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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH:

Happy Mother's Day!

NDA Welcomes Dr. Amy Mitchell as State Veterinarian



The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) announces Dr. Amy Mitchell as the new state veterinarian. Dr. Mitchell will be stationed at NDA's Las Vegas, Nev. office and travel throughout the state to oversee Nevada's animal health programs, regulatory procedures and NDA laboratories.

"We are thrilled to have Dr. Mitchell join our team as the new state veterinarian," said NDA Director Jennifer Ott. "Her skills and experience will be a great asset to our team and animal industry throughout Nevada."

Dr. Mitchell joins the NDA from the private industry where she managed a veterinary relief services business. She brings with her 18 years of experience in various aspects of veterinary medicine, including private practice and teaching. Her background includes large and small animal medicine, as well as herd health management.

Dr. Mitchell studied at the University of Kansas and the University of Georgia, prior to earning her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Kansas State University, College of Veterinary Medicine.

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The Nevada Department of Agriculture mission is to preserve, protect and promote Nevada's agriculture. The department has 150 dedicated employees providing services in its five divisions, Administration, Animal Industry, Consumer Equitability, Food and Nutrition, and Plant Industry. The department's \$232 million budget facilitates regulatory and administrative work in agriculture and food manufacturing industries, protecting public and environmental health and worker safety, and providing food distribution and oversight for the United States Department of Agriculture's school and community nutrition programs.



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See you next time! - Codi Kern

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Is Your Horse a... Bucket Tipper?

By The VHN Writing Team



There are no words that can quite describe the anguish and frustration of seeing your horse's feed bucket tipped over and dumped of its contents. This feeling is even worse if your horse is wasting pricey supplements and important medications.

Yes, your horse has in fact become a bucket tipper. *old time horror movie scream*

A common issue, bucket tipping can become an annoying and costly habit. While you can take steps to try and train your equine buddy, keeping him from dumping his feed bucket altogether may prove to be more difficult than you once thought.

What's more is that if your horse dumps his feed into a dirty or sandy area, he could be ingesting sizeable amounts over time. Bucket tipping can be an issue of a picky eater, boredom, a health issue, or just your horse's naturally lovely personality. If your horse is not suffering from a health problem, is sufficiently entertained, and likes his food, it can be quite the head scratcher as to why he's doing this.

Most of the time, it's either a personality quirk or he has an issue with what he's being fed in.

So how do you fix this behavior? There's a few things you can do.

Try putting your horse's feed into a bucket with a flat back and securing it to his gate. Make sure that the bucket is flat backed, otherwise it won't work. Also take into account how high you position the bucket, as you do not want your horse to paw and get his foot stuck on the edge. Shoulder height is a good position to place it in.

There are also feeding cannisters that sit over the tops of rungs on a fence and are designed for this type of feeding. They can act as a scoop and a feed bucket at the same time. To secure them, you can use bailing twine or other types of clipped secures to keep it in place. Make sure that it is secured, otherwise you're back at square one with food all over the floor.

If the feed bucket that your horse likes to tip over is smaller and narrow in proportion, he may find a larger and shallower feeder more to his liking. Horses naturally graze and search for food over a large, flat area. If you put his feed into a shallower bin with lots of room, he can push it around and forage as he likes without feeling enclosed.


Another benefit is that a bin with a larger bottom is hard to tip over, especially if it's made with a heavier material. And durability is always a plus with horses. You can also bolt or tie your horse's feeder to his gate. If you are worried about injury to your horse or the fence, consider securing it loosely so that the bin will move side to side but cannot be tipped over. Then you won't have to worry about dings in the gate or having the bin ripped away from the ties.

Another feed bucket hack is to place the bucket's bottom into a small tire. This makes it heavier and much less likely to tip as your horse forages. You may have to do some searching to find the right bucket and tire combo that fits. A plus is that old tires are inexpensive to acquire and can be replaced as needed.

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If you've experimented and it's impossible to keep your horse's feed from hitting the ground, consider utilizing a rubber mat under where he eats. This way, if he must eat off the ground, he won't be eating sand/ dirt with his food. It's also very easy to sweep or hose off a rubber mat for routine cleaning.

While it may take some time and patience to figure out what works for your individual horse, in the long run you will know that you are keeping him safe and healthy with your efforts. He will also no longer be known as a dreaded bucket tipper.



• Happy Trails Kitchen •

Created by Chef Sharon Hauht

“Peanut Butter Bread”

Ingredients:

- 2 c. all purpose flour
- 1/4 c. sugar
- 4 t. baking powder
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1 1/3 c. milk
- 1/2 c. peanut butter

Directions:

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
 Mix together dry ingredients.
 Mix in the milk, then the peanut butter.
 Scrape into greased loaf pan and bake for about 1 hour.



