



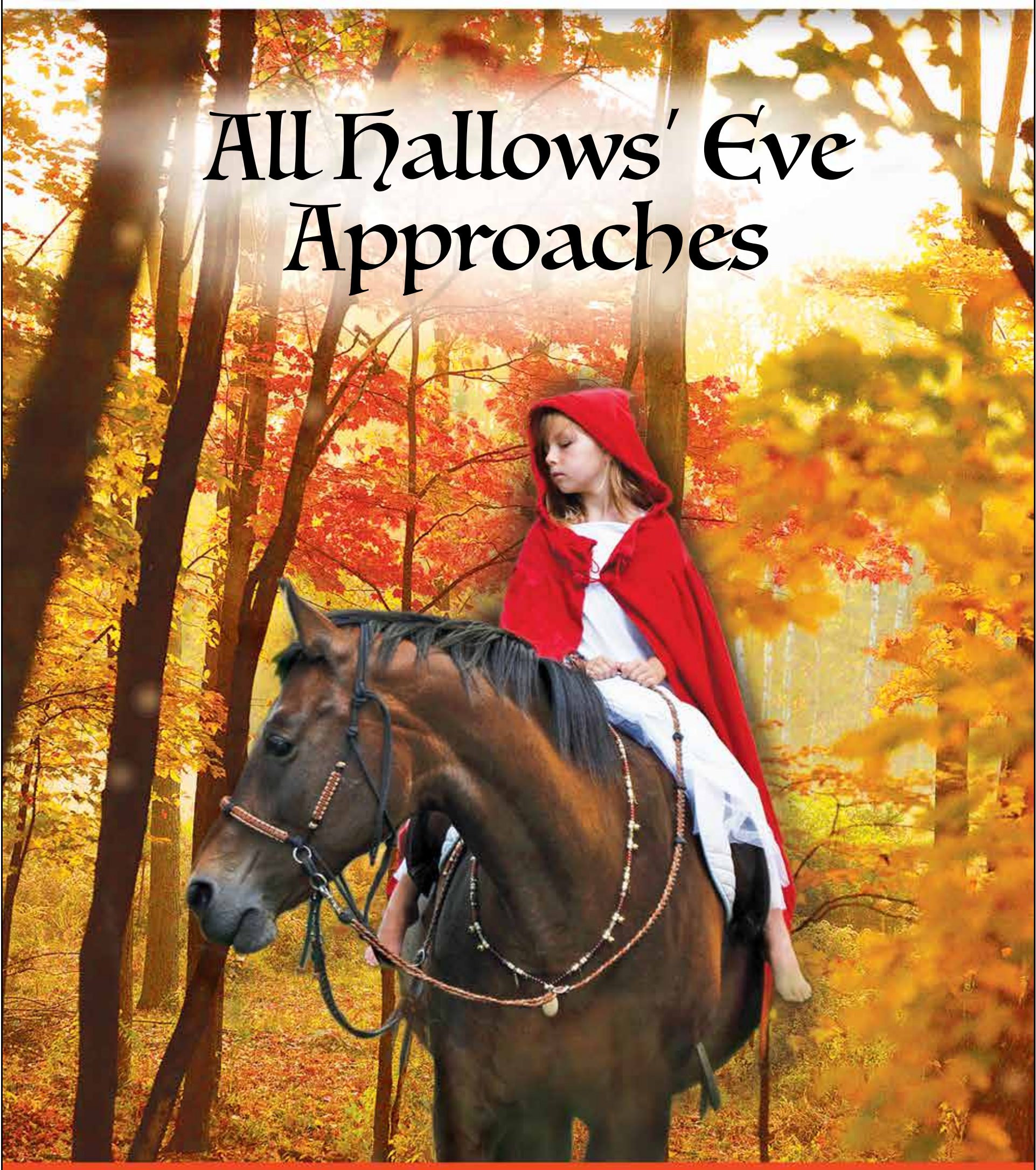
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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH: **Happy Halloween!**

2021 Horse Halloween Costumes

By The VHN Writing Team



If you're like us, you can't wait for the last three months of the year where everything becomes so much more festive and the weather cools way down.

This all kicks off with the fun filled month of October and the approach of Halloween.

While candy galore, creepy decorations, and spooky movies are some of the great parts of this holiday that we all love, dressing up in cool and unique costumes is what makes Halloween the holiday that it is.

