



# For Horse's Sake



### Goals and Objectives of the Minnesota Horse Council

- ♦ Promote and/or support equine educational activities
- ♦ Improve communication in all horse related activities with the general public
- ♦ Gather information of value to equine related activities
- ♦ Distribute gathered information as appropriate
- ♦ Provide expertise, consult and advise
- ♦ Establish, develop and enhance equine trails and other infrastructure and encourage their prudent use

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## 2007 Minnesota Horse Expo in Review 25th Year -- What a Ride!



The Minnesota Horse Expo Directors and Staff feel this was the best attended of all Minnesota Horse Expos. Something of a higher power must have decided that the Minnesota Horse Expo 2007 should have great weather after the bad weather in 2006.

We had great clinicians, over 400 horses (including demo horses), and about 800 vendor booths for the 2007 Expo. The speaker rooms for the clinicians were overflowing. Many of them were standing room only, Vendors were very busy with sales (no one really complaining) and all of the demonstrations were well attended. Everything seemed to run on time in the Coliseum and the Judging Arena. The rodeo was again well attended. All in all with the large crowds and the large area that we now cover, the Expo ran very smoothly without many hitches. The bottom line on attendance and revenue will be available shortly and will be reported at the next meeting.

As Expo President, I want to thank the Directors and Staff of the Minnesota Horse Expo, volunteers, and those of the Minnesota Horse Council who helped put on this event. I also want to thank the Minnesota State Fair Staff and the State Fair Police.

Glen Eaton  
Minnesota Horse Expo President



## *How the Minnesota Horse Council Uses Horse Expo Proceeds*

The Minnesota Horse Council was founded in 1935 to provide a vehicle for horse owners and exhibitors to coordinate horse activities with the Minnesota State Fair Board. From this humble beginning the Minnesota Horse Council has evolved to be an umbrella organization uniting and supporting all statewide equine activities. The Minnesota Horse Council encourages and supports equine related activities, concerns and education. We work together with the many equine organizations throughout our state toward a common goal of improving the horse industry of Minnesota.

### **MINNESOTA HORSE EXPO**

The Minnesota Horse Expo is a non-profit subsidiary of the Minnesota Horse Council. It is made possible by the many people who volunteer their time and effort. The Expo celebrated its Silver Anniversary in 2007. The proceeds of the Expo are used to support the activities of the Minnesota Horse Council. Most of that money is returned to the horse community in the form of educational scholarships, equine facilities development, grants, direct funding support, and individual recognition awards.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Tony Gasser was a well known Minnesota Horseman and active in the Minnesota Horse Council. In his will, he left money to start a fund to offer scholarships to students in equine-related fields. This was the beginning of the MHC/Tony Gasser Memorial Scholarships back in 1984. Five percent of the gross profits from the Minnesota Horse Expo are contributed to that fund each year. In the 24 years it has been operating, the fund has given over 90 scholarships to students from all over the state studying for professions ranging from veterinarians, veterinary technicians, equine biologists, equine facility managers, farriers, trainers, equine assisted therapists, and journalists.

### **GRANTS**

The Minnesota Horse Council uses the Horse Expo proceeds to offer "seed money grants" for new projects, or capital improvements by Minnesota non-profit equine groups. Since 1990, the Council has given out 113 grants totaling over \$542,500.

### **DIRECT FUNDING**

Since 1993, the Council has provided direct funding support (up to \$500) for projects proposed by local horse groups. Many of these are educational events, bringing in recognized experts to conduct clinics. Others are for purchasing materials to build or repair local equine facilities. Also, since 1995, the Council has given an annual \$500 contribution to support the Minnesota 4-H Horse Project Lending Library.

### **LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY**

The Minnesota Horse Council has represented horse owners in the state by providing input to our representatives and senators on legislation that affects horse owners. Many of these issues will be listed on the MN Horse Council website ([www.mnhorsecouncil.org](http://www.mnhorsecouncil.org)). In 2006, MHC worked on a proposal for rider passes for state park horse trails. The American Horse Council ([www.horsecouncil.org](http://www.horsecouncil.org)) maintains an active web page highlighting national legislative issues affecting the equine industry.

### **SHOW FACILITIES**

The Council maintains a list of indoor facilities within the state that are open for public use such as horse shows, equestrian demonstrations, and clinics. The Glenwood Equine Facility, Glenwood, MN, plans on opening later this year.

### **AISLE OF BREEDS**

Since 1997, the Minnesota Horse Expo together with the Minnesota Horse Council has maintained the Aisle of Breeds at the Minnesota State Fair. The idea is to provide a place where equine enthusiasts visiting the fair could stop, pet horses, and talk to horse owners about their animals. The show exhibitors were most pleased as it took pressure off them to talk with fair visitors while preparing their horses for show. The exhibit also is a focal point for people to get more information about the Horse Council and the Horse Expo.