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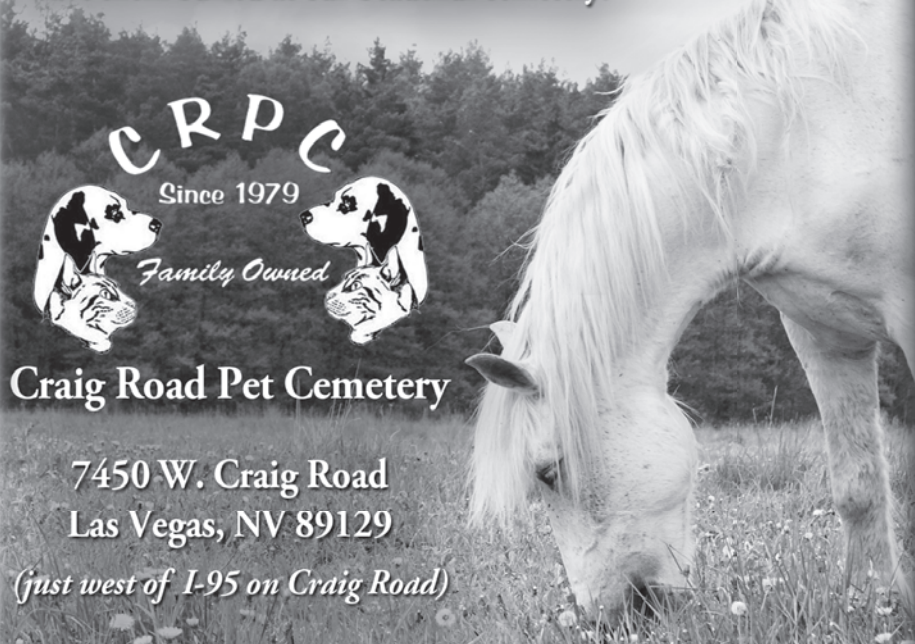
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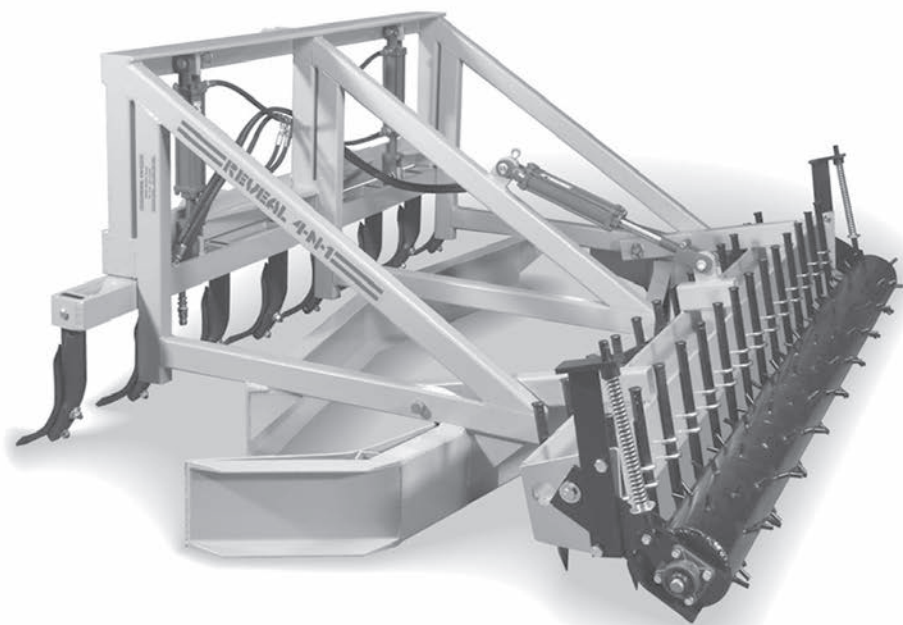


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We hope you are enjoying the monthly recipes from *Happy Trails Kitchen!*

We want to know: what types of recipes do you want to see? Breakfast? Dinner? Dessert? Beef? Chicken? Crock Pot or Oven Baked? The possibilities are endless!

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Nevada State Horsemen's Association Region V

Founded in 1957, NSHA Region V is a not for profit organization dedicated to promoting horses and horsemanship throughout Southern Nevada.



● **NSHA General Membership Meeting**
May 12, 2020 - 7:00pm
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**New Location*

NSHAV meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.
Youth meet at 6:30 prior to the General member Meeting.

**Reminder:* Members must sign in attendance a minimum of four meetings per membership year (prior to reading of minutes) - December 1 through November 30 of the current show season in order to be eligible to receive year end awards.

*Year end trophies/awards require 4 meeting attendance with sign in and 4 volunteer hours with receipt (show related).



**All 2020 shows (dates are subject to change) will be held at Horseman's Park (Flamingo Arena), 5800 E. Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas NV. *Shows will be Saturday and Sunday "Day" shows.*

- September 19-20** Buckle Show Series #1 - Show High Point Awarded (at Henderson Saddle Association)
- October 10-11** Buckle Show Series #2 - Show High Point Awarded
- November 14-15** Buckle Show Series #3 - Buckles Awarded (No Show High Point Awarded)

***See website for New Trophy and Buckle Show Series Qualifications at www.nshav.com.*

Congratulations April Virtual Show High Point Winners!

