writing Team



The term “record breaking” when it comes to heat is a pretty terrifying term. Summer can be a brutal season, and for our horses that remain outside 24/7, rising temperatures can come with serious hazards. Everything from puffing, to mineral loss, and even a cease in sweating. While your horse will have to deal with the heat until Summer says its goodbyes, there are things that you can do to make the time being more comfortable.

1. Be smart about your workouts. Avoid the hottest parts of the day. Before the sun is fully up and well after it has gone down will be the mildest parts of the day.
2. Do not make the mistake of thinking that cloudy/ humid days are somehow cooler. Humidity can actually raise the heat index considerably, make it feel hotter and causing your horse to take longer to cool down from riding.
3. Utilize water after intense workouts. It does not have to be a full on bath, but rinsing your horse down with water will cool his system down quicker and it will get any accumulated sweat off of him.
4. Keep his water buckets topped off, and have a spare bucket and extra water ready in case of a malfunction with automatic waterers. The water in your horse's bucket will continue to warm up as it sits through the day, and let's face it, our horses don't like hot water any more than we do when we're thirsty. So topping off your horse's water bucket a couple times a day will keep it fresh, especially if he is drinking regularly.
5. If your horse is overheated or puffing and rinsing him off doesn't seem to help, try using a different method. Take some large cheap towels and get them wet. Ring them out so they're not dripping but still fairly full of water and place them in a container with ice. A large cooler is best. Let them sit for a bit and you can even top them off with cold water over the top of them. When you're at the barn, take the towels and drape them over your horses body. It'll be a little shocking because they will be fairly cold from the ice, but they can stay on his body like a barrier from the heat. It'll give his system a break from having to work so hard.
6. Get a kiddie pool. If your horse is on the braver side, you can get a cheap kiddie pool to fill with water and let him play in it. The pool and water might not last long depending on how exuberant your horse is about playing, but it will give him something to do that cools him down for a little while.
7. Make sure your horse has a source of shade throughout the day. You'd be surprised just how much your horse will benefit from constant shade while the sun is beating down over head. This will also reduce the risk of sunburn.
8. Misters are another great way of keeping your barn and stalls cool while the sun does its baking. The light mist will keep the heat and the flies off of your horse and they are fairly easy to install and keep maintained.
9. Fans. It might not feel like fans make much of a difference, but if you've ever been sweating and then felt a breeze, you'll actually feel like you're being cooled down. The moving air cools the water or sweat on your skin just like it does for a horse. Having fans by your horse can keep air circulating if the day is stagnant.
10. Electrolytes. By giving your horse these minerals, you are keeping his body primed to sweat and sweating is his body's way of cooling down naturally. If your horse is lacking in the minerals that keep him sweating, his body is going to have a harder time.



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By Anna Dunstone

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The United Horse Coalition is a broad alliance of equine organizations that have joined together under the American Horse Council to educate the horse industry about the issues facing horses At-Risk, or in transition. UHC seeks to provide information for existing and prospective owners, breeders, sellers, and horse organizations regarding the long-term responsibilities of owning and caring for horses, as well as focusing on the opportunities available for these horses.

“Our biggest impact in creating change for at-risk horses starts at the source, and that’s through teaching horse owners how to be responsible for the horses in their care. UHC strives to give owners the resources and tools they need to make responsible decisions on behalf of their horse.” Says UHC Director Ashley Harkins.

AHC & AHC President Julie Broadway stated “Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to provide support to the UHC Resource Database which offers horse owners in need access to essentials like hay banks, feed coupons, vet care, gelding clinics, and other support. “

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The Journey of an Equestrian Parent

By The VHN Writing Team

The horse world is a very large and interconnected community of people. For those of us that did not grow up in it, we probably didn’t realize just how big it was and how much it encompassed until we became a part of it.

Because it has gotten so big and so popular as the years have gone on, we are constantly seeing new faces and new horse enthusiasts. Some of them are adults just getting into the sport, either young adults or even those that have retired and wanted to find something to do that they love. Some of them are children, just first falling in love with everything horse and getting in the saddle.