### **TRAIL BLAZERS**

The MN Horse Council Trail Blazers Committee has a budget of \$43,000 in 2007 to match state and federal funds that support the development and maintenance of horse trails and campgrounds at state parks and state forest within our state. The committee has been active for the past 14 years working with MN DNR Parks and Trail, Minnesota Trail Riders, and many area saddle clubs to use available funds and seek outside funding to expand or enhance existing recreational areas for equestrian use. In addition, the Minnesota Horse Trails brochure is updated and printed on a regular basis to provide information to trail riders about public facilities available to ride and camp.

### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

The Emergency Response Team remains active throughout the year, working with local fire departments and law enforcement groups to help them be better prepared when horses are involved in some type of a natural disaster, accident or fire.

### **CERTIFIED STABLES PROGRAM**

The Council operates the Certified Stable Program to recognize stables that offer quality care, and to inform horse owners looking for facilities. There were 14 new stables that joined and were inspected in 2006. The Program also re-inspected 9 current certified stable members. Visit the Minnesota Horse Council web site to learn more about participating member stables.

### **HORSE PERSON OF THE YEAR AND THE MINNESOTA EQUINE PIONEER AWARD RECOGNITION**

For a third of a century, the Council has showed the appreciation of the horse industry to outstanding amateur or professional horsepersons who have given extra effort to help other equestrians by recognizing a "Horseperson of the Year." The awardee at our 2007 banquet was Dale Froyum.

Several years ago Council started the "Minnesota Equine Pioneer Award" to recognize deceased horsemen and women who have been pioneers in our state; people who led the way and introduced many others to horse activities in Minnesota. In 2006 we honored Bill Robbins during the Minnesota State Fair Horse Show.

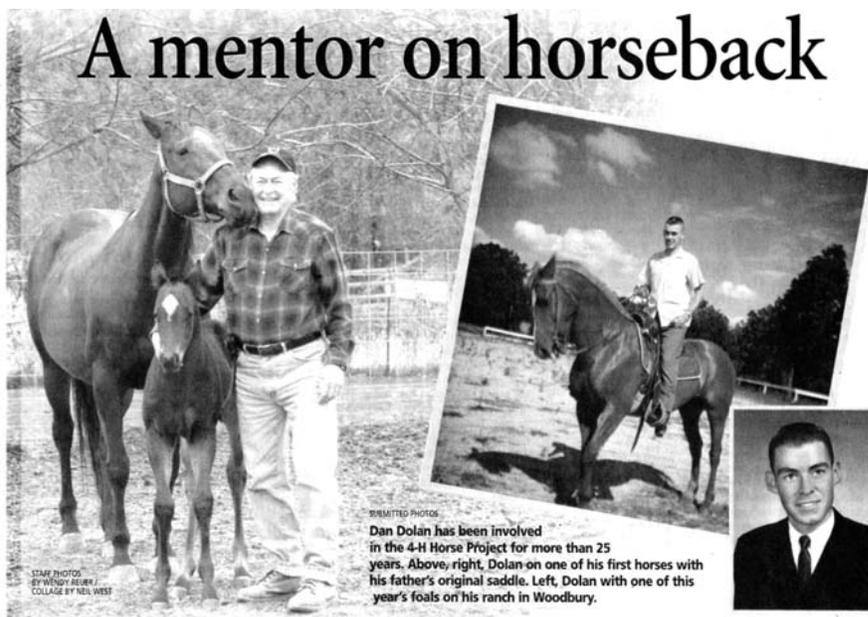
## Dan Dolan Elected Minnesota Horse Council President

### DAN DOLAN

Minnesota Horse Council  
President

Washington County Ag  
Society President

Horseperson of the Year 1998



### Woodbury Man a Leader in Area's Equine Community

By Wendy Reuer, Staff Writer ♦ Published in Woodbury Bulletin, May 2, 2007

"We have a neeewwww leader!"

It's the recognizable call any equine competitor hopes to hear from Dan Dolan during the show season. But it's Dolan who has been a leader in the area's horse community for years.

Woodbury is a haven to many a horse lover, but when anyone talks horses in this area, one name is almost sure to come up—Dan Dolan.

Dolan has been on deck with the Washington County Horse Project for more than 25 years.

"He is like family to the horse community and the 4-H program and everyone loves him dearly," parent Jen Vandemmeltraadt said.

Dolan started riding on his family's cowpony at around age 7.

"That wasn't for recreation," he said. "My dad had a philosophy when you are big enough to put a saddle on your horse, then you can ride with a saddle."

When Dolan and his wife Janet moved to Woodbury in 1968, they were not surrounded by developments and government-regulated "open space." The area was open farmland and Woodbury had just become a city the previous year.

The couple raised their four children, Colleen, Danny, Michael and Kelly, to ride and encouraged them to join 4-H. Kelly is still showing, winning the barrel competition at last year's state fair.

Dolan has been working with kids in group lessons and individually since 1991. In June, Dolan will begin his annual nine-week lesson program for beginning riders or those with one to three years of experience. The lessons prepare students for the county fair.

He teaches from the saddle, rather than from the ground. "I feel that, when you're on the ground, it's harder to communicate with comprehension," Dolan said. "I find that when you're on the ground, they listen to you but when you're up on the horses you're a part of those kids and what they are doing."