Division:	Horse:	Handler/ Rider:
Halter Horse	Magic Dun Right	Shelby Hagenbeek
Senior Rider	Suddenly I'm Struttin	Alli Dahlgren
WTJ Senior Rider	King Steps	Tonya Mosdell
WTJ Junior Rider	Zipped Up N Dirty	Kayla Dawson
Working Western Horse	Command Those Leggs	Jennifer Dawson

NSHA V Youth Group is once again sponsoring a Virtual OPEN BREED SHOW

Show Premium and Pattern Book available with Online Registration open now at www.nshav.com, with the deadline for registration and payment by May 20, 2020. Video links for each class due by May 25, 2020

Halter, Showmanship and Performance Classes is Sherry Haynes from Stephenville, Texas
Western Dressage Judge: Callie Klein from Las Vegas, Nevada

\$15/class or all-day show fee of \$55 (\$5 office fee). NSHA V membership not required.

6 Show High Points Awards: Halter Horse, Senior Rider, Junior Rider, Walk/Trot/Jog Senior Rider, Walk/Trot/Jog Junior Rider, Working Western Horse.

This is the Virtual Show Class List is:

* Denotes Pattern Class

1. Halter Mares - Stock & Saddle Type - All Ages
2. Halter Geldings & Stallions - Stock & Saddle Type - All Ages
3. Halter Weanlings & Yearlings
4. Halter Horse Solid Color (Bays, Palominos, Buckskin, Chestnuts, etc.)
5. Halter Horse Multi-Color (Paint, Pinto, Appaloosa, etc.) (3)
6. Halter Horse Open
7. GRAND AND RESERVE HALTER SHOW CHAMPION - All 1st & 2nd place winners from classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 are eligible to participate
- * 8. Junior Showmanship 17 & Under to Handle
- * 9. Senior Showmanship 18 & Over to Handle
10. FREE Lead Line 6 & Under – English or Western
11. FREE Lead Line 10 & Under – English or Western
12. Senior English Pleasure 18 & Over Hunt or Saddle seat
13. Junior English Pleasure 17 & Under Hunt or Saddle seat
- * 14. Senior English Equitation 18 & Over

- * 15. Junior English Equitation 17 & Under
16. Senior Western Pleasure 18 & Over
17. Junior Western Pleasure 17 & Under Hunt or Saddle seat
- * 18. Senior Western Horsemanship 18 & Over
- * 19. Junior Western Horsemanship 17 & Under
20. Senior Walk/Trot English Pleasure 18 & Over
21. Junior Walk/Trot English Pleasure 17 & Under
- * 22. Senior Walk/Trot English Equitation 18 & Over
- * 23. Junior Walk/Trot English Equitation 17 & Under
24. Senior Walk/Jog Western Pleasure 18 & Over
25. Junior Walk/Jog Western Pleasure 17 & Under
- * 26. Senior Walk/Jog Western Horsemanship 18 & Over
- * 27. Junior Walk/Jog Western Horsemanship 17 & Under
- * 28. Senior English Trail Challenge 18 & Over
- * 29. Junior English Trail Challenge 17 & Under
- * 30. Senior Western Trail Challenge 18 & Over
- * 31. Junior Western Trail Challenge 17 & Under
- * 32. Senior Walk/Jog English Trail Challenge 18 & Over
- * 33. Junior Walk/Jog English Trail Challenge 17 & Under
- * 34. Senior Walk/Jog Western Trail Challenge 18 & Over
- * 35. Junior Walk/Jog Western Trail Challenge 17 & Under
- * 36. In-Hand Trail Open (English or Western)
- * 37. Western Dressage (WDAA Intro Test of Choice)
38. Ranch Rail/Pleasure Open
- * 39. Ranch Riding Open
- * 40. Reining Open
- * 41. Western Dressage (Basic or Higher Test of Choice)



Nevada State Horsemen's Assn. - Region V

September 19-20!

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Important Fall 2020 Class Schedule Change Announcement!

The Fall Shows will now have a flipped class schedule:

The Sunday schedule will now be on Saturday's starting with the #38. Ranch Rail Pleasure Open and finishing with the #69. Western Dressage Test of Choice. The Saturday schedule will now be on Sunday's starting with #1. Halter Mares - Stock & Saddle Type - All ages and finishing with #37. Walk/Trot English Trail 17 & Under.

Saturday: Starting promptly at 8:00 a.m.

All entries for the first 5 classes of the day must be entered by 7:30 am - show will start on time.

