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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH:

**Happy St. Patrick's Day
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Does Springing Forward Affect Horses?

By The VHN Writing Team



Many of us are still adjusting to the annoying time change where we spring forward an hour. A lot of people prefer this time of year because the jump in time means we have extra daylight. At the same time, we often feel a bit of a lag due to the loss of an extra hour's sleep or time to do things. In general, our routine can be thrown off quite a bit by this back and forth adjustment.

It also signals the end of winter and warm up of the spring season. A few states are thinking of making the extra hour permanent, so that when fall comes, the time won't change.

Whether you mind the change in time or not, some of us may wonder if this extra hour affects our horses. Is it healthy for them?

It's hard to say if the change of an hour is healthy or not for our equines. But our horses are no exception to the difficult adjustment.

Our horses, much like us, are creatures of routine. You probably feed your horses at about the same time every day. There are even horses that need to be fed at the same time each day because of medications or a health condition. There's definitely not a horse in existence that is willing to wait for their supper either.

Because our horses live outside, they are especially attuned to daylight levels. The amount of daylight that animals are exposed to is known as the "photoperiod." This amount of daylight is important to an animal's natural body clock or how their body's processes are timed. This clock also helps animals sense the changing of the seasons often before telltale weather comes.

The part of the brain known as the pineal gland is responsible for detecting this photoperiod and also has the job of releasing melatonin. As daylight decreases, melatonin is released to naturally make horses sleepy. We secrete the same hormone.

This hormone regulates sleep patterns and many other natural processes in horses just as it does for our own bodies. If you've ever had trouble sleeping, your doctor may have prescribed supplemental melatonin from the drug store.

By changing the time and altering our horses' routines, we are shifting their perception of daylight and when they eat in correlation to when they feel sleepy and sense the seasons.

An hour may not seem like that big of a deal, but when our horse's bodies are set to detect such things, it can have ill effects on how they function. Sure, our horses get used to the change, but it's important to recognize that we are asking our horses to constantly change their own natural instincts as we adjust ourselves to an extra hour or one hour less.

Have you ever noticed your horse being affected by daylight savings?

Would you be for getting rid of the time change?

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Managing Destructive Behaviors in Your Equine

By The VHN Writing Team



Horses, beautiful and fascinating creatures that they are, can sometimes exhibit fairly destructive behavior that leaves owners frustrated and puzzled. Whether it's kicking, biting, cribbing, or stall walking, these behaviors can be challenging to manage and potentially dangerous for both the horse and its handlers.

However, dealing with a destructive horse requires patience, understanding, and a proactive approach to address the root causes behind the behavior.

Understanding the Causes

Before attempting to address destructive behavior in horses, it's essential to understand why they engage in such actions. Horses, like humans, can display destructive tendencies due to various reasons, including:

- **Boredom and Lack of Stimulation:** Horses are naturally active animals that thrive on mental and physical stimulation. When confined to a stall or paddock for extended periods without adequate exercise or interaction, they may resort to destructive behaviors as a means of relieving boredom.

- **Physical Discomfort or Pain:** Underlying physical discomfort or pain can also trigger destructive behavior in horses. Issues such as dental problems, ill-fitting tack, or musculoskeletal pain can cause a horse to act out in frustration or discomfort.

- **Social Isolation:** Horses are inherently social animals that rely on herd dynamics for security and companionship. When kept in isolation or separated from other horses, they may exhibit stress-induced behaviors, including destructive tendencies.

- **Stress and Anxiety:** Changes in routine, environmental factors, or training methods can induce stress and anxiety in horses, leading to destructive behavior as a coping mechanism.

Strategies for Managing Destructive Behavior

Addressing destructive behavior in horses requires a multifaceted approach that focuses on addressing the underlying causes while implementing management strategies to prevent further damage. Here are some effective strategies:

- **Provide Adequate Exercise and Mental Stimulation:** Regular turnout in a spacious paddock or pasture allows horses to engage in natural behaviors such as grazing, socializing, and movement. Incorporating mental stimulation through enrichment activities like treat balls, puzzle feeders, or trail rides can help alleviate boredom and reduce destructive tendencies.

- **Evaluate Physical Health:** Consult with a veterinarian or equine specialist to rule out any underlying health issues that may be contributing to the horse's behavior. Addressing dental problems, saddle fit issues, or musculoskeletal discomfort can significantly improve the horse's overall well-being and behavior.

- **Enrich the Environment:** Create a stimulating and horse-friendly environment by incorporating features such as varied terrain, shelter, and companionship. Introducing equine companions can help alleviate social isolation and provide emotional support for the horse.

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- **Implement Consistent Training and Handling Techniques:** Consistent and positive reinforcement-based training methods can help establish boundaries and promote desirable behaviors in horses. Avoid punitive measures or harsh training techniques, as they can exacerbate stress and escalate destructive behavior.

- **Utilize Behavioral Modification Techniques:** Employ behavior modification techniques such as desensitization, counterconditioning, and positive reinforcement to address specific destructive behaviors. Gradual exposure to triggers and rewarding alternative behaviors can help reshape the horse's responses in a positive manner.

- **Maintain a Structured Routine:** Establishing a predictable daily routine can help reduce stress and anxiety in horses by providing a sense of security and stability. Consistent feeding times, exercise schedules, and handling practices contribute to a harmonious environment conducive to good behavior.

- **Implement Environmental Management Strategies:** Minimize opportunities for destructive behavior by removing potential hazards from the horse's environment, such as loose objects, toxic plants, or inadequate fencing. Implementing stall toys, boredom busters, or hay nets can help redirect the horse's energy towards constructive activities.

When in doubt, consider adapting your horse's surroundings to his needs and even "baby proofing" his areas so that you can have peace of mind. You may even need the help of a trainer, behaviorist, or therapist to get to the root cause of your horse's destructive tendencies if none of the above approaches end up working within enough time.

Dealing with a destructive horse requires patience, empathy, and a proactive approach aimed at addressing the underlying causes while implementing effective management strategies. By understanding the motivations behind the behavior and providing a supportive environment that promotes physical and emotional well-being, horse owners can help their equine companions overcome destructive tendencies and thrive in a harmonious partnership.

Remember, every horse is unique, and finding the right approach may require experimentation and persistence. With dedication and care, even the most destructive behaviors can be effectively managed, fostering a stronger bond between horse and handler.



• Happy Trails Monthly Recipe •

Created by Chef Sharon Hauht

“Easy Bread”

Prep Time: 5 min Cook Time: 30 minutes Servings: 10

Ingredients:

3 cups (450g) flour , bread or plain/all purpose (Note 1)
2 tsp instant or rapid rise yeast (Note 2 for normal / active dry yeast)
2 tsp cooking / kosher salt , NOT table salt (Note 3)
1 1/2 cups (375 ml) very warm tap water , NOT boiling or super hot (ie up to 55°C/130°F) (Note 4)

DOUGH SHAPING:

1 1/2 tbsp flour , for dusting

Directions:

Mix Dough: Mix flour, yeast and salt in a large bowl. Add water, then use the handle of a wooden spoon to mix until all the flour is incorporated. Dough will be wet and sloppy – not kneadable, but not runny like cake batter. Adjust with more water or flour if needed for right consistency (see video at 17 sec, Note 5).

Rise: Cover with cling wrap or plate, leave on counter for 2 – 3 hours until it doubles in volume, it's wobbly like jelly and the top is bubbly (see video at 24 seconds). If after 1 hour it doesn't seem to be rising, move it somewhere warmer (Note 6).

Optional – refrigerate for flavour development (Note 9): At this stage, you can either bake immediately (move onto Step 5) or refrigerate for up to 3 days.

Take chill out of refrigerated dough – if you refrigerated dough per above, leave the bowl on the counter for 45 – 60 minutes while the oven is preheating. Cold dough does not rise as well.