Dolan is also the announcer for a number of shows including the Minnesota State Fair, Western Saddle Club Association Championship show and Minnesota Horse Expo.

He would announce for the state fair, but he is too busy being there for his students.

"I can't be on the microphone, I've got to be down in that tunnel with those kids that are scared to death," Dolan said.

"He always has faith in the kids, encourages them to do their best, he is by far the loudest cheering section they have," Vandemmeltraadt said.

The Washington County 4-H Horse project will have 190 kids this year in grades three through one year out of high school from all over the county. The 4-H Horse Project includes roughly four large horse clubs and a number of smaller ones.

Dolan recommends finding the right club for what you are looking for.

"Go sit in on a meeting or two and see how that matches up with what you're looking for," Dolan said.

For example, one club may focus on having fun along with learning while another club focuses on horsemanship and community service.

Some clubs have horses which can be leased for those who are interested but do not own horses.

For information on local 4-H and horse clubs, see [www.extension.umn.edu/county/washington/](http://www.extension.umn.edu/county/washington/)

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## Unwanted Horse Coalition

### States Councils Report



The Unwanted Horse Coalition has progressed since it was folded into the American Horse Council in June.

The coalition hired Katy Carter as its coordinator. She has served in legislative and press capacities in the House of Representatives and most recently for former Representative Jack Quinn of New York.

In October, the coalition met officially for the first time under the auspices of the AHC. The coalition established a number of committees during the meeting.

The Communications and Education Committee will work to develop a website, informational brochures, and a guide to responsible horse ownership and will continue to develop public outreach strategies. The Research Committee will focus on compiling up-to-date information on issues such as horsemanship, alternative careers, retirement, retraining, and euthanasia and disposal options. The Funding Committee will continue to recruit new UHC members, in addition to individual donors and corporate sponsorships. The Steering Committee will oversee the overall direction of the coalition.

The mission of the UHC is to reduce the number of unwanted horses and to improve their welfare through education and the efforts of organizations committed to the health, safety, and responsible care of horses.

The meeting in October was attended by representatives from the American Association of Equine Practitioners, AVMA, American Paint Horse Association, American Quarter Horse Association, The Jockey Club, National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, National Thoroughbred Racing Association, Professional Rodeo Stock Contractors, Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, U.S. Equestrian Federation, and U.S. Trotting Association.

In November, the (SHCAC) States Horse Council's Executive Board approved a membership in the coalition and creation of a liaison relationship. Dr. Ann Swinker, Associate Professor at Penn State University will serve as the SHCAC's liaison representative. Dr. Swinker was assigned to the fund raising sub-committee of the UH Coalition.

On March 9, 2007, the Unwanted Horse Coalition has been busy getting many initiatives rolling. The Communications, Research and Steering Committees all met to discuss plans for the Coalition. The Research Committee is drafting an Educational Handbook, which will include chapters on

- ♦ the responsibilities of horse ownership
- ♦ options for owners on what to do with horses that are potentially "unwanted"
- ♦ programs already in place by breed associations or other organizations that extend the useful lives of horses
- ♦ euthanasia and carcass disposal considerations
- ♦ the tax ramifications of charitable contributions

A new web site for the coalition is well underway. Coalition members have approved the initial web content and The Jockey Club Information Technologies is designing the site. Additionally, the first Informational Brochure on the Coalition was printed. Visit the web site.

<http://www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org/?id=1>

The website will be updated regularly with news releases and publications describing the progress of the UHC and the plight of the unwanted horse. Both the website and the brochure provide information on how to become a member of the UHC and how to contribute to the UHC.

## *How much water does an average horse drink?*

The amount of water consumed by horses and ponies varies. Horse owners often use an old rule of thumb to determine water intake: one gallon for every 100 pounds of body weight. Using this as a guide, an average 1,200-pound gelding could consume 12 gallons of water per day. Research indicates this estimate may be slightly exaggerated. For those horses that do little to no work and consume primarily dry forage such as hay, water intake was measured at 0.3 to 0.8 gallons per day per 100 pounds of body weight.

Various factors affect thirst including diet, degree of work, climate, and general health of the horse. If your horse has access to lush pasture, which may contain 60-80% moisture, for half the day, he is likely receiving adequate water from the grass.

Ensure that your horse has access to fresh water at all times. As long as water is available to him, he will drink sufficiently.



## Tales from the Crypt

By Larri Jo Starkey, American Association of Equine Practitioners



Which of these commonly accepted truths on cryptorchid horses are true and which are myths? Take this test and learn the answers. Here are the facts about cryptorchidism: It's a condition in which one or both testicles are retained in the abdomen instead of descending into the scrotum. It's seen in all domestic animals, and is common in stallions, boars and dogs. You probably know that already. But it's the other things you "know" about cryptorchidism that might or might not be true.

The AQHA Journal asked equine reproduction specialist Benjamin Espy, DVM, DACT to clear up any misconceptions. Test your knowledge against the facts.