*Denotes Class with a Pattern (Patterns are located online and in the show office)

	<u>FEE</u>	<u>CLASS DESCRIPTION</u>
1.	\$15	Halter Mares - Stock & Saddle Type - All Ages
2.	\$15	Halter Geldings & Stallions - Stock & Saddle Type - All Ages
3.	\$15	Halter Weanlings & Yearlings
4.	\$15	Purebred Arabian, Half Arabian, Anglo Arabian Halter Sponsored by the Las Vegas Arabian Horse Association.
5.	\$15	Halter Horse Solid Color (Bays, Palominos, Buckskin, Chestnuts, etc.)
6.	\$15	Halter Horse Multi-Color (Paint, Pinto, Appaloosa, etc.)
7.	\$15	Halter Horse Open
*** FREE GRAND AND RESERVE HALTER SHOW CHAMPION All 1st & 2nd place winners from classes 1, 2, 4, 5, & 6 are eligible to participate.		
*8.	\$15	Showmanship Adult Amateur to Handle
*9.	\$15	Showmanship 17 & Under
*10.	\$15	Showmanship 18 & Over

*****Class 11 not to start before 9:00 am*****

***** 15 Minute break for tack changes prior to class 11*****

11.	FREE	Lead Line 6 & Under – English or Western ***Lead Line required*** (For Safety, lead line must be attached to the halter, not the bridle)
12.	FREE	Lead Line 10 & Under – English or Western ***Lead Line required*** (For Safety, lead line must be attached to the halter, not the bridle)

*****15 Minute break for tack changes prior to class 13*****

13.	\$10	English Warm Up - Hunt or Saddle seat (Walk/Trot only) May cross enter into 3-gaited classes
14.	\$15	English Pleasure 18 & Over Hunt or Saddle seat
15.	\$15	English Pleasure Adult Amateur Hunt or Saddle seat
16.	\$15	English Pleasure 17 & Under Hunt or Saddle seat
17.	\$15	English Pleasure Junior Horse Hunt or Saddle seat
18.	\$15	English Pleasure Senior Horse Hunt or Saddle seat
19.	\$15	Purebred Arabian, Half Arabian, Anglo Arabian - English Pleasure Open (Hunt or Saddle seat) Sponsored by the Las Vegas Arabian Horse Association.
20.	\$20	English Pleasure Open JACKPOT ***\$100% PAYBACK***

*****Short break to set up pattern*****

*21.	\$15	English Equitation 18 & Over Hunt or Saddle seat
*22.	\$15	English Equitation Adult Amateur Hunt or Saddle seat
*23.	\$15	English Equitation 17 & Under - Hunt or Saddle seat Sponsored by the Double AA Ranch

Walk/Jog Division: Riders that have cantered in any show or competition may enter walk/trot classes. However, you cannot enter 3 gaited classes during the same show.

	<u>FEE</u>	<u>CLASS DESCRIPTION</u>
24.	\$10	English Warm Up - Hunt or Saddle seat (Walk/Trot only) May cross enter into 3-gaited classes
25.	\$15	Walk/Trot English Pleasure Open (Any Horse, Any Rider)
26.	\$15	Walk/Trot English Pleasure 18 & Over Hunt or Saddle seat (Any Horse, Any Rider – May not Cross Enter into 3 gaited classes same show)
27.	\$15	Walk/Trot English Pleasure 17 & Under Hunt or Saddle seat
*28.	\$15	Walk/Trot English Equitation 18 & Over Hunt or Saddle seat (Any Horse, Any Rider)
*29.	\$15	Walk/Trot English Equitation 17 & Under Hunt or Saddle seat
*30.	\$15	Walk/Trot English Equitation Open (Any Horse, Any Rider)

*****ONE HOUR BREAK FOR LUNCH - Class 31 not to start before 12:00 pm*****

*****There will be a \$5 obstacle usage fee for all trail class entrants*****

*31.	\$15	English Trail Open
*32.	\$15	English Trail Adult Amateur
*33.	\$15	English Trail 17 & Under
*34.	\$15	Working English Pleasure Open - Hunt or Saddle seat
*35.	\$15	Walk/Trot English Trail Open (Any Horse, Any Rider)
*36.	\$15	Walk/Trot English Trail 18 & Over (Any Horse, Any Rider)
*37.	\$15	Walk/Trot English Trail 17 & Under

End of Saturday Classes – Thank you for Attending!

Sunday: Starting promptly at 8:00 a.m.

All entries for the first 5 classes of the day must be entered by 7:30 am - show will start on time.

*Denotes Class with a Pattern

	<u>FEE</u>	<u>CLASS DESCRIPTION</u>
38.	\$15	Ranch Rail Pleasure Open
*39.	\$15	Ranch Riding Open
*40.	\$15	Reining Open
Short break to clear arena - Class 41 not to start before 9:00 am		
41.	\$10	Western Warm Up (Walk/Jog only) May cross enter into 3-gaited classes
42.	\$15	Western Pleasure 18 & Over
43.	\$15	Western Pleasure Adult Amateur
44.	\$15	Western Pleasure 17 & Under
45.	\$15	Western Pleasure Junior Horse
46.	\$15	Western Pleasure Senior Horse
47.	\$15	Purebred Arabian, Half Arabian, Anglo Arabian - Western Pleasure Open Sponsored by the Las Vegas Arabian Horse Association
48.	\$20	Western Pleasure Open JACKPOT ***\$100% PAYBACK***

*****Short break to set up pattern*****

*49.	\$15	Western Stock Seat Horsemanship 18 & Over
*50.	\$15	Western Stock Seat Horsemanship Adult Amateur
*51.	\$15	Western Stock Seat Horsemanship 17 & Under

Walk/Jog Division: Riders that have cantered in any show or competition may enter walk/trot classes. However, you cannot enter 3 gaited classes during the same show.