Preheat oven (Note 7) – Put dutch oven in oven with lid on (26cm/10” or larger). Preheat to 230°C/450°F (220° fan) 30 minutes prior to baking. (Note 8 for no dutch oven)

Shape dough: Sprinkle work surface with 1 tbsp flour, scrape dough out of bowl. Sprinkle top with 1/2 tbsp flour.

Using a dough scraper or anything of similar shape (cake server, large knife, spatula), fold the sides inwards (about 6 folds) to roughly form a roundish shape. Don't be too meticulous here – you're about to deform it, it's more about deflating the bubbles in the dough and forming a shape you can move.

Transfer to paper: Slide a large piece of parchment/baking paper (not wax paper) next to the dough, then flip the dough upside down onto the paper (ie seam side down, smooth side up). Slide/push it towards the middle, then reshape it into a round(ish) shape. Don't get too hung up about shape. In fact, lopsided = more ridges = more crunchy bits!

Dough in pot: Remove piping hot dutch oven from oven. Use paper to place dough into pot, place lid on.

Bake 30 minutes covered, then 12 minutes uncovered or until deep golden and crispy.

Cool on rack for 10 minutes before slicing.

Notes:

Fridge up to 3 days – Rise dough per recipe, then leave in bowl and refrigerate up to 3 days. Flavour gets better with time. Dough will stay bubbly for a day or two, then will deflate – that's fine. Shape into round and place on paper per recipe, then leave for 45 – 60 minutes to take the chill out of it, then bake per recipe. Cold dough won't rise as well.

Cooked bread – great fresh for 2 days, then after that, better warmed or toasted. Keep in an airtight container or ziplock bag. This stays more fresh than usual homemade bread, especially if you use bread flour.

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.

Happy Trails Kitchen (HTK) is registered by the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) as a cottage food operation, which means HTK's food labels have been approved by SNHD, applicable recipes have been lab-tested for shelf stability (pH and water activity), and Sharon Hauht has been approved to bake and decorate cakes out of her home. She can print edible images (logos and Photographs) on your confections. She has her food handler's card for food safety.

You can see pictures of some of her recent projects on her website: www.happytrailskitchen.com. You can contact Sharon through her website or by emailing her at happytrailskitchen@gmail.com or call (702) 277-8000. HTK is also on Facebook and Instagram under HappyTrailsKitchen.



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Spring, A Good Time for Barn Cat Adoption

By The VHN Writing Team



Barn cats are a common sight in many rural areas. These feline friends are a valuable addition to any barn, as they help control rodents and other pests that can damage stored grain and equipment. However, barn cats require a certain level of care and attention to thrive in their environment. If you're thinking of employing a barn cat, here are the benefits of having barn cats, their basic needs, and tips for keeping them healthy and happy.

Benefits of Barn Cats

Barn cats are excellent at controlling rodents and other pests that can ruin stored grain, equipment, and feed. They are natural hunters and will keep the barn and surrounding areas free of mice, rats, and other small animals. In addition to being a natural pest control solution, barn cats can also provide companionship to their human caretakers. Depending on the horse, barn cats can even create company for your equine friends.

Basic Needs of Barn Cats

While barn cats are independent creatures, they still have basic needs that must be met to ensure their health and well-being. Here are some of the essential needs of barn cats:

- 1. Shelter:** Barn cats require shelter from the elements. A dry, warm place to sleep, such as a cat bed or a cozy corner in the barn, is necessary for their comfort. Be sure to prepare for each season so your hard working feline can stay comfortable.
- 2. Food and Water:** Fresh food and water should always be available to barn cats. It is recommended that barn cats be fed a high-quality cat food, as well as given access to clean, fresh water. Many owners believe that they will have plenty to eat with the pests around, but a few mice a day won't be enough if your cat does his job well and eliminates them.
- 3. Litter Box:** Barn cats should have access to a litter box, which should be cleaned daily to maintain proper hygiene. By providing a litter box you're also less likely to find an unwelcome present in your barn or aisleway.
- 4. Veterinary Care:** Barn cats should receive regular veterinary care, including vaccinations and wellness exams. This helps ensure that they remain healthy and free from disease. A healthy cat will also live much longer, providing you with pest control and companionship for many years to come.

Tips for Keeping Barn Cats Healthy and Happy

- 1. Spay and Neuter:** Spaying and neutering barn cats is an important step in preventing overpopulation. This also helps reduce the risk of certain diseases and behaviors, such as spraying or marking territory.
- 2. Regular Feeding:** Barn cats should be fed at regular intervals, and their food should be kept in a secure location to prevent other animals from stealing it.
- 3. Provide Entertainment:** Barn cats can become bored without stimulation, so providing toys and climbing structures can help keep them entertained and active.

4. Protect from Predators: Barn cats are vulnerable to predators such as coyotes, foxes, and owls. To protect them from harm, consider installing a predator-proof enclosure or providing a secure indoor area for them to retreat to.

5. Keep up with Veterinary Care: Regular veterinary care is essential for maintaining the health and well-being of barn cats. Be sure to keep up with vaccinations, wellness exams, and any necessary medical treatments. And keep an eye out for sickness in your barn cat.

Barn cats are a valuable addition to any barn or horse property. By providing them with basic care, including shelter, food and water, litter box access, and veterinary care, as well as attention to their mental and physical needs, you can help ensure that they remain healthy and happy.

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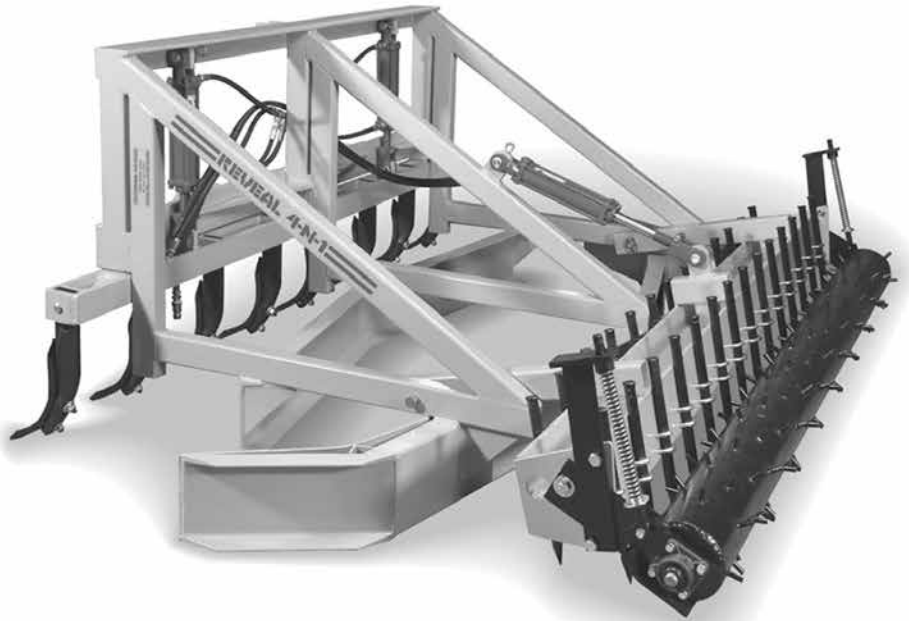
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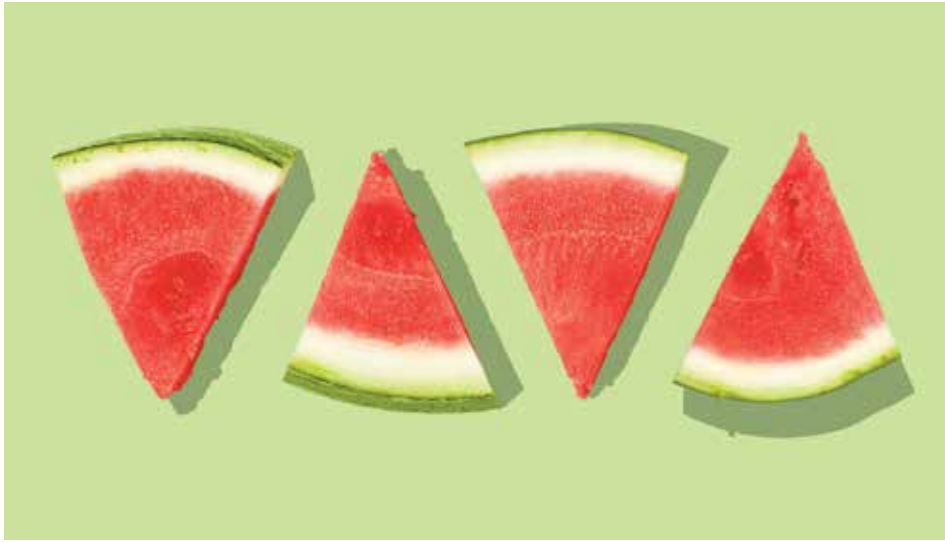
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Healthy Spring Treats - Safe Fruits and Veggies for Horses

By The VHN Writing Team



Our horses come with some unique dietary needs. While their primary diet consists of grass, hay, and grains, many horse owners wonder about incorporating fruits into their equine companion's diet.