### **True or False? A colt's testicles can drop and then disappear after birth.**

**TRUE.** A colt's testicles should be descended at birth, Espy said. "It's very common to see them descended at birth, and then when the horse is weeks to months old, have them not be visible any more. The reason is because as their body matures, the testicle may not be palpable in the scrotum. The testicle is not necessarily in the abdomen of the horse, but it maybe so high up inside the groin that it's not palpable." Those colts are not true cryptorchids, just horses whose testicles have not descended into the scrotum yet. Different breeds take different amounts of time for the testicles to descend, but in American Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds, veterinarians and horse owners begin to be concerned at 18 months. "I personally will palpate horses at 18 months," Espy said. "If the testicles are not descended, then I will check them again at 24 months, and at that point if they are not descended, I'll send the horse to surgery, because he is not a candidate to castrate on the farm."

### **True or False? The retained testicle can develop cancer.**

**TRUE.** Cancerous growth in the retained testicle is rare but not unknown. "There's such a small population of cryptorchid horses that there really haven't been any long-term studies regarding how to assign risk to cancer in a retained testicle. In other species, it has been well-studied, and the increased temperature is blamed for numerous tumor formations, so in general, cryptorchid horses are assumed to have a higher risk of cancer even though in general testicular cancer is really rare in horses."

### **True or False? The retained testicle can produce sperm.**

**FALSE.** "The reason the scrotum is on any male, whether it's a horse or a human or a bull, is to regulate the temperature inside the testicle," Espy said. "If the testicle is retained in the abdomen, then that male of whatever species is going to be sterile (in that testicle). The temperature inside the abdomen is too high for the stallion to produce sperm from the retained testicle."

### **True or False? Cryptorchid horses have lowered fertility.**

**TRUE.** A stallion that only has one descended testicle only has one testicle to produce sperm, which automatically lowers the

semen count for that stallion. "If you have a small book of mares, then you can compensate with that one testicle," Espy said. "As your book of mares gets bigger, the stallion becomes more active, and semen production is required from both testicles, then you're going to find it more difficult to keep up with the increased reproductive pressure."

### **True or False? The undescended testicle is painful for the horse.**

**FALSE.** Not necessarily. The most common form of cryptorchidism is the unilateral cryptorchidism, in which one testicle is retained and one testicle is normal. The retained testicle can become predisposed to torsion, or twisting on its axis, because it doesn't have a scrotum to sit in. "The (testicle with torsion) can swell and become very painful for the horse," Espy said. Without that torsion, though, the retained testicle doesn't hurt the horse or his ability to perform. "I've seen a reasonably large population of athletic Quarter Horses and athletic Thoroughbreds in Texas and Kentucky, and I haven't seen any sort of decrease in performance due to cryptorchidism or any sort of colic or abdominal pain due to cryptorchidism," Espy said.

### **True or False? Cryptorchidism is genetic.**

**TRUE.** The Merck Veterinary Manual lists cryptorchidism under "congenital and inherited anomalies of the reproductive system." "There hasn't really been any good gene mapping studies on the heritability of cryptorchidism," Espy said, "but it's generally accepted that cryptorchidism is congenital or inherited. If you breed your mare to a cryptorchid stallion, the stallion owner should advise you of his horse's condition and you need to be aware of the risk."

### **True or False? Cryptorchids are harder to castrate.**

**TRUE and FALSE.** While removing an undescended testicle is always a surgical procedure, it's not as hard as it used to be. Until recently, removing the testicle involved anesthetizing the horse, flipping him onto his back and probing past the inguinal ring into the abdomen, searching for the testicle. "Horses can become paralyzed from lying on certain muscle groups too long," Espy said, "plus you have the inherent risks of abdominal surgery on horses and the risk of peritonitis." "The newest, safest, most advanced way to retrieve cryptorchid testicles is through a laparoscope," Espy said. "It's by far the preferred method now, and with a laparoscope, you can cauterize blood vessels with lasers. It's just as advanced as any surgery you would see in any human hospital." In the laparoscopic procedure, a laparoscope – a rigid arthroscope, like a camera – goes in through a standing horse's flank. Another hole is pierced for the instruments. The veterinarian can see what the camera sees through a monitor, and the horse has a much smaller incision on the flank to heal instead of a wound in his belly. "It's very atraumatic to the horse because he is standing the whole time," Espy said. **TRUE** – It's harder than castrating a horse that isn't cryptorchid -- and **FALSE** – because it's easier now than it used to be.

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*Cryptorchid - continued from page 4***True or False? Cryptorchids are more aggressive.**

**FALSE.** Whether retained or descended, testicles produce testosterone. Normal stallions and cryptorchid stallions produce the same amount of testosterone. Cryptorchid horses that haven't been completely castrated will continue to show the same aggressiveness as a full stallion, Espy said, because they have the same hormone production. "On more than one occasion, I have found horses that have been castrated on one side and then sold as geldings," Espy said. "Then three or four owners down the line, someone will check and find the horse is cryptorchid."