If you plan on dressing up with your horse buddy this holiday, here are twenty new ideas to get you started for Halloween 2021:

1. Joe Exotic "Tiger King" and your equine tiger
2. Bob Ross and happy little horse painting
3. Maleficent and her dark steed
4. Lil Nas X and Old Town Road music video recreation
5. Ghost Rider
6. Miss Frizzle and the magic school bus
7. Ghostbuster and your equine ghost
8. Winnie the Pooh and a horsey Tigger
9. Fred or Wilma Flintstone and Dino the horsey dinosaur
10. Willy Wonka and a giant chocolate bar
11. A Gamer with a gaming controller (horses have the perfect shape!)
12. Harry Potter and Buckbeak
13. Minion and a giant banana
14. Viking and a riding dragon (How to Train Your Dragon Movie)
15. Jack Skellington or Sally and a giant Zero
16. Victor Frankenstein and a giant "Frankenweenie"
17. Bugs Bunny and an extra-large carrot
18. Alice in Wonderland and the white rabbit
19. A Fortnite player and a llama
20. Shaggy and Scooby Doo

While 2021 is sure to be another different Halloween experience much like last year, there are still plenty of ways to enjoy the holiday, including dressing up. What's your costume choice for this year?

Now is also a great time to have a costume contest at your barn and go all out for the occasion.

Decorate the barn, bring food, and throw a party to celebrate having fun as we watch 2021 make its way out with the arrival of the Fall season.



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Can Horses Have Pumpkin?

By The VHN Writing Team



It's officially pumpkin season again, which means doorsteps will be filled with carved creations throughout the spooky month of October. There will also be plenty of yummy recipes floating around filled with mashed pumpkin and pumpkin seeds, like cookies and pies.

During this festive fall time, you might be wondering if your horse can partake in the pumpkin goodness too.

The answer is yes, they can!

But – it should be done with caution.

Our horses can definitely enjoy the delight that is pumpkin, both in flavored treat form and in pumpkin chunks. There are a few things that horse owners should keep in mind before just tossing in a pumpkin to your horse and calling it good.

First, not every kind of squash is going to be good for your horse. If you've ever gone to the store during pumpkin season or to a pumpkin patch for picking, there are other types of squash available to buy and to carve. The safest bet is to stick with your standard orange pumpkin, like the kind you carve or even use for baking.

Second, stick to fresh pumpkin. You might be tempted to recycle your carved pumpkins by giving them to your horses as a treat. This isn't a good idea. As the carved pumpkin has sat, it's very likely that it will have spoiled and even contain mold.

This could make your horse ill. If you carved your pumpkins during the day and then later that same evening gave them to your horses, it could be fine. But weeks later is not such a good idea.

Besides, the fresh pumpkin will taste much better, making it a more satisfying treat for your equine.

You should also cut up the pumpkin into safe size chunks, so your horse doesn't choke while chewing. The seeds will be safe for him to ingest, but the size of the bits of pumpkin shouldn't be too big.


You can also make a pumpkin mash for them to enjoy. This can be mixed with supplements or other bits of treat to make it really yummy.

As for pumpkin flavored treats, those are safe too. You can bake them yourself or buy them from a feed store. Just pay attention to the individual ingredients on the label and only use them as a treat, not a diet staple. Too much of certain minerals or vitamins can be a bad thing for your horse if over fed.

Lastly, don't go overboard with the pumpkin giving. Your horse will obviously chow down on whatever yummy things you give him, but there is such a thing as too much. Eating too much pumpkin this holiday could give your horse a tummy ache for Halloween and nobody wants that.


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Created by Chef Sharon Hauht

“Candied Pecans”

Prep Time: 10m Cook Time: 1h Servings: 10

Ingredients:

1 cup white sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon salt
1 egg white
1 tablespoon water
1 pound pecan halves

Directions:

Preheat oven to 250 degrees F (120 degrees C).

Mix sugar, cinnamon, and salt together in a bowl.

Whisk egg white and water together in a separate bowl until frothy. Toss pecans in the egg white mixture. Mix sugar mixture into pecan mixture until pecans are evenly coated. Spread coated pecans onto a baking sheet.

Bake in the preheated oven, stirring every 15 minutes, until pecans are evenly browned, 1 hour.



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About Happy Trails Kitchen



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

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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Smart Hay Storage tips

By The VHN Writing Team



There's hay to the everyday person and then there's hay to the horse owner. The typical person might not think much of it, but to a horse person, hay is so much more than that stuff you see at the pet store or that hauling truck on the freeway. There's no such thing as a barn without hay. It's everywhere. The hayloft, the aisle ways, the bottom of your horse's stall, in your horse's mane, the floor of your feed room, even inside your clothes and in your hair when you get home.

Horse people know much more about hay than your random passerby, but chances are there's more to know about hay and how it should be stored than most horse owners realize. And this information could help to save you money you didn't know you were missing.