Fruits can offer a tasty and nutritious addition to a horse's diet when given in moderation. They make excellent sources of certain vitamins, fiber, and even hydration. They're also a great alternative to traditional grain treats. However, not all fruits are safe for horses to consume. Let's explore some safe fruits that horses can enjoy as occasional treats.

Apples:

Apples are perhaps one of the most popular treats for horses, and for good reason. They are rich in vitamins, particularly vitamin C, and fiber, making them a nutritious snack option. Most horses enjoy the sweet and crunchy texture of apples, which can be fed whole or sliced into smaller pieces.

However, it's best to remove the seeds and core, as they can contain small amounts of cyanide, which can be harmful to horses in large quantities.

Carrots:

Carrots are another favorite treat among horses and are packed with beta-carotene, which is converted into vitamin A in the body. Vitamin A plays a crucial role in maintaining healthy vision, immune function, and skin health in horses. Carrots are low in calories and high in fiber, making them an excellent option for overweight horses or those on restricted diets. They can be fed raw or cooked and are generally well-tolerated by most horses.

Bananas:

Bananas are a tasty and nutritious treat that many horses enjoy. They are rich in potassium, which helps regulate electrolyte balance and muscle function in horses. Bananas also contain vitamins B6 and C, as well as fiber, making them a healthy snack option. It's best to feed bananas in moderation, as they are high in sugar compared to other fruits.

Remove the peel and cut the banana into smaller pieces to prevent choking hazards and make them easier to chew.

Watermelon:

Watermelon is a refreshing spring and summertime treat that can be offered to horses in moderation. It is hydrating and low in calories, making it an excellent option for horses in hot weather. Watermelon is rich in vitamins A and C, as well as antioxidants such as lycopene, which helps protect cells from damage.

You can remove the seeds or by seedless watermelon and remove the rind before feeding watermelon to horses, as they can be difficult to digest.

Peaches:

Peaches are a sweet and juicy fruit that horses can enjoy as an occasional treat. They are rich in vitamins A and C, as well as dietary fiber, which supports digestive health in horses. Peaches should be fed in moderation, as they contain natural sugars that can contribute to weight gain and metabolic issues in some horses.

Always remove the pit before feeding peaches to horses, as it contains cyanide, which is toxic to horses.

Pear:

Pears are another safe fruit option for horses when fed in moderation.

They are rich in vitamins A and C, as well as dietary fiber, which promotes digestive health and regularity. Pears should be fed ripe and cut into small, bite-sized pieces to prevent choking hazards.

Remove the seeds and core before offering pears to horses, as they are another fruit that contain small amounts of cyanide, which can be harmful in large quantities.

Other fruits and veggies you can try with your horse are: cucumber, turnip, celery, beetroot, apricot, grapes, strawberries, raspberries, plum, oranges, and more!

Once you know which ones your horse enjoys the most, you can buy your produce in bulk. You can even check for specials at your grocery store or look for produce that is getting old and see if the store will sell it to you at a discount. If you get fruit close to its expiration, be sure to use it as soon as possible and freeze your produce if possible to extend how long it lasts.

While these fruits are generally safe for horses to consume as occasional treats, it's essential to introduce them gradually and monitor your horse's reaction. Some horses may have sensitivities or allergies to certain fruits, so it's best to start with small amounts and observe for any adverse reactions.

Additionally, fruits should never replace essential components of a horse's diet, such as hay and grains. When offered in moderation, safe fruits can add variety and enrichment to a horse's diet while providing essential nutrients and hydration.



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Keeping Dark Horse Coats Vibrant: Strategies to Prevent Sun Bleaching

By The VHN Writing Team



Dark horse coats, with their rich hues and deep tones, exude elegance and beauty. But maintaining the vibrancy of a beautiful dark coat can be challenging, especially when exposed to the sun's powerful rays.

Sun bleaching, a common phenomenon among dark-coated horses, can lead to a dull, faded appearance over time. It can leave your dark beauty looking blotchy and even a completely different color depending on how extreme it is.

Fortunately, there are several proactive measures that horse owners can take to prevent sun bleaching and keep their horse's coat looking its best. In this article, we'll explore effective strategies for preserving the richness of dark horse coats.

Understanding Sun Bleaching

Sun bleaching occurs when the ultraviolet (UV) rays from the sun break down the pigment molecules in the horse's hair, resulting in a loss of color intensity and vibrancy.

Humans can also experience this. For fair haired individuals, their hair can become even lighter. For darker haired individuals, their hair can go from a black or very dark brown to a deep caramel color. Dark-coated horses, particularly those with black, bay, or seal brown coats, are more susceptible to sun bleaching due to the higher concentration of pigment in their hair.

Provide Adequate Shelter

One of the most effective ways to prevent sun bleaching in dark horse coats is to provide ample shelter from direct sunlight. Access to shaded areas such as barns, run-in sheds, or tree cover allows horses to seek refuge during peak sun exposure times, typically in the middle of the day. Providing shelter also helps protect horses from excessive heat and UV radiation, reducing the risk of sun-related damage to their coat and skin.

A horse that ends up standing in direct sunlight for the majority of the day is extremely susceptible to coat bleaching, among other things such as sunburn and dehydration. This can be a bit tricky for those horses that enjoy a nice warm lay in the sun, especially as the weather first starts to become temperate.

Use UV-Protective Sheets and Fly Masks

UV-protective sheets and fly masks offer an additional layer of defense against sun bleaching and UV damage. Look for horse blankets and sheets specifically designed with UV-blocking properties to shield your horse's coat from harmful UV rays. Similarly, equine fly masks with UV protection help protect sensitive areas such as the face, ears, and muzzle from sunburn and bleaching. Make sure to adjust for sheets that allow for ventilation as the weather turns hot.

Apply Sunscreen for Horses

Just like humans, horses can benefit from the application of sunscreen to protect their skin and coat from sun damage. Choose a horse-safe sunscreen formulated specifically for equine use and apply it to areas of the horse's body that are most susceptible to sunburn and bleaching, such as the muzzle, face, ears, and white markings. Reapply sunscreen as needed, especially after sweating or prolonged sun exposure.

Implement Turnout Schedule:

Strategic management of turnout schedules can help minimize sun exposure and reduce the risk of sun bleaching in dark horse coats. Consider turning out horses during early morning or late afternoon hours when UV radiation levels are lower, and temperatures are cooler.

Limit turnout during peak sun exposure times, typically between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and provide access to shaded areas or shelter during turnout periods.

Use Fly Sheets and Masks

In addition to providing UV protection, lightweight fly sheets and fly masks offer additional benefits for dark-coated horses by shielding their coats from sun exposure and minimizing insect bites and irritation. Opt for breathable, lightweight materials that provide coverage without causing overheating or discomfort, especially during warmer months.

Maintain Proper Nutrition

A balanced diet rich in essential nutrients, vitamins, and minerals is vital for maintaining the health and integrity of a horse's coat. Proper nutrition supports healthy skin and hair growth, which can help minimize the effects of sun bleaching. Consult with a veterinarian or equine nutritionist to develop a customized feeding plan tailored to your horse's individual needs and dietary requirements.