**True or False? Cryptorchid testicles can only be identified by palpation.**

**FALSE.** Three ways to check whether a horse you thought was a gelding is really a cryptorchid are rectal palpation, transrectal ultrasound and hormone challenge testing. Espy prefers the hormone challenge test. "You give the male horse a certain regimen of hormones, and then draw his blood a certain number of hours afterward," Espy said. "The only tissue in a male horse that makes certain testosterone and estrogens is the testicle, so if you see a rise in those androgens or hormones, the testicle is still in the horse. If the horse doesn't have any testosterone production, then he doesn't have any testicular tissue. If a horse has been castrated but still has aggressive, stallion-like behavior, then the horse has learned those behaviors," Espy said.

**True or False? The best time to talk about cryptorchids is in the spring.**

**FALSE.** "Asking questions about cryptorchidism in the middle of breeding season is a little late," Espy said. "You need the information before you make the decision on whether or not to breed to a cryptorchid stallion."

If you have questions or concerns about cryptorchidism, talk to your equine veterinarian now. You can locate an equine veterinarian in your area through the AAEP at [www.aaep.org](http://www.aaep.org) in the horse owner section and click on the Find-A-DVM link.

AQHA Rules AQHA's founders considered cryptorchidism a failing in a horse. According to Rule 448 (e)(2), stallions older than 2 shown in halter classes must have two visible testicles. Cryptorchids should be excused from the ring. When AQHA was still doing physical inspections of appendix horses before advancing them to full registry, inspectors didn't rule a horse out because of parrot mouth or cryptorchidism, but the horse had to be exceptional in every other aspect of conformation, said Gary Griffith, AQHA's executive director of registration.

When AQHA stopped performing physical inspections, the rule was changed so that cryptorchid stallions could no longer advance to full registry. AQHA's founders considered halter classes to be the classes where the breed standard was preserved. "The thought was that if you're going to be showing in a breeding class, then your horse should be free of genetic defects," Griffith said. There is no prohibition against cryptorchids being shown in performance classes.

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**Ask The Vet: Traveling With Your Horse**

With summer just around the bend, traveling with your horse can pose a problem if you are not prepared. Questions concerning travel are answered by Dr. Heather Hoyns.

**Question:** I haul in a 16 foot stock trailer, no bedding, no floor mats on my floor planks, blankets if its below 50 F, put wood over the side openings/windows if it is under freezing, and the only shipping boots I use are on the hind feet/hocks of one of my mares since she kicks when she becomes bored on a long ride (under a 2 hour ride she's fine). Recently I've been told that I'm hauling all wrong, and the the horses are bound to get sick or go blind or deaf being hauled that way and lame cause I'm not booting everyone on all legs. Is there a valid concern here? Without changing the trailer itself is there something extra I could do to protect the eyes and ears of my horses?

**Answer:** Sounds like your horses are getting plenty of fresh air when you trailer them, while being protected from being too cold by blanketing. That's good! Putting fly masks on them will protect their eyes from flying debris that can enter your trailer. I don't see any risk of deafness unless your trailer rattles or bangs when you ship. I would recommend putting rubber stall mats on the floor to help absorb some of the vibration, and adding some bedding to help prevent them from slipping on manure and urine that accumulate during shipping. I personally like to use shipping boots or wraps on my horses' legs when trailering. They can help prevent bruising and lacerations to your horses' legs that can occur if you have to make a sudden stop or turn.

**Question:** How important is it to offer water in the trailer to the horse? How often? Should I buy a water tank for my trailer or is there a better way to water my horses?

**Answer:** It is very important to offer your horse water while trailering. I recommend offering water every 2 to 3 hours, ideally when you will be stopping for 15 to 30 minutes, such as for fuel. This allows your horse to relax and drink. I like to travel with several 5 gallon buckets with screw on lids, and pour some into a 2 gallon bucket for my horses to drink out of. They are easy to transport and to clean. They also allow you to save any water that your horse may not drink at that time.

**Question:** We show almost every weekend from spring to summer. Should I be concerned about ulcers in my horse due to all of the traveling? If so, how do I prevent them?

**Answer:** Horses that are under stress are certainly more prone to ulcers, and travelling can be stressful. Horses that are stabled, rather than being out on pasture, are also more prone to gastric ulcers. Keeping hay in front of your horse at all times while travelling mimics grazing; keeping hay in your horse's stomach reduces the action of gastric acid on the stomach lining. There are several products available for ulcer prevention such as Ulcergard and Gastrogard, providing your sport's governing body allows it's use. Check with your equine veterinarian for other possible options.



## The Horse's Hoof: No Hoof, No Horse

Dr. Heather Case, DVM, MPH, Case by Case Veterinary Services



Most, if not all horse people have heard the phrase, "no hoof, no horse." Many of us, at one point in time, have unfortunately experienced the disappointment that accompanies a lame horse.