52.	\$10	Western Warm Up (Walk/Jog only) May cross enter into 3-gaited classes
53.	\$15	Walk/ Jog Western Pleasure Open (Any Horse, Any Rider)
54.	\$15	Walk/ Jog Western Pleasure 18 & Over (Any Horse, Any Rider)
55.	\$15	Walk/ Jog Western Pleasure 17 & Under
*56.	\$15	Walk/ Jog Western Stock Seat Horsemanship 18 & Over (Any Horse, Any Rider)
*57.	\$15	Walk/ Jog Western Stock Seat Horsemanship 17 & Under
*58.	\$15	Walk/Jog Western Stock Seat Horsemanship Open (Any Horse, Any Rider)

*****BREAK FOR LUNCH - Class 59 not to start before 12:00 pm*****

*****There will be a \$5 obstacle usage fee for all trail class entrants*****

*59.	\$15	Western Trail Open
*60.	\$15	Western Trail Adult Amateur
*61.	\$15	Western Trail 17 & Under
*62.	\$15	Working Western Pleasure Open
*63.	\$15	In-hand Trail English or Western -
*64.	\$15	Walk/Jog Western Trail Open (Any Horse, Any Rider)
*65.	\$15	Walk/Jog Western Trail 18 & Over (Any Horse, Any Rider)
*66.	\$15	Walk/Jog Western Trail 17 & Under

*****Must be a minimum of 3 entries by close of online entry to run the following classes*****

*67.	\$15	Western Dressage Intro (Walk/Jog)
*68.	\$15	Western Dressage Basic (Walk/Jog/Lope)
*69.	\$15	Western Dressage Test of Choice

End of Sunday Classes – Thank you for Attending!

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR SHOW AND

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NEXT SHOW IS SEPTEMBER 19-20!

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Tidying Up for a Happy Barn

By The VHN Writing Team



While many of us now have a lot more free time on our hands, the extra hours can successfully be filled with all of those things we've been putting off doing. One thing most if not all of us could check off our to do list is cleaning. Yes, all of those chores that we really don't want to do right now, like dusting, vacuuming, mopping, laundry, dishes, and more.

Just thinking about it is enough to require a nap. But the beauty of cleaning and tidying is the way you feel once it's all done and your environment is spic and span.

Our barns are no exception to the cleaning necessity. Let's face it, our barns can get pretty messy and even border on hoarding potential as we stockpile both needed and unneeded items.

A happy horse life starts with a happy barn. And a happy barn shouldn't be messy.

Go ahead and put some gloves on, pull out a trash can, and get to work.

Start by opening up all the doors and windows. Ventilation will be your friend as the dust starts to roll and you start to sneeze.

Take a look at your lighting. Every light bulb you have should be checked to see if any need replacing. If they do, now's the time to do it. Once you have plenty of light, start with your feed room or storing area.

Check for any feed that has gone bad and go ahead and chuck it to make way for new feed. If any of your storage bins are damaged, they might be worth chucking too. A bin that doesn't keep your feed fresh, dry, and pest free is a waste of time and money.

While you're in the storage area, take a look at any supplements you have and any medications you're storing. It's important that these are not expired, so that tube of pain reliever you've been saving for a rainy day or that ointment for the occasional scrape should be double checked. Anything that is expired or hasn't stored well should be tossed.

As you chuck out items and pull more from their hiding places, set aside the things you're saving. After you've gone through everything, the storage area should be empty showing bare shelves and floors. Now it's time to sweep and dust.

Double check that all shelving is secure and look for any cracks or holes in the walls and ceiling. Tighten up those loose cabinet doors and handles. Once you've cleaned to your satisfaction, start putting all of your materials back in a new organization.

Set aside all lists and notes from feedings and medications to put in a binder or sleeve to keep safe.

As you put things back, make a written list of all the things that need replacing, like feed bins, scoopers, plastic baggies, ointments, and more.

After you've successfully tackled the feed/ storage room, move on to where you store your saddles. Dust and dirt can wreak havoc on tack so now's the time to get rid of it. As you did with the storage area, pull all of your tack, blankets, and other materials out of the room. Wipe down dusty pieces as you go and shake out any super dirty items outside of your barn.

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Now you can sweep, mop, dust, and vacuum the area until it's sparkling. If you feel like going the extra mile, consider washing and conditioning your tack while it's out. Let it dry and cover it properly for storage. While you put your items back nice and neat, check over all of your tack for any missing parts or cracks and tears. Leather that has dried out and torn is no good and should not be used as it's no longer reliable and safe.

Halters and fly masks that have seen better days should be chucked too for safety. If you feel that you can patch up a mask or blanket, set it aside so you can remember to take it home or place it somewhere where you won't forget to do it. If you're not absolutely sure you can fix it, then don't keep it.

Now that you've finished with the tack area, look at the rest of your barn. Sweep out all the dust, dirt, and old hay. Rinse down areas with a hose if you can and let the area air dry. Clean out all wash paddock gutters and scrub down grimy rubber mats.