We know what the perspective of being a horse person is like, as that’s what we are. But there are more perspectives than just this one. Now that so many children are discovering the equestrian world, there are plenty of equestrian parents embarking on the journey.

Being an equestrian parent is its own wild ride. There are so many elements to being the mother or father of an equestrian child and watching that child find their feet in the sport.

If you are an equestrian parent, here are some milestones you will hit sooner or later.

Your child has finally found that thing, that niche that they absolutely adore. They are ecstatic to eat, sleep, and breathe horses, and the happiness is palpable, which means you get to feel that same enthusiasm as they grow in their horse journey. There’s the pride and bliss of seeing your child do all of the firsts. The first ride solo, the first trot, the first canter, the first jump, the first barrel. The big firsts are included too, like their first competition, their first ribbon, their first trophy. All of the firsts that have them smiling and dancing.

There’s that crazy feeling of seeing your child competing at an event and gritting your teeth and clenching your fists till your knuckles turn white as you root for them from the gate. In fact, this must be what those soccer moms and dads feel as they go crazy rooting for their kid, because that’s all you want to do. Smile and scream and tell people, “That’s my kid!”

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About the American Horse Council

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The AHC is member-supported by individuals and organizations representing virtually every facet of the horse world from owners, breeders, veterinarians, farriers, breed registries and horsemen’s associations to horse shows, race tracks, rodeos, commercial suppliers and state horse councils.

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There’s also that moment where you can see your child growing into their own and watching their confidence emerge. They’re not only riding their horse but they are owning the moment. They know what they’re doing and they know they’ve got this. Their compassion for animals also grows.

Even with all of the happy moments, comes the moments of a little sadness and a little pain. Like the first time your child falls off the horse. Seeing them hit the ground is a totally new world of fear that you didn’t realize existed. You’ve probably never run faster or asked, “Are you okay?!” so many times in your life.

Maybe there were a few tears and some new fears from the fall, some reluctance to get back up in the saddle. Maybe there was just a little dirt to dust off and back at it they went. All you know is that you’re happy they’re alright and you know they have to get back in that saddle, because that’s just what you do, you keep going and you end on a good note.

There’s also the uncertainty of watching your child become frustrated. They might not be able to get the right lead, they can’t get around that pole or barrel quite right, they keep clipping the jump. Whatever it is, they’re frustrated and ready to quit.

And even though a small part of you wants to give in just to give them some relief from the exasperation and struggle, you know you can’t let them. You have to teach them to keep trying and to not let it get them down.

There’s even the bittersweet feeling of seeing how busy and dedicated your child is to this new sport and perhaps that means a little less mom or dad time and a little more horse time instead. You miss it but you know this is what they want and that’s how it’s going to be.

Not every equestrian parent enters the scene with experience either. Many don’t know a thing about horses or are very limited in their initial knowledge, so there’s the moment of feeling a little inadequate or out of your element.

For every struggle, there’s a moment of complete happiness. For every scrape, there’s a lesson learned. For every frustration, there’s a point of victory. Are you an equestrian parent? What are some of the most memorable moments you’ve experienced on your journey?

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12	13 APACHE LAND APPALOOSA CLUB Meeting 7:00pm, Horse- shoe Restaurant, Benson AZ; Contact Fred @ 520-384-5332	14 NSHA GENERAL MEETING 7pm Olive Garden - 1361 S. Decatur Blvd. 702-645-2988 POSS GENERAL MEETING 7pm @ SHOWPOSS.VPWEB.COM for time and place Pahrump 775-727-9576	15 WCBRA BARREL RACE 6 pm Hurricane, UT Washington County Regional Park	16	17	18
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Farm Animal Adoptions

EXAMPLE:



EXAMPLE ENTRY:

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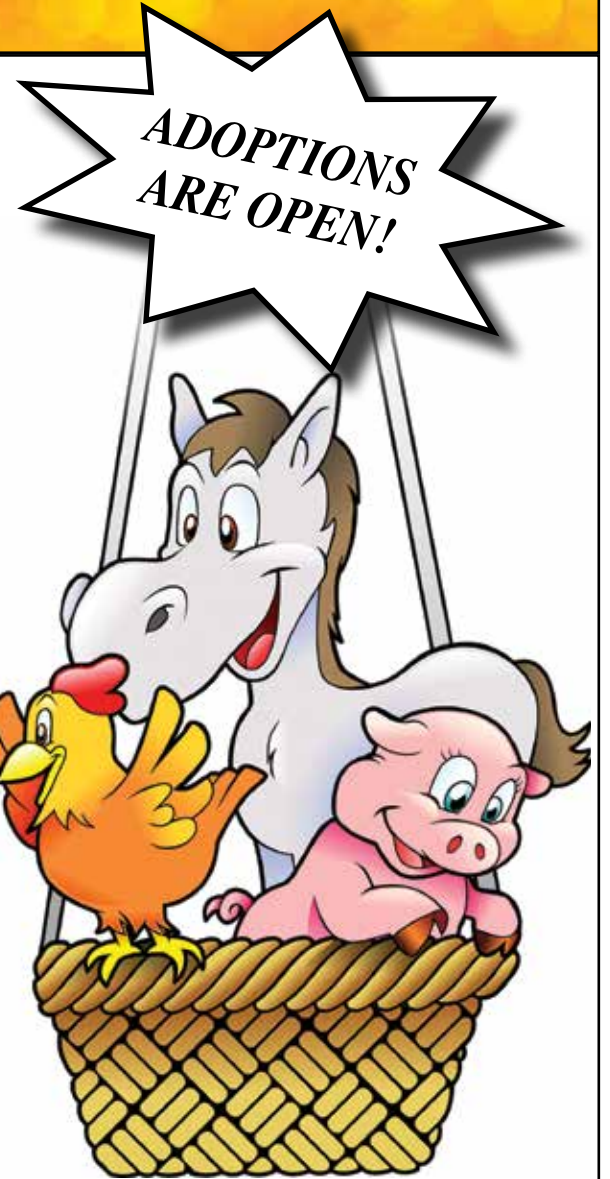
All you have to do:

Is provide a photo of the animal/ animals. Give a short description explaining why they are such a great candidate for a new home. And lastly, provide the best contact information for those that are interested. Your photo, description, and contact will go here for everyone to see and hopefully will make it to the perfect new home.

Example to the left.

Open to all: Horses, Donkeys, Mules, Miniature Horses, Cattle, Piggies, Goats, Sheep, Chickens, Ducks, Geese, Farm Fowl, Rabbits, Alpaca, and Llamas!

Any farm animal in need has a place in this section for as long as they need it!



Welcome all rescues, sanctuaries, and non-profits!

Now is the chance to give farm animals in need of adopting and fostering an extra spotlight - **on the house**.

Valley Horse News will now have an adoptions section solely for farm animals at shelters and organizations that need to find a loving, forever home. On this page, every month, you will find photos and information about wonderful animals that could be the perfect addition to your home or farm. You will also find the organization that they come from and how you can get in contact.

This section will remain in the paper *indefinitely*.

As long as there is an animal that needs it, it will be open for listings. With COVID on the decline many animals are in need of new homes, so here will be the space to feature them.

Are you an organization or know of an organization that helps farm animals? Contact now for more information and to be featured on this page every month. Remember, this page is for **adoptions only**.

Animals for sale by owner must be advertised in other sections.

Please spread the word far and wide about this section so we can facilitate as many adoptions as possible. These precious animals need and deserve all the help we can get. It is a personal goal to make this section explode every single month! A home for every animal that comes on this page is not only a worthwhile but completely possible goal.

Just imagine what could be done by this time next year. So let's make it happen!

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