In this month's article, we will briefly discuss a few of the more common foot problems. The horse foot is made up of an intricate connection between sensitive and insensitive tissues, blood vessels, tendons, ligaments and bones enclosed by the hoof wall. The triangular shaped structure on the bottom of the foot (extending two thirds the distance from the heel to the toe) is the frog. The sole is the flat part of the foot extending from the frog to the hoof wall.

### Thrush

- ◆ Fairly common, often present without lameness
- ◆ Infection of the cleft and grooves of the frog characterized by foul smelling typically black material
- ◆ Often the result of wet moist barn or turn out conditions often in conjunction with an overgrown hoof
- ◆ Wet conditions prevent the grooves of the frog from drying out and allow bacteria to grow
- ◆ Prevention and treatment of thrush includes routine feet trimming, stabling and turn out in clean dry environments and routine hoof picking (particularly during times of increased mud and moisture)

### Hoof Cracks

- ◆ Generally the result of long bare feet
- ◆ Can be due to a combination of factors
- ◆ Hoof health tends to be made up of a combination of many factors including genetics, nutrition, farrier care, use and footing
- ◆ Provided the horse has structurally sound feet, proper farrier care goes a long way in preventing hoof cracks

### Hoof Abscesses

- ◆ Bacterial infection typically associated with a puncture from a sharp object into the tissue of the foot
- ◆ Actual puncture is often very small and may go unnoticed
- ◆ Can also be associated with overly long hoof walls, wet conditions followed by dry conditions, sole bruising
- ◆ Bacteria enter into the horse's hoof creating a pocket of infection
- ◆ Clinically the horse may appear extremely lame on the affected foot, there may be increased heat in the hoof wall and an increased digital pulse
- ◆ Hoof testers are often used to determine the location of the abscess
- ◆ Diagnosis, treatment and prognosis of hoof abscesses can vary significantly depending on the cause and location. Prompt veterinary assessment is critical
- ◆ Abscesses involving the sole (when treated early and appropriately) tend to have a good prognosis

### Puncture Wounds Involving Deeper Tissues of the Foot:

- ◆ Can have very serious consequences! Call your vet!
- ◆ While many abscesses involving the sole of the foot can have a positive outcome, punctures to the softer, more vulnerable frog tissue can have severe consequences
- ◆ Infections of the deeper structures of the foot often require surgical treatment
- ◆ Diagnostics for punctures to the tissues of the frog may include radiographs to determine the depth and extent of deep tissue involvement
- ◆ As with any puncture wound, the horse should receive a tetanus booster

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## Should I feed loose salt or use a salt block?

Voluntary salt intake among horses has not been researched extensively. A study conducted by Kentucky Equine Research measured the intake of loose and block salt and evaluated how salt intake affects water consumption. Results of the trial indicated that salt intake was more consistent from week to week when horses were offered a block, though total consumption of the loose form was greater. Water consumption was significantly increased when horses were given access to loose salt.

Horse owners typically prefer to offer salt blocks to horses because they are easier to maintain. By placing a large block in a pasture or a small brick in a stall, horses have immediate access to it, and it's easy for caretakers to tell when a block must be replaced. Loose salt, on the other hand, requires more management. In outdoor feeding situations, loose salt must be placed in an easily accessible, covered feeder. The salt should be checked often and more added when necessary. In stalls, a separate bucket or corner feeder must be used to supply loose salt.

**MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES  
APRIL 10, 2007**

Meeting Location: Maple Grove Community Center

Board Members: Tim Bonham, Dan Dolan, Glen Eaton, Teresa Hanson, Trina Joyce, Sue McDonough, Darrell Mead, Marian Robinson, Missie Schwartz, Laurie Slater, Miriam Tschida, Tracy Turner, Tom Tweeten, Christie Ward

Absent: Dawn Moore

Members/Visitors: Carol Dobbelaire, Richard Dobbelaire, Judy Jensen, Keith Payden

**I. Meeting called to order:** 6:40 p.m.

**II. Introductions**

**III. Additions and changes** (Additions to Old & New Business)

**IV. Treasurer's Report** - Dan Dolan

Motion by Glen Eaton, seconded by Tracy Turner, to approve February Treasurer's Report. Motion carried

Dan handed out the March Treasurer's Report for the Directors to review and it will be approved at the May meeting. Motion by Tracy Turner, seconded by Glen Eaton, to charge the bill from Katy Bloomquist to the Special Projects account. Motion carried

**V. Approval of Minutes** - March

Motion by Tim Bonham, seconded by Miriam Tschida, to approve minutes for March. Motion carried.

**VI. Secretary's Report** - Trina Joyce

MHC received an email thanking us for our help from Curt and Linda Mann. Their barn burnt down and they lost one horse. We were able to provide hay and feed for their surviving horses.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Election Results** - Darrell Mead

Please find attached a copy of the letter received from Larson Allen. The following is a list of the candidates and the number of votes. The top seven will take the seven positions that are open.