Take a look at the rest of your supplies. Your grooming caddy should be dumped out and rinsed. Fly sprays and other liquids may have leaked into the bottom and combined with the dust from your brushes. Now you can get rid of that icky mess. Bang all your brushes together outside and maybe rinse them off too to rid them of dirt and hair. Placing them in the sun will help them to dry faster. If your brushes are warped and losing bristles, think about replacing them. All bottles should be checked for leaks and clogs.

Check the area where your hay is stored. Ideally you want it up off of the ground away from dirt and debris. It should also be covered or placed in a shed/ room to keep it clean and dry. If this area needs repairs, either try to do them now or estimate when you will be at your lowest amount of hay. Then you can easily maneuver around the leftover bales before you get a new shipment.

Some other last minute things to check over are your manure forks. These tend to warp and break over time, so if you're using more energy than necessary to get a faulty fork to clean, consider investing in a new one. Check your hoses for leaks and wear. Go over your horse's area as well for any tidying and replacing that needs done. Your horse's water bucket and feed bin are very important and should be kept in the best condition year-round.

Lastly, brush up on any pest management, like bug spray around perimeter and setting up traps for rodents. Also pull any stray weeds that could be in or around your horse's pasture and stall. These could be potentially harmful if a bad kind are ingested.

Having a clean and tidy barn may take a few days or more to accomplish, but once it's done you'll have a space that's ready for all of your horse activities.



The Banning of Horse Drawn Carriages - Chicago

By The VHN Writing Team



Sharing, liking, tweeting, posting, calling to action.

These are all things that the media of today exercise on a daily basis. They are also things that younger generations do every day.

While there will always be a back and forth about whether social media and the ability to easily and instantly have your voice heard is a good thing, there is one undeniable instance where being able to share and speak out to large amounts of people is a useful tool.

It is through these practices that citizens are calling attention to policies and industries that are one-sided, unfair, and even inhumane. One example would be all of the “hashtag movements” that are popping up.

These media practices allow any and every advocate to reach others on a global scale and educate them about all sides of an issue. It also creates a sense of community and pride around these topics.

One loud outcry for change is now being heard: the banning of horse drawn carriages. In places like Chicago, horse drawn carriages have been in business for a long time. The industry has been featured time and again in television shows and movies centered in these cities.

But through the years the industry has shrunk to very small proportions, it's popularity rapidly declining.

It is now a divided issue about whether or not such an industry is healthy and humane for the horses that are a part of it.

On one side, those in the industry say that they treat their horses humanely and have always kept their best interests at hand.

Operators point to a lack of carriage drivers' arrests as proof against any wrongdoing. Some individuals also look at the horse drawn carriage industry as something traditional and sentimental, that it would be missed if it ended.

Others still, like animal rights activists and horse enthusiasts, have been protesting the business for some time.

The argument against the industry stands as an opinion of animal cruelty. Protesters have adamantly raised the case of the horses' condition over and over. Some have said that these horses are put to work in the worst of conditions. They operate through summer and high temperatures with no water. Others point to the horses as also operating in the extremes of winter and blizzards and even thunderstorms.

Horse activists also say that the long hours and hard ground of the cities creates horrible wear and tear on the animals' bodies.

While the argument for whether or not the industry is cruel and inhumane will continue to grow, officials in the cities that they still operate in are giving their final opinions.

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Now in Chicago, it has been voted by the city council that horse drawn carriages will end in 2021. Chicago joins other places like Salt Lake City in their decision to stop the operation.

The news had long time activists cheering in victory and applauding the decisions of the council. While this is seen as a victory, a few are pointing out one flaw that still needs to be addressed.

Now will come the decision as to what happens to these horses once the horse drawn carriage industry reaches a close. Activists and horse enthusiasts will have to wait until later this year or longer to see the outcome.

What do you think about the growing popularity of banning horse drawn carriages?

Is there an issue that you feel passionate about?



Horse Delivery: The Riding Librarians of the Great Depression

By The VHN Writing Team



It is during the hardest of times that we often see the greatest selflessness and bravery alongside the greatest suffering. These moments of human beauty are speckled throughout history and in one such event, horses served alongside their human heroes.

The Great Depression is one of the most severe and unprecedented economic hardships to hit the United States. Categorized as the longest and most widespread depression of the 20th century, it all started in 1929 with a major fall in stock prices and the eventual crash known as Black Tuesday. This depression lasted into the 1930's, crumbling industries and putting households into unquestionable poverty.

The photographs from this time tell so much about what life was like and the stories of those that suffered through it will remain an indispensable testimony to the suffering that occurred. In these stories, individuals would tell about how some of the simplest and most chance of things would bring the greatest joy.

One such small joy was the availability of libraries and the precious resource they contained: books. Due to the Great Depression and obvious lack of any budget money, the American Library Association estimated that "in 1936, about a third of all Americans did not have access to public libraries and the materials that they provided." In 1935, the Works Progress Administration or WPA created the Pack Horse Library Project. This program was responsible for delivering books to the remote areas of the Appalachian Mountains. It operated between 1935 and 1943.