First off, you should be storing your hay on pallets. You might think, eh, it's dried hay, it's already dusty, what does it matter if it touches the ground, like on cement? It matters more than you'd think, as hay can spoil quite easily.

Hay that touches the ground has a much higher chance of getting wet and trapping even the tiniest bit of moisture underneath the bottom layer. Even cement can lead to a damp bottom layer from condensation during temperature changes.

This can lead to mold and all kinds of nastiness, that can be prevented by allowing air to circulate beneath the hay. A pallet is the easiest way to do this and they can be pretty cheap to come by.

This necessity for air is also important in the way you pile your hay bales. Yes, bales are bulky, no matter if you get small ones or big ones. They may take up a lot of space, but if you put a little bit of space between each bale instead of squeezing them tightly together, that airflow will reach each layer, not just around the sides, and the top and bottom. Each bale will remain fresh and moisture resistant.

Don't be tempted to stack your hay all the way to the tippy top either. Hay bales weigh a lot, probably more than they appear. If you're scaling layers of stacked hay and pulling with all of your body weight on a bale at the top, it can be a recipe for an accident. Your foot could get stuck, you could lose your balance, or another bale could fall on you.

Chances are, you may even know someone who's been injured, even seriously, from falling off a stack of hay bales. If you need to stack so many that you have to climb, form a pyramid pattern, so that the farther up you go, the fewer bales there are. This also creates a kind of staircase for you to scale.

Another hay storage tip for safety is to store your hay away from your barn. If you've ever heard of how wildfires start, lots of times it's during a dry period and in an area with lots of brush. That hay that you're storing close to your animals, even up in a higher level of your barn is extremely flammable. It's the perfect fire food, so consider storing your hay away from your barn so that should it catch fire, it won't spread easily to other areas.

If you find a bale with mold, get rid of it immediately. That mold can make your horse sick, and it can be bad for the bales next to it. Mold can still happen, even with the best storage, so don't assume that you won't get any.

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It can also hide inside bales, so when you cut one open, do a little double checking before feeding it to your animals.

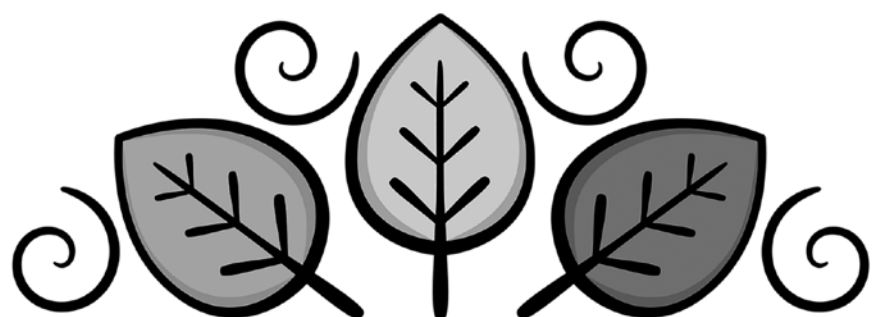
If you keep your hay outside, keep it covered so rain and sunlight don't ruin it. Using a tarp or carport can work well but remember that water can blow against the bales in a bad storm, so proper coverage all the way around before rain will be the best bet.

It's also a good habit to store your hay so that the oldest bales get used first. Whether you keep the old at the front, or in certain piles so you know which is which, it's a good idea to use up the oldest first before it goes bad and you're out a good chunk of money. Hay tends to lose its nutrition the older it gets as well, so using your hay before it gets too old will help keep your equine healthy.

Also be aware of the potential pests that could be nesting in your hay. Everything from snakes, to mice, to bunnies, and even scorpions could be hiding in there.

Make sure to take the time to inspect your bales often and notice any damage to tarps or excrement that could be left behind. Anything in your hay could find its way right to your horse's mouth during feeding time. A few extra precautions could save you and your horse a world of hurt.

By storing your hay with a few easy tricks, you could save yourself the hassle of throwing away hay that could've been fine to feed and money that doesn't need to be wasted.



They're Baaack... Paddy Melon Toxicity

By The VHN Writing Team



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It's not an easy task to get horse owners to agree on things. A difference of opinion is guaranteed when it comes to horse care, but one thing just about every horse owner can agree on is that horse care is a full-time job.

We love our horses, but holy cow are they a lot of work. It's kind of like having a toddler that never truly grows up, never stops being hungry, and outweighs you by a lot.