It may take some time to see the effects of an adjusted diet with your own eyes, but with patience you'll be able to see the improvement in your horse's coat and how much better it can withstand the sun's rays and other forms of environmental damage.

Regular Grooming and Conditioning

Regular grooming and conditioning help keep dark horse coats healthy, shiny, and resistant to sun damage. Use high-quality grooming tools and products designed specifically for dark-coated horses to remove dirt, debris, and dead hair from the coat. Additionally, consider using conditioning sprays or detanglers formulated to enhance coat shine and repel dust and dirt.

Consider Coat Color Enhancers

Thankfully, there are plenty of products to help combat this issue. Many horses have difficulty with this problem, in particular show horses and performance horses where bleaching can be very unsightly. Any owners that want to maintain their horse's beautiful colors have the option of using products made specifically for this problem.

Coat color enhancers and conditioners can help restore and maintain the natural richness and depth of dark horse coats. Look for products containing color-enhancing ingredients such as botanical extracts, oils, and proteins that nourish and protect the hair shaft while enhancing coat color and luster.

Preventing sun bleaching in dark horse coats requires a combination of proactive measures, including providing adequate shelter, using UV-protective gear, applying sunscreen, managing turnout schedules, maintaining proper nutrition, regular grooming, and using coat color enhancers. If you live in areas where cloudy or overcast days are few and far between, you will undoubtedly have more work to do to prevent bleaching in your horse's coat.

Before the summer days get here, start a care regimen now that will keep your equine buddy's coat looking lustrous and saturated.

By implementing these strategies consistently, horse owners can help preserve the natural beauty and vibrancy of dark-coated horses year-round, ensuring they look and feel their best despite exposure to the sun's harmful rays.



The Reality of the Dream Beach Ride

By The VHN Writing Team

You would be hard pressed to find a horse enthusiast that hasn't dreamed in one way or another of riding their equine on the beach. The sound of the ocean waves crashing in and out, the fresh air along the water, and you can't beat the look of an ocean sunset.

The imagination can create a very pretty picture of a sunset beach ride when given the chance. Beach rides can be wonderful and exotic experiences, but there are a few things that get left out of our daydreams.

The beach and rolling waves are very, very different to other kinds of riding. The beach and the ocean are not like a lake or river. It's not like riding out in the woods or especially in an arena. It's a very different experience not only for you but your horse.

It sounds different, smells different, tastes different, feels different, and looks different from anything else your horse has been exposed to. The rushing in and out of water around your horse's feet, the sound of crashing waves and splashing water, the feel of waterlogged sand. It's all an intense trip for your animal, so naturally there will be nervousness, even to the point of losing control.

If your day dream included a rented horse this might not apply to you but if it did include your equine, it's important to remember that a first for you is a different kind of first for him and all possible reactions, both positive and negative, should be anticipated.

You should also think about the type of footing your dealing with. Sure in the movies, horseback riding in slow motion looks majestic and easy. In reality, that sand is water soaked and heavy. A horse that isn't used to this footing or that isn't very fit will tire out fairly quickly. Nothing ruins the beach ride bucket list like a horse that tuckers out after only ten minutes of beach time.

There are also a lot of things you can't see. In the water and buried in the sand, there are all kinds of things that could turn your ride into an emergency situation.

Everything from broken glass and plastic, to fishing lines and large pieces of reef or rock can be hidden beneath the sand. If you're riding, particularly galloping along the water's edge, you might not see any of these things waiting in your horse's path. The best thing to do is keep your eyes open and keep them a few paces ahead to watch for obstacles. This also prevents the possibility of sea sickness while riding.

While there are plenty of hazards you can't see, there are also a lot that you can. And if you can see them, so can your horse. The look of waves slipping quickly up the beach towards your horse's feet might appear like something out of a nightmare for him.

All kinds of new colors and shapes, like floaties, towels, beach balls and toys will be on the beach. And not to mention that those movie scenes with horseback riding on the beach seem to always leave out one major thing: people. Beaches are filled with lots and lots of people, depending on where you go. And kids running in and out of the water as well as people walking the same path you are riding can all be too much stimulation for your horse to handle.

You do have the option of a more private beach, but just remember, the trip loses a bit of its peace and serene quality when there's tons of people around you.

If you decide to enter the water with your horse be aware of currents, drop offs, and rip tides as you go. A confused and frightened horse that is both trying to swim and maintain his sense of direction can quickly become overwhelmed. The last thing you need is for him to panic or lose his footing and go under.

As with anything new to your horse, preparation and time to adjust is key to making the trip positive and fun. When in doubt, practice. Practice with water, with sand, with new colors and sounds. Practice with less populated beaches and with someone who has experience. If your horse isn't that big of a fan with water, test it out before hand at a lake or a smaller body of water. Get your equine accustomed and acclimated to a very similar environment before going ahead.

And with a little practice and patience, before you know it, your beach trips with your equine can begin to look like that bucket list daydream you've wanted all along.



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Navigating Insurance Practices for Horse Trailers: What You Need to Know

By The VHN Writing Team



Owning a horse trailer is a significant investment for equestrians, providing a means to transport their beloved equine companions safely and securely from property to property and even state to state.

However, just like any valuable asset, horse trailers require proper protection against unforeseen events such as accidents, theft, or damage. Understanding insurance practices for horse trailers is essential for ensuring peace of mind and financial security. In this article, we'll explore the key considerations and practices regarding insuring horse trailers.

1. The Types of Coverage:

When insuring a horse trailer, there are several types of coverage options that a professional can help you consider:

- **Comprehensive Coverage:** This type of coverage provides protection against a wide range of risks, including theft, vandalism, fire, and damage from natural disasters such as floods or storms.
- **Collision Coverage:** Collision coverage specifically protects against damage resulting from accidents, collisions, or overturning of the trailer while in transit.
- **Liability Coverage:** Liability coverage provides financial protection against third-party claims for bodily injury or property damage resulting from an accident involving your horse trailer.
- **Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Coverage:** This coverage protects you in the event of an accident caused by a driver who lacks sufficient insurance coverage to compensate for damages.

2. Factors Affecting Insurance Premiums:

Several factors can influence the cost of insuring a horse trailer and may influence the type of trailer you get, how it pairs with your vehicle, and how exactly you plan to use it:

- **Value of the Trailer:** The value of the horse trailer plays a significant role in determining insurance premiums. Higher-valued trailers typically require higher premiums to adequately cover potential losses.
- **Type of Trailer:** Different types of trailers, such as bumper pull trailers, gooseneck trailers, or living quarter trailers, may have varying insurance requirements and premiums based on factors such as size, weight, and features.
- **Security Measures:** Installing security features such as locks, alarms, GPS tracking systems, or wheel immobilizers can help reduce the risk of theft and may result in lower insurance premiums.
- **Driving Record:** Your driving record and history of claims can impact insurance premiums. A clean driving record with no accidents or traffic violations may qualify you for lower premiums.
- **Storage Location:** Where you store your horse trailer when not in use can affect insurance premiums. Trailers stored in secure facilities or garages may be considered lower risk and may result in lower premiums compared to trailers stored outdoors or in high-crime areas.

3. Special Considerations for Living Quarter Trailers:

Living quarter trailers, which include living quarters for human occupants, require specialized insurance considerations as they house more valuables when on the road:

- **Personal Property Coverage:** Living quarter trailers often contain personal belongings such as furniture, appliances, and electronics. Personal property coverage can protect these items against theft, damage, or loss.

- **Emergency Expense Coverage:** In the event of an accident or breakdown while traveling, emergency expense coverage can help cover costs associated with temporary lodging, meals, and transportation for you and your horses.

- **Full-Timer Coverage:** If you live full-time or spend an extended period in your living quarter trailer, you may need specialized coverage tailored to full-time living arrangements, including liability coverage for occupants and belongings.