The numbers for this time are truly incredible. Lady Librarians were involved in the project, which eventually collected into 30 different libraries that served over 100,000 people. These Riding Librarians had many titles like the Book Ladies, Packsaddle Librarians, and Book Women. The program employed around 200 people that reached across rural Kentucky. These ladies were officially employed and earned around \$28 a month on their horses and mules. They not only delivered to libraries but also to homes. While the workers received compensation, the books themselves were donated to the project.

The communities providing these donated books not only gave them but had to store the books. The librarians heading the locations had to track all of the printed materials and even repair them as they wore out. As this was during a time of great financial difficulty, these riding librarians were more often than not the only ones earning an income in their families.

The riders had to provide their own mounts too. Some of the horses and mules were rented from local farmers. These mounts were put to the test during delivery, as their purpose was necessary due to the remoteness of each location. Steep mountain edges, deep water, and deadly climates were typical things for these mounts and their riders. The ladies would have to lead their equines through the tough terrain, some even freezing to their saddles in winter. One famous story from the riding librarians is one woman that had to hike an 18 mile route on foot after her poor mule died before getting to the destination. Another rider utilized an older mule and to make the journey less difficult for the animal, she would walk beside it as the mule carried the book load.




Each load carried by these ladies and their equines could be up to 100 books each time. It is estimated that these ladies traversed nearly 5,000 miles average. The books provided each trip were rotated between locations. The books themselves were of many different subjects, especially children's books. They also provided current events, biographies, religion, and the Bible. Robinson Crusoe was a very popular title. People would even write down their favorite quilting patterns and recipes, adding them to a binder that could be shared with others during the trying time. During this project, 40 films were also purchased and circulated to these remote areas so that people could actually see their first moving pictures.

For many of the families receiving books, it was a unique occasion as many parents could not read but their children could. This allowed for people to learn and love books when they otherwise would never have had the opportunity. The riding ladies would even read to families out loud, which ended up settling communities that looked on the Pack Horse Librarians as outsiders and intruders.



Unfortunately the program ended in 1943 when the WPA lacked the funding to continue. The local communities loved the project so much, they tried to continue it, but ultimately failed to keep it going. It was not until the 1950's that the first "bookmobiles" came to be, allowing books to be delivered by automobile.

While technology may have outmoded the Riding Librarians eventually, it is still an incredible tale of devotion and courage during a time of devastation. More information on the tales of these women and their mission during the Great Depression can be found online.



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A Horse, Of Course

By DON BLAZER

Don't Let Your Horse Get Thrush

In the world of horses, thrush is not a songbird. It's a dirty bird.

Thrush is an unhealthy condition of the hoof which is most frequently blamed on a dirty stall. It ought to be blamed on conformation and poor hoof management.

While it is true unsanitary conditions can be a cause of thrush, lack of exercise, configuration of the hoof and improper or inadequate trimming of the wall, sole and frog is more likely responsible.

Horses kept primarily in stalls or restricted turnout areas suffer from thrush more frequently than horses in large pastures. Movement stimulates blood flow through the horse's legs, which helps maintain a healthy hoof. Movement also helps the hooves "self-clean".

The structure of the hoof will also play a part in the odds of a horse acquiring thrush.

Hooves with deep crevices (the collateral groove along the frog and the central sulcus) retain moisture and dirt, resulting in areas that can grow bacteria. Upright heels also result in the frog being more recessed – allowing more area for dirt, manure and foreign material to accumulate. A balanced hoof is a healthy hoof.

I've mentioned in previous articles that the farrier should not cut away the healthy sole or frog, and that is true. But the sole and frog produce excessive growth after they reach a thickness sufficient to protect the foot. This dead matter must be removed by the farrier so the living sole and frog are clean.

One of the first signs a horse may have thrush is an offensive odor. In severe cases the smell is accompanied by a dark, fluid similar to dirty crankcase oil. If an offensive odor is noticed, it's a pretty good sign additional hoof care is needed.

In mild cases, thrush rarely caused lameness, and is relatively easy to treat. However, in severe cases, the infection can penetrate deeper into the hoof compromising the digital cushion.

The horse is lame, and pressure on the frog and bulbs of the hoof results in pain. If thrush is suspected, even if the horse is not lame, a veterinarian should be consulted as deep tissue involvement must be ruled out.

If thrush develops, the infected portions should be trimmed away and the area cleaned. Full strength chlorine bleach can then be poured into the crevices, making sure the bleach does not come in contact with the heel, coronet band or skin.

Chlorine bleach is a drying agent and should only be used full strength during the initial treatment. Tamed iodine may also be used, in addition to many commercial antibacterial thrush products on the market.

On-going treatment would be to keep the feet clean and dry. Daily treatment may include the application of a poultice bandage, or using an antiseptic solution foot bath.

Commercial hoof boots should be avoided as they may restrict drying, resulting in a slow healing process. Many horse owners have found the use of diapers to treat thrush and protect the recovering hoof as an excellent aid.