On that list of jobs that we fulfill with our horses is making sure they not only eat the things they're supposed to, we also have to make sure they don't eat the things that could make them sick. Naturally, there tends to be a lot of those things and they're the ones our horses are super curious about.

Go figure.

Most often we can name the substance our horses shouldn't eat, whether they occur in nature or not. But one plant that many horse owners do not know about is *Cucumis Myriocarpus*, also known as the Paddy Melon.

It can also be called the gooseberry cucumber, gooseberry gourd, mallee pear, or prickly paddy melon. It is a climbing annual herb that is becoming more and more common in the U.S.

And once again, reports from horse owners are showing that these sneaky plants are back to popping up in the South West and beyond.

The melon has a small, round, yellowish green or striped green fruit with spines, hence the prickly nick-name. They also have small, yellow flowers with light green leaves. The melon is usually found in roughed up soil or areas that have been stripped. The plant thrives in summer moisture and can take root fairly easily.



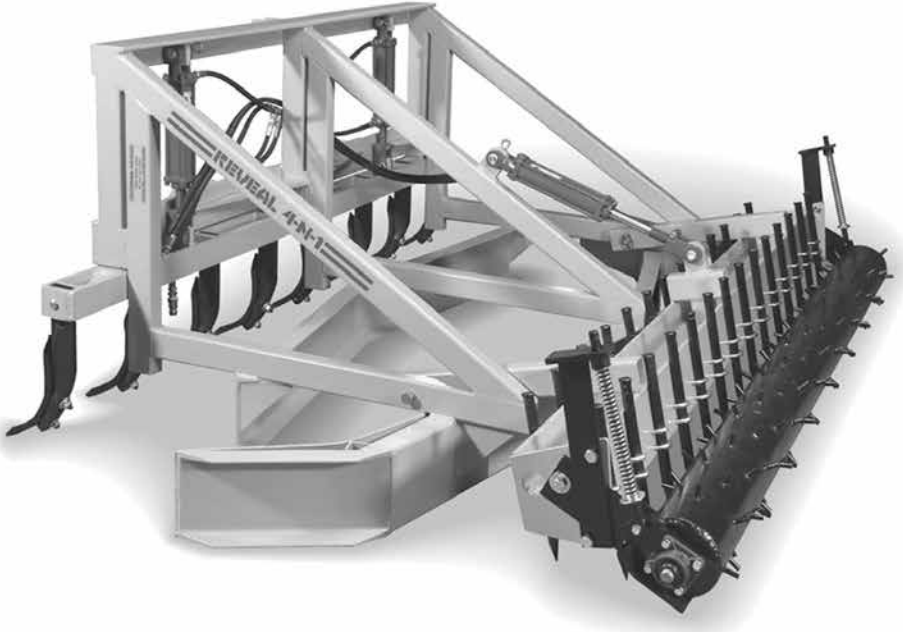
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The important part to remember about the paddy melon is that it can be toxic when consumed, both the fruit and the foliage of the plant. It contains cucurbitacin, a naturally occurring biochemical in some of the pumpkin and gourd family.

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Typically, the taste of the paddy melon will be more tart or bitter due to the toxin, and not very appetizing to horses. But it's become apparent that horses and other livestock will grow a taste for the plant.

The annoying fact about this weed is that it's easily spread. When the melons are broken open, all of the seeds will lead to more of them and before you know it, you have a regular infestation.

The best thing to do as soon as you recognize the melons, remove them, careful to keep any seeds from spreading. If you can remove them before the melons start growing or are not yet big, you'll have a better chance of getting rid of the weed altogether.

If you suspect your horse has eaten paddy melon and you start to see symptoms of poisoning, contact your vet as soon as possible for treatment. The severity of your horse's condition will depend on how much of the plant your horse has ingested, your horse's overall size and health, and how much time has passed.

The toxicity of the plant does not change from when it first sprouts to when the melons are fully formed, so the age of the plant does not play a factor in how dangerous it could be.



Bodywork Mystery Case Files

By Zen Equine Bodywork

Being a fulltime equine bodyworker in Southern Nevada for the past years has led me to work on a few interesting - if not mysterious - cases.

One such case was reported by two different clients, one located in Boulder City and the other on the Northeast side of town; the events occurred about 10 months apart. Both horses, one gelding and one mare, had the exact same symptoms – the horses acted normally during the night but were obviously uncomfortable and shook their heads uncontrollably during the day.

The owners were not sure what caused the horses to start this new behavior, and after noticing how agitated the horses were, they made appointments to have their horses vetted. Both horses were diagnosed by their vets as having the “Headshaking Syndrome” and were given different treatment plans and prescriptions.