4. Additional Coverage Options:

In addition to standard coverage options, horse trailer owners may consider additional coverage options for added protection:

- **Towing and Roadside Assistance:** Towing and roadside assistance coverage can provide peace of mind by offering assistance in the event of breakdowns, flat tires, or mechanical failures while towing your horse trailer.
- **Medical Payments Coverage:** Medical payments coverage can help cover medical expenses for you, your passengers, or your horses in the event of injuries sustained during an accident involving your horse trailer.
- **Replacement Cost Coverage:** Replacement cost coverage ensures that your horse trailer will be replaced with a new one of similar make and model in the event of a total loss, rather than receiving compensation based on depreciated value.

5. Reviewing Policy Terms and Exclusions:

Before purchasing insurance for your horse trailer, it's crucial to carefully review policy terms, conditions, and exclusions. Pay close attention to coverage limits, deductibles, and any specific requirements or restrictions outlined in the policy.

- **Exclusions:** Common exclusions may include damage resulting from wear and tear, mechanical breakdowns, or intentional acts. Understanding these exclusions can help you make informed decisions about coverage options and potential risks.
- **Policy Limits:** Be aware of policy limits, which determine the maximum amount the insurance company will pay out for covered claims. Ensure that policy limits are sufficient to adequately protect your investment and assets.
- **Deductibles:** Deductibles represent the amount you are responsible for paying out of pocket before insurance coverage kicks in. Consider your budget and risk tolerance when selecting deductible amounts.

6. Choosing a Reputable Insurance Provider:

Selecting a reputable insurance provider is crucial for obtaining reliable coverage and responsive customer service:

- **Research and Comparison:** Take the time to research and compare insurance providers, policies, and premiums to find the best fit for your needs and budget.
- **Customer Reviews and Ratings:** Read customer reviews and ratings to gauge the reputation and reliability of insurance providers. Look for companies with positive feedback and a track record of timely claims processing and customer support.
- **Licensed Agents:** Work with licensed insurance agents who specialize in equine insurance and understand the unique needs of horse owners. A knowledgeable agent can help you navigate coverage options and tailor a policy to your specific requirements.

Insuring a horse trailer is an essential aspect of responsible horse ownership, providing financial protection and peace of mind in the event of accidents, theft, or damage. By understanding insurance practices, evaluating coverage options, and selecting a reputable insurance provider, horse owners can safeguard their valuable investment and ensure the safety and well-being of their equine companions during travel and transportation.



Enhancing Equine Wellness and Luck - Crystals for Equestrians

By The VHN Writing Team



Equestrians are deeply connected to their horses, and they oftentimes seek holistic approaches to enhance their well-being physically, mentally, and emotionally. Among the diverse practices aimed at promoting equine health, peace of mind, luck, and harmony, the use of crystals has gained popularity for its purported energetic benefits. In this article, we explore the world of crystals for equestrians, examining their potential applications, benefits, and considerations for integrating them into equine care routines.

Understanding Crystals:

Crystals are naturally occurring minerals formed deep within the Earth's crust over millions of years. Each crystal possesses a unique molecular structure and vibrational energy that is believed to influence the energy fields, or auras, of living beings. Throughout history, cultures worldwide have revered crystals for their healing properties and spiritual significance.

Crystals in Equine Wellness:

Equestrians are increasingly turning to crystals as complementary tools to support their horses' physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. They also use them for themselves as owners and their needs when caring for their equines.

While scientific evidence supporting the efficacy of crystal healing remains quite limited, many equestrians report positive experiences and anecdotal benefits from incorporating crystals into their equine care practices.

Common Crystals for Equestrians:

While opinions are extremely mixed on their efficacy, if you've ever been curious about using crystals either for your horse's benefit, as a way of helping yourself, or even as a gift for a friend or family member, read on. Several crystals are commonly used by equestrians for their purported healing properties and energetic benefits:

1. **Clear Quartz:** Known as the "master healer," clear quartz is believed to amplify energy and promote balance and clarity. Equestrians often use clear quartz to enhance communication, intuition, and connection between horse and rider.

2. **Amethyst:** A stone of protection and spiritual growth, amethyst is revered for its calming and soothing properties. Equestrians may use amethyst to alleviate stress, anxiety, and tension in horses during training, travel, or competition.

3. **Rose Quartz:** As the stone of love and compassion, rose quartz is associated with emotional healing and harmony. Equestrians may incorporate rose quartz to foster trust, bonding, and mutual understanding between horse and rider.

4. **Black Tourmaline:** Renowned for its grounding and protective qualities, black tourmaline is believed to absorb negative energy and electromagnetic radiation. Equestrians may use black tourmaline to create a sense of stability, security, and safety in the equine environment.

5. **Citrine:** Known as the "stone of abundance," citrine is associated with prosperity, vitality, and creativity.

Equestrians may use citrine to inspire confidence, motivation, and enthusiasm in horses during training, performance, or rehabilitation.

Integrating Crystals into Equine Care:

When incorporating crystals into equine care routines, equestrians should consider the following guidelines:

1. **Selection:** Choose crystals based on their intended purpose and energetic properties. Research the meanings and characteristics of different crystals to select those best suited to your horse's needs and temperament. All of these crystals and many more are available in shops across the United States. And they don't have to be large or expensive to help you either.

2. **Cleansing and Charging:** According to those that are "crystal savvy", crystals purportedly absorb and store energy from their surroundings, necessitating regular cleansing and recharging to maintain their effectiveness. Equestrians can cleanse crystals using methods such as sunlight, moonlight, smudging with sage, or rinsing with water.

Recharge crystals by placing them in sunlight or moonlight for several hours or burying them in the earth for natural grounding. Be careful about placing certain crystals in water or other materials as some are water soluble and can be damaged.

3. **Placement:** Experiment with different placements and arrangements of crystals in the equine environment, such as in the barn, near stalls, or your riding area. You can find safe places in the barn so that both horses and riders/ caretakers can feel the potential benefits.

4. **Observation:** Pay close attention to your horse's behavior, mood, and overall well-being when introducing crystals into their environment. Observe any changes or improvements in temperament, performance, or health that may be attributed to the influence of crystals.

5. **Respect and Intention:** Approach crystal healing with respect, reverence, and intentionality. Cultivate a mindful and intuitive connection with your horse and the energetic properties of crystals, focusing on positive intentions and outcomes for both horse and rider. Sure, it may seem silly, but anything can be silly without some belief or intention. If it helps to think of it this way, you are using your crystals to "manifest" good things for your horse's happiness as well as your own. You are welcoming these things, even if it's just a simple welcoming and openness to good luck.

Considerations and Caveats:

While many equestrians embrace the use of crystals as complementary tools for equine wellness, it is essential to approach crystal healing with a critical and discerning mindset. Keep the following considerations in mind:

- **Supplement, Not Substitute:** Crystals should complement, rather than replace, traditional veterinary care, training, and management practices. Use crystals as part of a holistic approach to equine wellness, incorporating them alongside evidence-based methods and treatments.

- **Individual Response:** Recognize that individual horses may respond differently to crystal healing based on their temperament, disposition, and sensitivity to energy. Be patient and open-minded, allowing time for horses to acclimate to the presence of crystals and experience their potential benefits gradually.

- **Consultation and Education:** Seek guidance from experienced practitioners, holistic veterinarians, or crystal healing experts who can offer insights, recommendations, and best practices for integrating crystals into equine care routines.

Educate yourself on the properties, uses, and precautions associated with specific crystals to make informed decisions for your horse's well-being. And you can always start small. Wear a crystal necklace or ring or bracelet and see how it may bring new things into your riding relationship with your equine.

The use of crystals in equine wellness represents a fascinating intersection of ancient wisdom, spiritual beliefs, and holistic healing practices. While scientific evidence supporting the efficacy of crystal healing remains limited and the use of crystals is not for everyone or enjoyed by every person, many equestrians find value and meaning in incorporating crystals into their equine care rituals.