To hasten healing, and prevent future thrush episodes, management procedures need to be addressed. Good, consistent exercise keeps the foot healthy. Stalls, corrals, paddocks should be cleaned frequently. A proactive trimming or shoeing schedule needs to be implemented, which includes not going over six weeks between farrier visits and keeping the hoof in balance. I prefer to have the horse trimmed or shod every 30 days.

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Protecting Your Horse in the Sun

By The VHN Writing Team



We all enjoy sunny days spent outside and so do our horses. It's a benefit to your horse's health and to yours to take advantage of the good weather and have some extra turn out time, riding time, or even a messy but fun bubble bath.

But there are some things to keep in mind while you and your horse enjoy the fun in the sun.

Just like us, your horse's skin can be susceptible to sunlight when given in extended doses. Even with all of their hair, a horse can become sunburned just as easily as you can.

If you have a white horse or a horse with white markings anywhere on its body, then the chance of sunburn and potential health hazards increases dramatically.

If your horse becomes sunburned, it will be pretty easy to see. The skin will become pink/red, inflamed, and tender. Depending on severity, the skin may also peel, crack, and cause aggravating pain.

Another potential problem to consider is photosensitivity, which is the combination of sun exposure and the ingestion of plants or medications that contain photodynamic chemicals. St. John's wort, buckwheat, and other plants contain these chemicals, leading to primary photosensitivity.

Some of these plants can grow year round and some of them will be newly bloomed.

The chemicals remain circulating throughout the horse's bloodstream and react when sunlight reaches them through the pink skin. Essentially, the chemicals burn skin and tissue, creating painful swelling and blistering.

From there, the blisters turn into thick crusty sections that tighten and eventually slough off in large amounts. This can lead to potential infection and scarring.

There's also secondary photosensitization in which ingestion of toxic plants, sickness, or medication debilitates the horse's liver, preventing it from filtering photodynamic compounds from the blood. The result plays out the same way as primary photosensitization.

Another possible ailment caused by exposure to the sun is tumors, such as squamous cell carcinoma, that have a connection with ultraviolet or UV light. They often appear on pink skin, around the eyes or genitals, and form into lumpy growths that can be difficult to cure if left without any treatment.

To prevent these and other ailments, limiting extended sun exposure is the best route. Provide ample shade for horses at all times, so they can take advantage of the break in exposure. Also research the plants that grow in your pastures or on your property and speak with your veterinarian about your horse's medications and tips for prevention.

You can also utilize different forms of sunscreen, like zinc oxide or sprays, that will protect vulnerable areas of pink skin against photo, and general sunburn. A sun sheet can also be beneficial.

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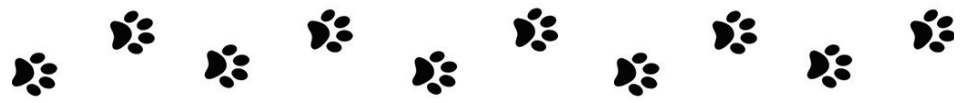
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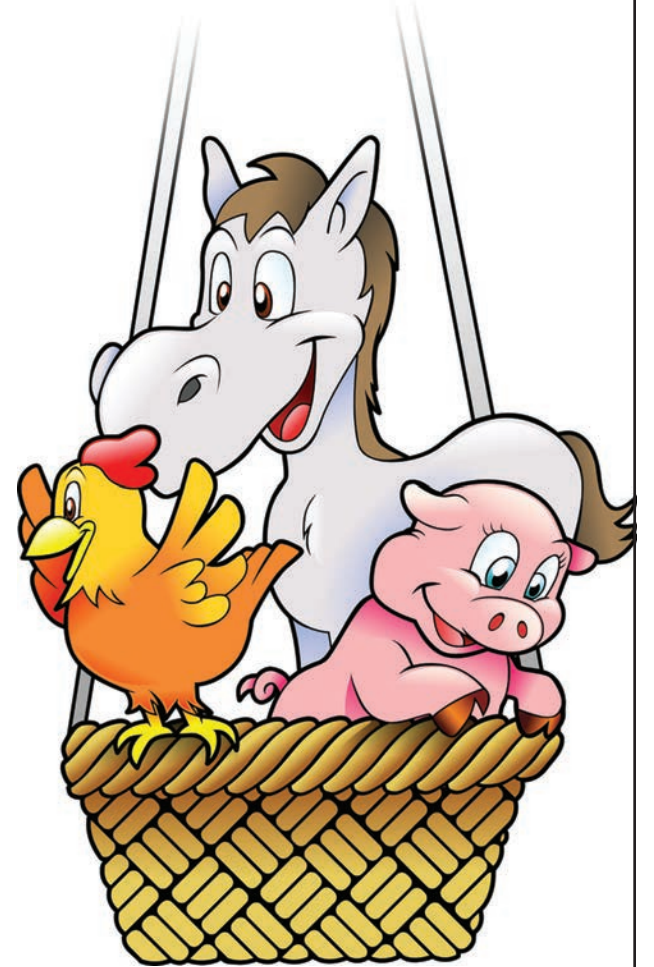
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