Glen Eaton	117	Trina Joyce	62
Judy Jensen	101	Cherie McKenzie	60
Miriam Tschida	96	Carol Dobbelaire	53
Mark Ward	87	Brenda Miller	51
Laurie Slater	87	Richard Dobbelaire	21
Tom Tweeten	68		

Motion by Darrell Mead, seconded by Tracy Turner to accept the results of the special election. Motion carried.

**B. Election of Executive Board** - Darrell Mead

Motion by Miriam Tschida, seconded by Sue McDonough, to wait to vote for Executive Board until the May meeting. Motion carried.

**C. Travel Reimbursement Procedure** - Tom Tweeten

Review handout and send any changes to Tom Tweeten.

**D. Membership Procedure Task Force Report** - Dawn Moore

Tabled until May meeting.

**E. Nominations & Voting Committee Procedures**

Further discussion is needed and cross references need to be done with the MHC bylaws and the State statutes.

**F. Audits** - Treasury (Dan Dolan), By-laws/Procedures (Miriam Tschida) - No reports.

**G. MHC Regional Coverage Report** - Glen Eaton

Committee: Glen Eaton, Tracy Turner, Missie Schwartz  
Glen has talked to Kit Davis in Duluth to get some ideas and the Duluth Saddle Club may be interested. He also talked to vendors at the St. Cloud Horse Fest and they thought it would be a good idea. It is estimated that it would take 2-3 years to get it going. (Organization, divisions, rules, etc.)

**H. URL Addition** - Tim Bonham

The MHC has purchased the URL for the Horse Council for one year.

**VIII. Committee Reports**

**A. Expo** - Glen Eaton

All is going well. Marketing is in full swing. Clinicians are the same as the March report and the schedule is on the web site and has been distributed to tack shops etc. The Minnesota Horse Expo had a booth at the Hennepin Co-op show at Medina and the Central Minnesota Horse Fest in St. Cloud. All went well and the Schedule of Events was handed out. Some new vendors signed for the 2007 Expo and some want information for the 2008 Expo. On March 22, the Pre-Expo meeting was held with the State Fair personnel with Mark Goodrich conducting the meeting. The Horse Barn is full with about 400 horses which include the demo horses. All inside vendor booths are sold and most of the outside booths are sold. Advance sale of admission and rodeo tickets are being sold and the last day to purchase advance tickets is April 13.

The following is the proposed 2008 Minnesota Horse Exposition Board of Directors: Linda Dahl, Brenda Miller, Del Bauernfeind, Jennifer Buskey, Maggie Kuusisto, Darrell Mead, Missie Schwartz, Tom Tweeten, and Glen Eaton. Two nominations are missing from the Minnesota Horse Council and will be recommended at the May Council meeting.

**State Fair Report**

The remodeling of the Judging Arena area is progressing and they have a target date of 2008 after the State Fair and that it will be ready for the 2009 State Fair. I met with Steve Pooch and it may be possible we will be able to use the arena in the new building for the 2009 Expo. Of course they will keep everyone up to date.

**Aisle of Breeds Report**

Immediately after the 2007 Expo, the planning of the Aisle of Breeds will start.

**B. Promotions** - Teresa Hanson

Teresa attended the St. Cloud Horse Fest and received many requests for information regarding Expo. A sign-up sheet was passed out to Directors to sign-up for time in the MHC booth.

**C. Direct Funding** - Christie Ward

The Committee received one application from Seeds of Hope Youth Ranch. This application was denied.

**D. Legislative** - Tracy Turner

Please find attached report.

**E. Certified Stables** - Sue McDonough

Please find attached report

**D. Disaster Committee** - Marian Robinson

Please find attached report.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS****A. Scholarships****B. SHC Meeting Minutes**

Please find attached report.

**C. Banners/Flowers** - Expo

Motion by Darrell Mead, seconded by Tracy Turner, to purchase two banners and flowers to celebrate 100th anniversary for Schatzlein Tack Shop.

**D. Statement by Secretary Trina Joyce**

I acknowledge that I wasn't re-elected to the Board at the Annual Meeting and now am re-elected, but I do have a few comments which are my opinions only that I want in the Minutes.

I have been involved with the Horse Council consistently longer, I think, than any of you (Directors), so I have seen it evolve over those 25 plus years. I have watched the first scholarship of \$200 build to many scholarships totaling tens of thousands of dollars. I have been involved in every Expo and watched it grow to fund scholarships, grants, direct funding and trails. I have been coming to meetings even when I wasn't on the Board because I believed in the scholarships and in the potential of the MHC.

This was never a group that could agree easily, but what I've seen happen in recent years is increasing negativity, mistrust and downright mean-spiritedness. I have seen people try to kick other people off the MHC or Expo Board for the lamest reasons or for no apparent reason at all, I have seen people be vindictive and mean. I have seen it discovered that our budget was \$100,000 off, requiring that we cut funding, I think, for the first time. I have seen people get picked to pieces and harassed. I have seen people be two-faced and petty. I have seen people quit because it is such a hostile environment. I have seen people not contribute at all. And no matter how much anyone wants to deny it, I have seen the election be manipulated. I am sorry, but I don't see how people in Iowa or Florida would be actively involved in the MHC. So there was no reason for them to join, unless they were specifically asked to, and then asked for their proxy. And because we have never changed the membership categories to prevent it, what would normally be family memberships with one vote were turned into individual memberships for more votes. There were several nominees I'd planned to vote for until I realized that is what they were doing. It is all unethical even if there aren't policies to prevent it.