By approaching crystal healing with intention, respect, and discernment, equestrians can explore the potential benefits of crystals as complementary tools for enhancing their horses' physical, emotional, and energetic vitality.

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Spots of White Hair: Why They Appear

By The VHN Writing Team

Our equines can be full of all kinds of mysteries, from behavior to biology. Most of the time these unique processes only add to their unique charm, while others can leave us scratching our heads and simply asking, “But, why?”

One oddity of our equines’ biology is the appearance of random white spots in their coats. These spots aren’t due to getting older or a natural overall color shift because of breed and genetics. And they can be quite stark if you have a darker colored horse.

These spots tend to pop up after an injury, on any color horse as well. If your horse suffered from a scrape or a cut, chances are the hair that grows back after healing could turn white. It might be only a few single hairs, or it might be a complete splotch of white that grows back in. Other times still, the hair might grow back in the same color as the rest of your horse and you would never know.

So, what gives?

In your horse’s skin exists special types of cells that produce pigment or melanin, the same substance that gives humans our eye, hair, and skin color. This pigment is responsible for your horse’s coat color too. They are called production cells and unfortunately, they are quite easy to damage. You might be prepared for a nice, hairless scar to appear after a wound heals or for the hair to return as normal. But you’ll be a bit miffed when a bright, prominent splash of white crops up instead, and the reason is due to these very same production cells being damaged to the point of no return. When the hair grows back in without these cells, there is no pigment to color the hair so it remains white.

What’s extra tricky about these color producing cells and how easy they can be to damage is that it doesn’t always take a wound with broken skin to cause the loss of pigmentation.

Your horse can have white splotches appear due to a fall that doesn’t cause a laceration. The impact and bruising from the fall can be enough to kill the cells melanin production. This also goes for ill-fitting tack. Riders may notice that white spots pop up right where a saddle rests or rubs on their horse’s back. This can be a sign that you need a different saddle fit for your horse to be comfortable.

Freeze brands are also a good example of this pigment loss as the brand typically stands out white against a horse’s color. Another much more well known example of this effect is in horses that express specific genes that cause them to shift from one color to white. The Lipizzaner or Lipizzan breed of horse is famous for this very feature. When born, the foals are typically black or bay in color. Over the course of their younger years, they gradually turn white because their cells stop making the melanin for their coats. When they reach between 6 and 10 years of age, they will have become the dazzling white Lipizzan color they are so famous for.

There is also the autoimmune disorder Vitiligo that affects humans as well as horses. With vitiligo, the immune system actually targets the melanocytes in the cells so that depigmentation occurs. This usually presents as lots of pink or pale splotches in the skin as well as the hair and in areas like the muzzle, eyes, and ears.

Vitiligo is really just a cosmetic issue rather than anything serious, so treatment will be based on that fact. For those of us that do not have a Lipizzan or a horse with vitiligo, well your horse could start to turn white, but it would most likely be from old age or a very small shift in a horse that already has white hair color.

As for what you can do to prevent these white spots from popping up, there’s not much to be done to control it. It’s impossible to prevent every injury that our horses sustain but providing adequate healing techniques can be beneficial. The longer a wound takes to heal, the messier the end result will be and the larger the amount of white hair that could sprout. If you need to hide a white spot, say for a competition or photoshoot, temporary coloring can be applied. It’s best to check on the rules and regulations in this instance.

Besides that, the only thing you could do is invest in white horses in the future, which is a bit funny as lots of horse owners favor other colors over white since they get dirty and stain so easily. When it comes to our horses, there’s just no predicting what could happen next, so we might as well just go along for the ride.



Spring Horse Care List

By The VHN Writing Team

Regular Grooming: Increase grooming sessions to help remove winter coat shedding, dirt, and debris. Use a shedding blade, soft-bristled brush, or grooming mitt to gently remove loose hair and stimulate circulation.

Bathing and Cleaning: Give your horse a thorough bath using a gentle horse shampoo to remove winter grime and sweat. Ensure your horse is fully dry after bathing to prevent skin irritation.

Nutrition Evaluation: Assess your horse's diet and adjust accordingly for springtime needs. Ensure they have access to fresh water, high-quality forage, and appropriate concentrates or supplements as needed.

Dental Check-up: Schedule a dental exam with your veterinarian to address any dental issues that may have arisen during the winter months.

Hoof Care: Regularly clean and inspect your horse's hooves for signs of cracks, thrush, or other issues. Schedule a farrier appointment for routine trimming and maintenance.

Parasite Control: Develop a deworming schedule in consultation with your veterinarian to control internal parasites and prevent infestations during the spring and summer months.

Pasture Management: Prepare pastures for spring turnout by removing debris, repairing fencing, and ensuring adequate grazing areas.

Exercise Routine: Gradually increase your horse's exercise routine to help build muscle tone and cardiovascular fitness. Incorporate a variety of activities such as riding, lunging, and turnout to keep your horse mentally and physically stimulated.

Vaccinations and Health Checks: Schedule routine vaccinations, annual exams, and any necessary veterinary care to ensure your horse remains healthy and up-to-date on preventive healthcare measures.

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By Anonymous

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Through meadows wide and forests deep,
He hides his special treasures while we sleep.

Colorful eggs patiently wait,
as a joyous Easter morning sight,
Brought forth by the little bunny's
gifts of hope and light.

With his whiskers twitching,
he spreads his Easter cheer,
Bringing smiles and laughter to
all far and near.

Oh, gentle hare, with your small
heart so very kind,

In Easter's renewing magic,
it's you that we always find.

So let us hunt for eggs and
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Equine Comfort: Signs Your Horse is Too Hot or Cold

By The VHN Writing Team



As responsible horse owners, one of our primary responsibilities is ensuring the comfort and well-being of our equine companions. Horses, like humans, can experience discomfort from extreme temperatures, whether too hot or too cold.

As we transition from winter into spring on March 19th, the weather can range from fairly warm during the day and right back to chilly at night. We may also experience plenty of rain, causing nights to be even colder than the week before.

Understanding the signs of thermal stress in horses is essential for maintaining their health and happiness. In this article, we'll explore how to tell if your horse is too hot or cold and what steps you can take to ensure their comfort.

Signs Your Horse is Too Hot:

Horses are highly sensitive to heat and can easily become overheated, especially during hot summer months or intense physical activity. When our horses retain their winter coats and get the first taste of spring warmth, they may become overheated as well.

Recognizing the signs of heat stress in horses is crucial for preventing heat-related illnesses such as dehydration, heat exhaustion, or heatstroke.

Here are some indicators that your horse may be too hot:

1. **Excessive Sweating:** While sweating is a natural mechanism for horses to regulate body temperature, excessive sweating, particularly in cool or shaded environments, may indicate that your horse is struggling to cool down effectively.

2. **Rapid Breathing and Pulse:** An elevated respiratory rate and heart rate are common signs of heat stress in horses. If your horse is panting heavily or has a rapid pulse even at rest, it may be a sign that they are overheated.

3. **Lethargy and Weakness:** Overheated horses may exhibit signs of lethargy, depression, or weakness. They may appear disinterested in food or water and may be reluctant to move or exercise.

4. **Dark Urine:** Dark or concentrated urine can indicate dehydration, which is common in overheated horses. Monitoring the color and frequency of your horse's urine can provide valuable insights into their hydration status.

5. **Increased Body Temperature:** Using a rectal thermometer to monitor your horse's body temperature is an effective way to assess their heat stress level. A body temperature above 102.5°F (39.2°C) may indicate overheating and should be addressed promptly.

Signs Your Horse is Too Cold:

On the flip side, horses are also susceptible to cold temperatures, especially during winter months or in colder climates. Recognizing the signs of cold stress in horses is essential for preventing hypothermia, frostbite, or other cold-related health issues.

Here are some indicators that your horse may be too cold:

1. **Shivering:** Shivering is a common physiological response to cold temperatures in horses. If your horse is trembling or shaking uncontrollably, it may be a sign that they are struggling to stay warm.