For horses diagnosed with the Headshaking Syndrome, they often flick their heads to try to get rid of the uncomfortable sensations caused by sunlight (or other bright lights), triggering a nerve in their heads, the trigeminal nerve. Even with a full-face UV protective mask in place, the horses were uncomfortable during the day. Both owners scheduled a bodywork session for their horses to give them a little reprieve from their discomfort.

I made the arrangement to arrive for the horses at twilight and saw the tail end of their uncomfortable headshaking before morphing back to their normal selves under the moonlight. Both horses enjoyed their bodywork into the night, which helped with the tension in the polls, neck, shoulders and withers as a result of the headshaking.

The owners were relieved to see their horses releasing tensions with big yawns, even if the horses went back to headshaking at day break. I am happy to report that both horses have stopped the headshaking in a few weeks under capable veterinary care.

Picture 1 shows Belle wearing a UV protective mask with fringe when she was under the spell of the Headshaking Syndrome. The fringe is thought to help with the neuropathic pain of the muzzle; similar to holding a finger under your nose to stifle a sneeze. Owner Paula Tilley has been able to resume riding Belle since her mysterious Headshaking Syndrome vanished under veterinary care.



Above Picture 1: Belle with UV mask

The second mystery case was slightly more sinister than the headshaking syndrome; this one involved a horse that had the mystery not-lame-but-something-is-not-right syndrome - the kind that sends horse owners into a desolate dark abyss in short order.

The owner noticed her handsome 13-year-old gelding, which she bought and transported to town a couple of months before, was not lame but was falling in pushing left on both leads. There was nothing specific in the Pre-Purchase Vet Check, so she arranged for weekly treatments with a Pulsed Electromagnetic Field (PEMF) provider.

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I was asked by the owner to be part of the horse’s care team. I asked the standard questions: has the horse been seen by the vet, who is the farrier and have there been changes to his care. All the answers were fairly standard.

After 2-3 sessions, I suggested to the owner to arrange another appointment, either with a vet or with a vet/chiropractor. It was obvious to me that the horse continued to be sore in the same areas (on the right hind), and we needed to determine the main or root contributory factor to this haunting soreness.

The owner made a follow-up appointment with the vet who zoomed in on the right hind mystery soreness and found the root issue to be a negative plantar angle in the horse’s right rear hoof! The devil was right under our nose – well, the horse’s feet - all this time!! The vet met with the farrier, and the farrier placed a corrective shoe wedge which exorcised the issue and solved the mystery case!

It was not witchcraft or a crystal ball that Dr. Tom Hartgrove used in locating the source of the lameness. Dr. Hartgrove leveraged a tool called “The Equinosis Q with Lameness Locator®” with inertial sensors to quantify equine lameness by capturing precise movements of the head, pelvis, and legs.

While Dr. Hartgrove has keen eyes, with 30 plus years of experience as a vet performing lameness examinations using traditional methods, he has found leveraging technology such as this one has helped him diagnose lameness with better precision, and it allows him to track a horse’s lameness or performance with data over time.



Picture 2 (above) shows Red and owner Trish Wills enjoying bonding time together playing soccer, after Red’s vet and farrier mended the issue with the hoof.

Happy Halloween! I would love to hear from you. Please feel free to email zenequinebodywork@gmail.com if you have questions or concerns or tag me at @zenequinebodywork on Facebook or Instagram if you simply want to share your stories!

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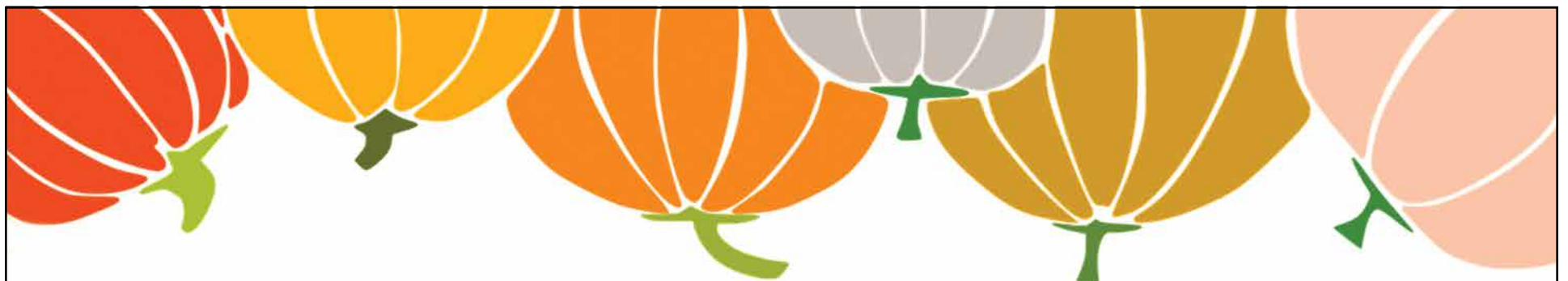
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White Ghost Horses of Legend

By The VHN Writing Team



Halloween is the time of headless horsemen, giant purple people eaters, and scary movies on tv. It's also the time for homemade apple cider, roaring campfires, and ghost stories late at night.