If we can't all be respectful of each other and work ethically together for the improvement of the Minnesota Horse Industry than there is no point in our existence.

**X. ADJOURN****2007 Start a Business Guide**

By Tom Tweeten, Minnesota Horse Council Board

Starting a business is not a single decision but a series of them, each one bringing you a step closer to the day your store, business, or office is up and running, competing for customers and making money.

The Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Small Business Assistance Office is offering its flagship publication, *A Guide to Starting a Business in Minnesota*, free of charge in hard copy form or on compact disc. This is the 25th Edition of the Guide. It tries to provide answers to business start-up questions along with pointing you toward the state offices and agencies that are best suited to help. This edition contains three major sections: narrative text, expanded Resource Directory (provides the addresses and telephone numbers of organizations referenced in the text) and the directory of licenses and permits (lists business licenses and permits required by the State of Minnesota). It also includes expanded sections on business entity choices including changes to the business corporation law, changes in employment law and unemployment insurance regulations, and intellectual property protection.

As members of the Horse Council, many of us are involved in some aspects of a small business operation. This may be a valuable reference for developing our equine business. Copies of the Guide may be ordered online at

[www.deed.state.mn.us/bizdev/start.html](http://www.deed.state.mn.us/bizdev/start.html)

or by calling the publications order line at 651-296-3871 or toll-free in greater Minnesota at 800-310-8323. Both versions have the same pagination, table of contents and finding aids.

“ . . . This most noble beast is the most beautiful, the swiftest and of the highest courage of domesticated animals. His long mane and tail adorn and beautify him. He is of fiery temperament, but good tempered, obedient, docile and well-mannered.

~ Pedro Garcia Conde, 1685

## Senate Commerce Committee Reports Horse Slaughter Ban

The Senate Commerce Committee reported out the Virgie S. Arden American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act (S. 311) April 25, 2007 on a vote of 15 to 7. The next step for the bill is consideration by the Senate. When that might occur depends on the Senate schedule and the ability of supporters to bring it to the floor.

During the Committee's consideration of the bill, Senators Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and John Ensign (R-NV) spoke in support of it and Senator John Thune (R-SD) opposed it.

### The Bill

The bill was introduced by Senators Mary Landrieu (D-LA) and John Ensign (R-NV).

The bill would amend the Horse Protection Act (HPA), which was enacted in 1970 to prohibit the showing, transport or sale of horses that have been subjected to any painful process to accentuate their gait. The Animal & Plant Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture enforces the HPA.

The bill would prohibit the shipping, transporting, or sale of horses for slaughter for human consumption. Such activities would be a violation of the HPA and subject any person who knowingly violates the Act to penalties of up to \$3,000 and/or one year in jail for the first offense and up to \$5,000 and/or two years in jail for a second offense. An offender may also be subject to civil penalties of \$2,000 for each violation. The bill authorizes \$5 million for enforcement.

## MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL 2007 OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected at the May 8 Minnesota Horse Council Board meeting:

President - Dan Dolan

1st Vice President - Mark Ward

2nd Vice President - Darrell Mead

Secretary - Dawn Moore

Treasurer - Tim Bonham

The MHC Board meetings are held at 6:30 pm the second Tuesday of each month (no meeting in August) at the Maple Grove Community Center, 12951 Weaver Lake Road, Maple Grove. See schedule at the upper right corner on this page.



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## 2007 UPCOMING EVENTS

View [www.mnhorsecouncil.org](http://www.mnhorsecouncil.org) for additional events

### Minnesota Horse Council Board Meetings

Maple Grove Community Center ♦ 6:30 pm  
12951 Weaver Lake Road ♦ Maple Grove  
Located at the intersection of Weaver Lake Road  
and Pineview Lane, ½ mile east of I94 on the  
Weaver Lake Road exit.

February 13	June 12	October 9
March 13	July 10	November 13
April 10	August - No meeting	December 11
May 8	September 11	
January 19, 2008 - Annual Meeting - Northland Inn		

### Minnesota Horse Expo Board Meetings

Pearson's Resturant ♦ 6:30 pm  
3808 W. 50th St. ♦ Edina

If you wish to order dinner, please be there by 6:00 pm.

January 30	May 22	September 25
February 27	June 26	October 30
March 27	July 31	November 27
April 17	August - No meeting	December 18

## For Horse's Sake

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February	1/11/07	July/August	6/14/07
March	2/15/07	September	8/16/07
April	3/15/07	October	9/13/07
May	4/12/07	November	10/11/07
June	5/10/07	December/January	11/15/07

## MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- Individual - \$15
- Family - \$20
- Organization - \$25
- Corporation - \$25
- Certified Stable -  
\$35 first year, \$25 annually

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