2. **Fluffed Coat:** Horses may fluff up their coat or puff out their fur to trap heat and create a layer of insulation against the cold. A noticeably fluffed coat, particularly along the neck, back, and hindquarters, may indicate that your horse is feeling chilly.

3. **Cold Ears and Extremities:** Cold ears, legs, and hooves are telltale signs that your horse is experiencing cold stress. Check your horse's ears, muzzle, and lower limbs for signs of coolness or stiffness.

4. **Reduced Activity Level:** Cold temperatures can cause horses to become lethargic or less active than usual. If your horse is spending more time standing still or lying down, it may be an indication that they are conserving energy to stay warm.

5. **Decreased Appetite and Water Intake:** Cold weather can suppress a horse's appetite and thirst, leading to reduced food and water intake. Monitor your horse's eating and drinking habits closely and ensure they have access to fresh, unfrozen water at all times.

Tips for Maintaining Equine Comfort:

Regardless of whether your horse is too hot or too cold, there are several steps you can take to ensure their comfort and well-being:

1. **Provide Adequate Shelter:** Offer access to shelter, such as a well-ventilated barn, run-in shed, or sheltered paddock, where horses can seek refuge from extreme temperatures, wind, rain, or sun.

2. **Monitor Weather Conditions:** Stay informed about weather forecasts and temperature fluctuations in your area. Adjust turnout schedules, blanketing, and management practices accordingly to accommodate changing weather conditions.

3. **Proper Ventilation and Airflow:** Ensure that stables, barns, and shelters are adequately ventilated to promote air circulation and prevent the buildup of heat, humidity, or stagnant air.

4. **Access to Fresh Water:** Provide unlimited access to clean, fresh water at all times, even during cold weather. Use heated water buckets or tank heaters to prevent water from freezing in winter months.

5. **Appropriate Blanketing:** Use appropriate horse blankets or sheets to help regulate your horse's body temperature during cold weather. Avoid over-blanketing, as it can lead to overheating and discomfort.

6. **Regular Monitoring:** Monitor your horse's behavior, appetite, hydration, and body condition regularly to detect signs of thermal stress early and take appropriate action.

By understanding the signs of thermal stress in horses and implementing appropriate management practices, you can ensure that your equine companion remains comfortable, healthy, and happy throughout the year, regardless of the weather conditions they may face. Remember to consult with your veterinarian or equine nutritionist for personalized advice and recommendations based on your horse's individual needs and circumstances.



HORSE BOARDING HORSE BOARDING

<p>Need More Boarders at Your Barn?</p> <p>Advertise Here!</p>	<p>NW- BOUTIQUE RANCH SUPER CLEAN Your Horse = Our Priority, Clean Clean Clean, Large Stalls, High Quality Hay, Misters, Regulation Dressage Court, 2 Round Pens, 24/7 Onsite Manager/Trainer Call 702-326-9440 CallieKlein.com/boarding</p>
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How to Help Your Local Animal Shelters:

1. Volunteer at the facility
2. Donate Money
3. Foster
4. Adopt
5. Spay and Neuter
6. Share and spread the word
7. Sponsor

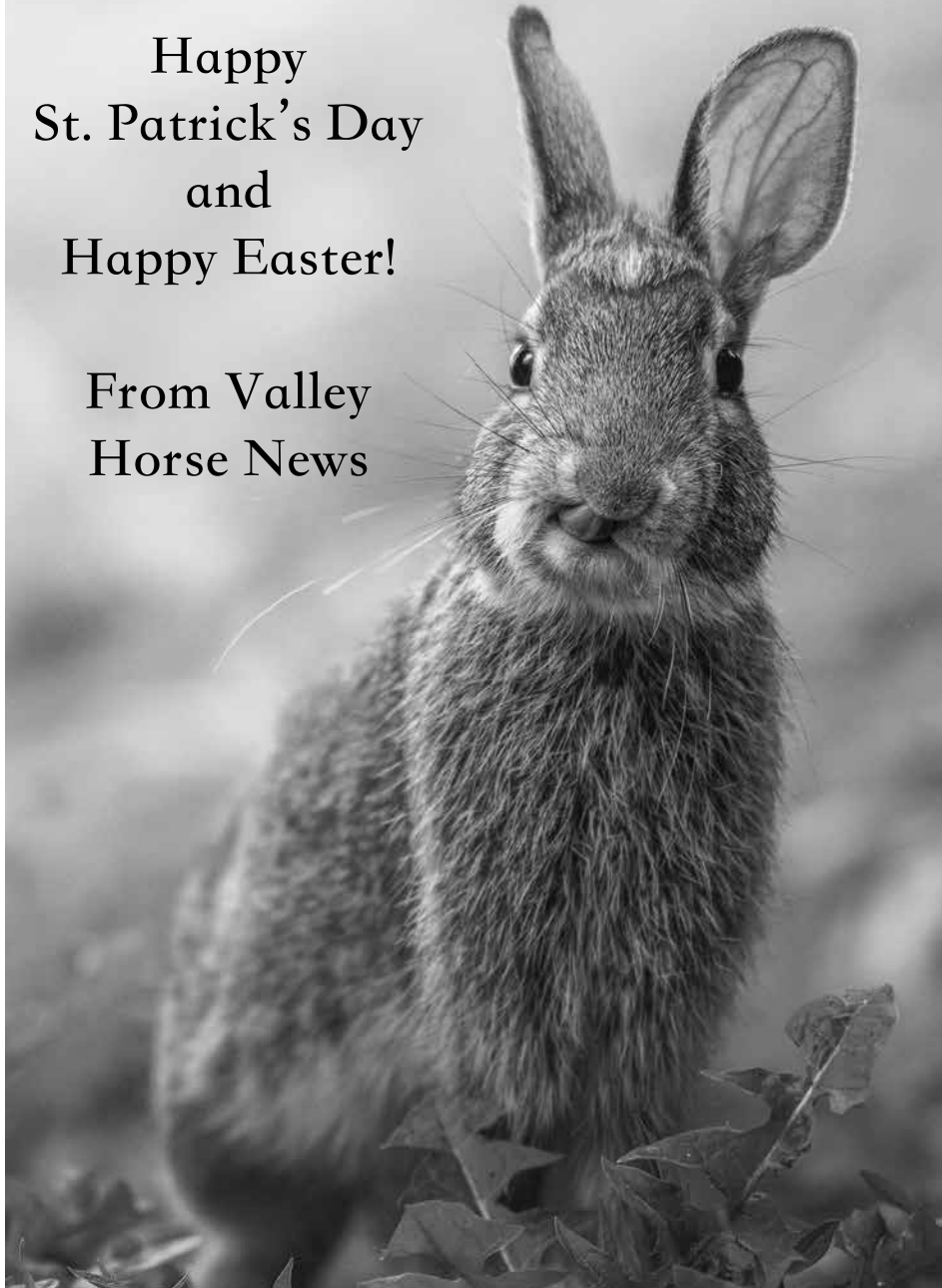
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Need help feeding? Have extra horses that need work but don't have the time? Do you have horse experience and services to offer? Trying to sell tack and supplies?

Classified advertisements are perfect to get the word out about what you need, what you can do, and what you have to offer the horse community for a great price!! Call now for rates!



Happy
St. Patrick's Day
and
Happy Easter!