Along with these ghost stories, some of us might believe in the possibility of ghosts and the spirits that have the ability to linger after death.

There are, after all, so many accounts, photos, and even videos of ghost encounters to be found these days. The evidence can be quite compelling and more than a little unsettling the deeper you search on the internet. Definitely don't search for ghost videos on Youtube late at night, we've warned you.

Maybe some of you even have your own ghost encounters that made you a believer in "life after death".

But if people can remain after death to haunt old houses and scare those still in the land of the living, what about animals? Can an animal's, or more specifically, a horse's spirit be left to wander the world after its passing?

Outside of religious beliefs and scientific phenomena, there are quite a few stories to be found of ghost horses that roam the land.

There's a Native American legend passed down many generations that talks about two men competing for the hand of a chief's beautiful daughter. After giving fine goods for a dowry, the first man was granted permission to marry the beautiful woman, while the second man felt slighted and cheated of the opportunity. Both in love and now married, the first man and the woman were suddenly forced to flee as the scorned man rallied his tribe to attack them so he could take the woman for his own.

As they fled from the approaching hoard, the man on his grey horse and the woman on a white one, they were eventually cornered and the man was killed. The beautiful woman was also killed by accident in the carnage as she sat upon her white steed. Many of the scorned man's tribe recounted that at the exact moment of the beautiful woman's death, her spirit merged into the white horse's body with a brilliant swirl of white light. Though the tribe tried to capture the horse, it managed to escape with speed, running free onto the plains and forever out of reach.

For many years, strangers would see the unearthly sight of a white ghost horse roaming about the plains, unable to be caught by any man and haunting the wilderness.

While many Native American legends represent lessons for teaching, there are still more specific accounts of ghost horses that are rooted in history. In parts of England, where the countryside is long and winding with forests and lonely roads, there are tales of groups of white specter horses whose hooves sound on the ground in the dead of night.

Upon looking for the sound, farmers would either see nothing at all to explain the noise, or they would see the group of unnerving creatures making their way down the road. These horses belonged to fallen soldiers and knights from battles ages ago. They roam the old land, calling to horses still living to come and join them in their freedom.

Farm owners would often hear the sound of these ghost horses prancing along in a group with the sounds of their own equines, hollering after them in excitement.

Some stories even say that these unsettled white ghost horses would chase after people in a vindictive manner, like a solitary bike rider out for a late ride. Alone in the countryside, the biker would look behind him only to see an eerie white spirit horse quickly approaching without a sound and faster than any mortal creature could travel. After peddling quickly away in fear for their wellbeing, the biker would turn back one last time to see how close the ghost horse was, only to find nothing behind them at all but empty roads. Naturally, people would avoid these roads at all costs or never set foot on them after a certain hour.

These more intense and modern encounters are not only for people either.

In places that are believed to be haunted, either by human spirits or territorial horse spirits, many owners will be out for a ride with their own horse when the animal will suddenly all out refuse to touch the "cursed" land inhabited by spirits. They can sense that something is amiss and won't go any further. Animals seem to have a keen sense of the other worldly, horses seem to be no exception.

It also seems to be common for these ghost horse legends to have white horses more than any other color. Like the quote, it is said that "death rides a pale horse." Perhaps these findings are rooted both in fact and in legend alike.

So, while you listen to a few ghost stories this Halloween, remember that one day you just might encounter a ghost horse yourself and have a tale to tell of your own. Or you can try researching these very legends on this Halloween night for a bit of fun, if you dare.





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The Connection Between Wind and Equine Eye Fungus

By The VHN Writing Team



Horses have some of the largest eyes of any land mammal. Their eyes are quite an amazing part of evolution, but the only downside of having such large eyes is that it leads to much more frequent eye injuries. Eye injuries can also be some of the most stubborn and difficult to heal.

As horse owners, we are well aware of the fact that our horses are notorious for injuries. And the situations that cause those injuries don't even have to be that serious for an injury to happen. Because our horses are naturally prey animals, they rely heavily on their sight to help them navigate the world. Should an injury happen, infection is much more likely due to bacteria or fungus taking hold in the wound.

Researchers have found that there could even be a connection to horse eye infections from the introduction of fungus via a route that we didn't previously consider such a formidable threat: wind.

If you've ever been out in a windstorm yourself, you know how painful and irritating it can be to have sand and other debris blown in your face. Even just an eyelash falling into your eye can be painful and sometimes tricky to treat. It can also damage your eye if left too long.

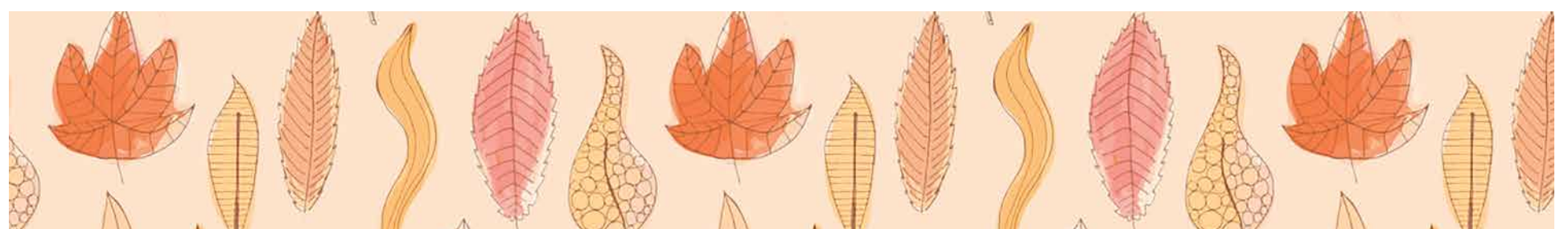
For our horses, who can't exactly reach up with a finger to pull away an eyelash or wash their own eyes out with water, the possibility of having debris blown into their eyes is extremely high.

In fact, researchers found that of all the different factors, wind was one of the leading causes of fungal eye infections in every season. When wind blew during say spring or fall, the chance of a stray piece of hay or other substance that carried fungus was much, much higher.

This damaging introduction of fungus to the eye can easily lead to diseases like Equine Ulcerative Keratomycosis or EUK. EUK usually develops after trauma (like a piece of hay scratching the eye) leads to an ulcer or another injury of the cornea. The cornea is the transparent tissue layer of the eyeball that covers the front section of the eye. This injury can lead to many things, like excessive tearing and pain. It can also cause vision loss or the need for the eyeball to be removed completely.

It's quite crazy to think that a horse could lose his vision altogether simply because a strong gust of wind caused a piece of stray hay to scratch the horse's eye.

If anything, this only reinforces the need to properly protect our horses' eyes from the elements. Fly masks are a good investment to prevent some serious issues to your horse's vision. Providing a wind barrier, like a wall in your horse's run, can also help them stay protected. And on windy days, monitoring your horse's eyes for signs of trauma could help prevent the progression of destructive fungus and other infections.



Ivermectin Troubles: Can't Find and Can't Buy

By The VHN Writing Team



It's not the first time in the pandemic that there has been a shortage of some important material. There's been gasoline shortages, toilet paper shortages, food shortages, and more as the world has dealt with this sickness and all that comes with it.

As a horse owner, you may have been affected by Covid-19 either health wise or finance wise. But there's one way that you probably didn't think you would be impacted by this virus.

A scarcity of Ivermectin.

The latest on unadvised Covid treatments and what certain individuals are touting as a cure is the medication known as Ivermectin. It's commonly used as a wormer for animals like horses, in fact you've probably already used it many times, and typically can be found quite easily at a feed store. There's even many different brands of the wormer to be found on shelves and online.

Or at least you used to be able to find it on store shelves.

Now that there are people buying Ivermectin that do not own horses, stores are having to take more extreme measures to ward off individuals buying it for the wrong reasons. For one, it's hard to even keep in stock as people try to buy it up as a potential medicine for the virus. This isn't just in person or online or even in one state either. It's all over.

Stores are also keeping it off of shelves on purpose so that those who are intent on using it to self treat for Covid cannot get it. Ivermectin has rapidly rose in calls to poison control hotlines and in hospitals as people make themselves sick by taking it.

There are even stores here in Las Vegas that will not sell you the wormer unless you can show photographic proof that you indeed have a horse that you need to use it for.

Even beyond that, some horse owners find it odd to grab the wormer in their runs to the feed store, worrying that people will think they are crazy or trying to buy it up or even steal it to use as treatment on themselves.

Who would have ever thought that buying a simple wormer for your equine would become such a strange almost Mad Max apocalyptic errand.