From Valley
Horse News



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Email your ad: valleyhorsenews@gmail.com**

MARCH 2024 CALENDER OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
VALLEY HORSE NEWS DEADLINE 15th of EVERY MONTH valleyhorsenews@gmail.com					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 LVGA Henderson Saddle Association www.lasvegasmkhanaassociation.com	9 LVGA Henderson Saddle Association www.lasvegasmkhanaassociation.com
10	11 APACHE LAND APPALOOSA CLUB Meeting 7:00pm, Horseshoe Restaurant, Benson AZ; Contact Fred @ 520-384-5332	12 POSS GENERAL MEETING 7pm @ SHOWPOSS.VPWEB.COM for time and place Pahrump 775-727-9576	13 BCH of UTAH WASATCH FRONT CHAPTER 7:00pm American Legion 345 Depot st Clearfield, UT Info. 801-773-9419 HCON MONTHLY MEETING 7pm Doc's Saddlery 6185 Elkhorn RD LV, NV 702-361-5456	14	15	16
17	18	19 SSPHC MONTHLY MEETING 7pm IHop Cheyenne & Rainbow 702-373-2673 paintmee@aol.com	20	21 BCH BRISTLECONE CHAPTER Meeting @ 6:00 pm Third Thursday of Every Month BCHNVB.com for details	22	23 SNGA Horsemen's Park http://www.snga.biz
24	25 S. NV REGIONAL TRAILS 4701 N Torrey Pines Dr., LV Contact Ed @ 702-645-1791 editoredd@juno.com	26	27	28	29	30
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APRIL 2024 CALENDER OF EVENTS

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Animal Adoptions

EXAMPLE:



EXAMPLE ENTRY:

Dolly is a six year old female goat with a warm personality. She needs companionship with other animals as she doesn't do well alone. Other goats are preferable. Needs continued training and does well with leading and small kids. She loves her food and isn't afraid to let you know. For more information call or email:
example.example@exampleonly.com
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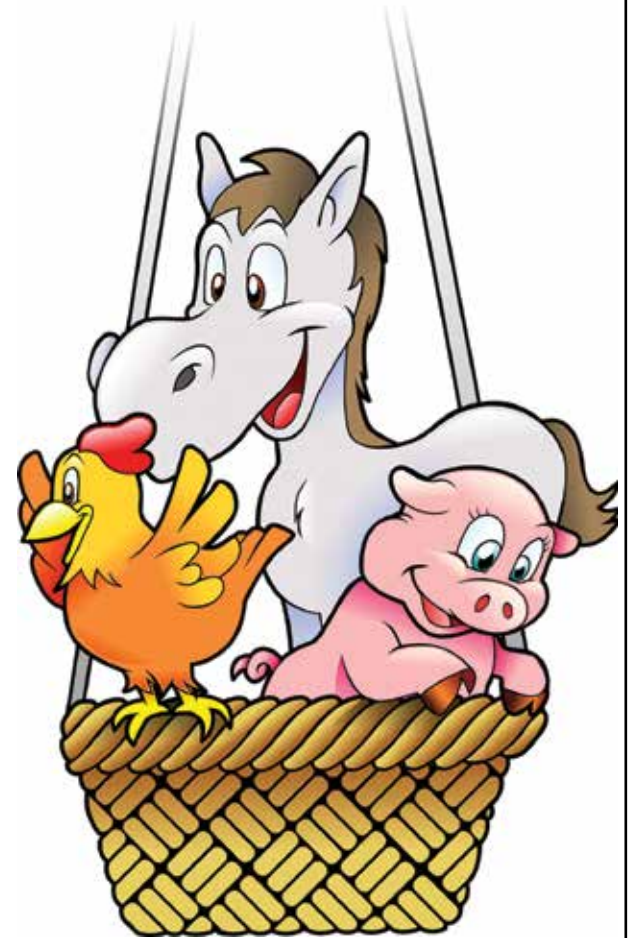
All you have to do:

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.

Open to ALL ANIMALS: Horses, Donkeys, Mules, Miniature Horses, Cattle, Piggies, Goats, Sheep, Chickens, Ducks, Geese, Farm Fowl, Rabbits, Alpaca, and Llamas, Birds, Dogs, Cats, Guinea Pigs, Lizards, Hedgehogs, Turtles, Hamsters, and more! Any animal can be now placed!

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

NEW! NOW OPEN TO ALL ANIMALS!



Welcome all rescues, sanctuaries, non-profits, and individuals!

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

Valley Horse News will now have an adoptions section solely for animals at shelters, organizations, and individual homes 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 or place 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 the number of in need animals increasing and euthanizations on the rise, facilities are at max capacity.

We want to help! 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. First come, first serve, and animals are featured at Valley Horse News discretion.

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!

Have questions? Contact now! Email us at valleyhorsenews@gmail.com or call 702-808-7669

We will provide all of the information you need and answer any inquiries you may have.





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~ LAS VEGAS, MOAPA, TEXAS ~



1.45 ACRE HORSE PROPERTY!

2900 Thurman Ave. Grand Equestrian Estate 3200 Sqft and Large Guest House. Main house has 2 master bedrooms upstairs. 860 sqft guest house with its own kitchenette, bedroom, bath, laundry and sitting area. Large outdoor area great for entertaining. In-ground Pool with diving board, Rooftop deck. Detached shop with 12' rollup door, additional carport or covered hay storage. 6 horse stalls, Lighted arena with sprinkler system. Round pen, wash rack, hitching post and tack room. **\$1,495,000**



SOLD!

4185 W State Highway 168, Moapa RARE! Ultimate 7 Acre self sustainable Horse Property, Farm & Ranch. Your dream homestead! Live off the land with 3,270,000 gallons of water rights per year to plant food crops; fruits and vegetables. 4 Acres of pasture is already Irrigated! Private Well Pumps 70 Gallons per minute. White Fenced Pastures, Covered Hay Storage, Round Pen, Plenty of Extra Corral Panels. 40 min. from Las Vegas on paved roads! Charming ranch style house is renovated with 3 Beds/ 2 baths. Great floor-plan and move in ready! **\$895,000**



IN TEXAS!

Listed with Jeremy Lock, Keller Williams

114 County Road 225, Valley View, Texas 7+ acre estate in the heart of horse country. Private gated property w/ Custom home. 13 stall show barn & arena. **\$1,049,500** CALL: 940-641-2404



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3.9 ACRES IN EXCLUSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD!

7080 S Pecos Rd 3.9 Acre Secluded Property in Very Popular Tomiyasu Area of Billionaires, Casino Owners, Celebrities, the Old Wayne Newton Ranch, Multi-Million Dollar Homes. Private Electric Gate Entry. Block Wall and Wrought Iron, Approx 10 Car Garage Converted Horse Barn, Small 2 BR, 2 BA House Perfect to Live In While Building Then Use as Guest House. Over 100 Tall Pine Trees. Fabulous Location, a Piece of Paradise Close to the Strip & Airport. **\$1,875,000**



2.27 ACRE HORSE PROPERTY!

7790 Scottie St. Gorgeous 4,382 sq ft log built house. 4 Bed, 3 Bath + Huge loft. 360 degree views of mountains. Private well w/ 3,500 gallon tank. Fully owned solar w/ battery bank. Inclusive kitchen, granite & walk-in pantry. Large beds + baths downstairs. Contemporary heat, A/C plus floor to ceiling stone hearth, wood stove. Outdoor kitchen & entertaining. Storage shed. 55 x 30 RV garage/shop, Fully fenced & gated. Room for horses, toys, trail riding from property! 10 Min. to Las Vegas shopping & 25 min. to Mt Charleston. **\$1,490,000**



NEW PRICE!

97 Hidden Lake Ave. Incredible cold creek prop. Solar, dual gens, propane & wb stoves - completely off grid, .81 acre lot. 2,406SQFT / 3 bed + den. 360 views of mtns, valley, lake & ponds, trail riding. 40 min from Vegas. **\$536,000**

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6380 Maggie: Fantastic 2+ acre horse property in NW w/Pool & Casita, 12 Barn Stalls, 4 Corrals huge arena, RP, adj to 1500 acre Floyd Lamb Park best trail riding 2.1 M



8020 Maverick St. Beautiful 1 Acre Horse Property Estate w/ Swimming Pool! Super clean, cared for! 3 Bed/3 Bath. Large arena w/ covered horse stalls. Close to Floyd Lamb Park, for best trail riding in town! \$1,295,000



2 Acre Maggie Ave. Unique 2.22 Acres W/ Mountain Views. 2 Sides Block Walls. Corner Lot in Equestrian Neighborhood & Rural Preservation - Beautiful custom home neighborhood. Across from 1,500 Acre FLP & Trail Riding. \$895K



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