Until this ill-advised buying of Ivermectin slows down or blows over with more research from health officials, finding wormer for your horse might take some extra thinking and preparation, and if you can, always bring proof of your equine with you in case you have to show that you are, in fact, a real horse owner, with a real horse that needs that paste.

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Turquoise and Silver Ring

By Joyce Griesmann Carter

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For the rein hand is graced with an
old Navajo
Blue turquoise and silver ring

On one hand is life, and the other a hold
On a friendship that makes my heart sing
For horsehair and leather, silver and stone
Bring messages told by a ring.

One summer in Monument Valley I found it
For sale for what it would bring
Fine crafted and old, it belonged
on my hand
And I treasured the scratched, silver thing.

Many seasons have come, many seasons
have gone
And the raven has spread his black wing
But the rains and the storms cannot
steal the sun
From the old desert born silver ring.

Now the friendships I have with the sky
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Before You Buy: Should You Always Get a Vet Check?

By The VHN Writing Team



Buying a horse in any regard can be a tricky business, whether you're buying across state lines, from a friend, buying a young horse, or buying an old horse. In truth, there's no such thing as a "perfect" horse. There's the perfect horse for you, of course, but perfect overall is a very, very rare find.

Every horse will need something from you. Maybe they have arthritis. Maybe they're insulin intolerant. Maybe they suffered abuse and need some extra patience. Perhaps it's an older horse that needs more supplementation. Or it could be a young horse in need of more training. No matter the horse you consider, there is one thing that you should always, always get before you hand over that cash.

Before you buy that horse, get a vet check. And don't cut corners.

What's termed as a pre-purchase exam or a vet check before buying isn't necessarily meant to be a pass or fail clinical examination. The horse isn't going to be accepted or declined, like a college entrance exam. What a vet check will tell you is what you really need to know: what is this horse's overall condition.

You will know what his issues are, what's good, what's bad, what's long term, what's short term, and really just what you're getting into. Does this horse have laminitis? Does this horse have signifiers for Cushing's? Does this horse have previous injury signs? Are his teeth good? Do his feet look well kept? Does his stool show a lack of wormer schedule or other gut issues? Can he see and hear to a normal degree? Is he really ten years old?

The best way to get this entire process going is by finding an equine veterinarian that YOU trust. Not the person you're buying them from, but the vet that you want to examine them. This examination can go even further by having a farrier look at him or an equine dentist.

Now, it's much more than likely that there will be something on the examination that your vet brings to your attention. It could be any number of things, but the main point to keep in mind is you are looking at all of the possibilities and figuring out if the issues that are present are ones you are willing to treat. And that treatment could be life long and it could be expensive.

Will this horse need certain therapies to correct issues? Can the issues be corrected with those therapies for a full recovery? Is this something the horse can recover from at all? What is the cost of this recovery or management?

And another good question to think of with all of these "what if's" is: can this horse be a part of your life in the way that you want?

You might want to show your horse, or to have a lesson horse for your child. You might want to barrel race or practice dressage. You might want a horse for breeding. You might just want them for companionship. And there are so many factors that play into whether or not this animal will work for these jobs.

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It comes down to the factors of the horse's job, your time, your finances, and what you are really wanting.

And one of the great things about getting a vet check before buying the horse is that the results of any tests and any opinion's your vet or other professionals give you is for your eyes and ears only. The seller of the animal does not have to be privy to this information, which leaves any possible swindling or guilt tripping out of the equation.

Any seller who tries to dissuade you from getting a vet's opinion or tries to get you to use a certain vet or only certain tests is a huge red flag. A seller that is perfectly fine with any investigating that you want to do is someone that knows their horse is actually fit for selling.

And the bottom line is any true horse person will understand that desire for a vet check.

Too many people have been burned by not doing all of the research they can into an animal before making that purchase, because unless you have a contract that specifies terms of sale and the horse's condition, you'll be stuck with an animal you don't want or can't care for and the seller will legally walk away with full pockets.

At the end of the day, you are the one buying and the one taking the risk of the purchase. Do what you feel you need to do in order to be informed, and the first thing on that list should be a pre-purchase vet exam.



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Farm Animal Adoptions

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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: Horses, Donkeys, Mules, Miniature Horses, Cattle, Piggies, Goats, Sheep, Chickens, Ducks, Geese, Farm Fowl, Rabbits, Alpaca, and Llamas!
Any farm animal in need has a place in this section for as long as they need it!



Welcome all rescues, sanctuaries, and non-profits!

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

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

This section will remain in the paper *indefinitely*.

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

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

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

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

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

Have questions? 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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