

**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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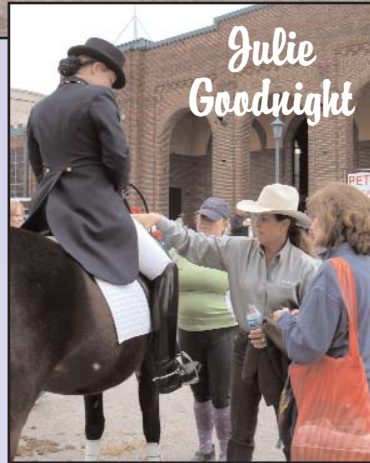
**2010 MINNESOTA HORSE EXPO  
SOME OF THE CLINICIANS**



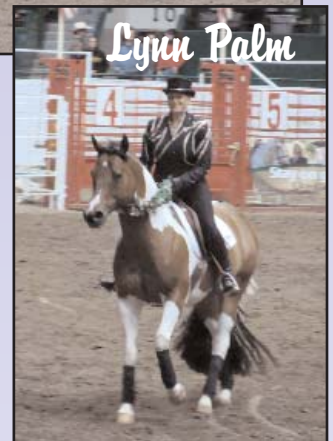
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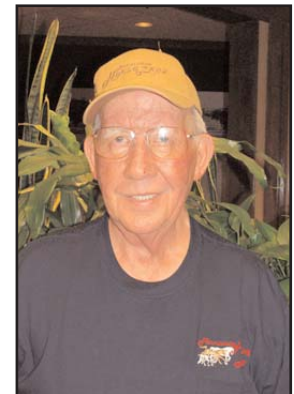


*Lynn Palm*

*Photos by Linda Dahl*

**Message from the Expo President**

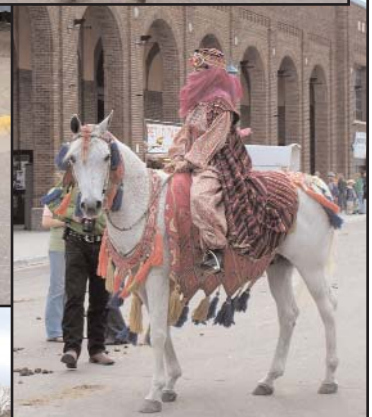
It seems every year I write this message we have had bad weather for the Expo, but regardless of the weather we had a great Expo. The total figures are not in at this time but we had great attendance. Even with the rain, people came and just walked through the rain to seminars and demonstrations. Vendor Booths were full as well as the Horse Barn. Seminars and the Rodeo were well attended. Of course the Expo could not take place without the dedication of the Directors and Staff that work over a year to put it together. Also I want to thank all of the volunteers, State Fair staff and police. Therefore I want to say thank you to everyone who had anything to do with putting on this event and most of all to you, the General Public, for attending.



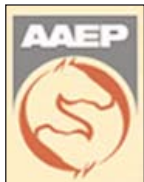
Glen Eaton, Expo President

See you at the 2011 Minnesota Horse Expo April 29, 30 and May 1.

# MORE SIGHTS AT THE 2010 EXPO STREET SCENES



Photos by Linda Dahl



## Emergency Foal CPR

By Laura Javscas, VMD, DIPL. ACVIM

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is the restoration of spontaneous circulation and breathing and is used in cases of cardiopulmonary arrest, defined as sudden cessation of spontaneous and effective respiration and heartbeat. This most often occurs in foals suffering from asphyxia or lack of oxygen before and during birth. Although you should call your veterinarian if you suspect a problem, following the "A-B-C-Ds" of resuscitation might help save your foal's life.

### "A" – Assessment/Airway

Following a normal delivery, observe the foal for the first 20 seconds to ensure he is breathing. Following a dystocia (difficult birth) or Caesarean section, dry the foal vigorously with his head lowered to help clear the fetal membranes and fluid from the nose so he can breathe (foals are obligate nose breathers; don't worry about clearing the mouth). Avoid holding the foal upside down to try to increase drainage. After a few initial gasps and within 30 seconds, a normal foal should be taking 60-80 breaths per minute. The heart rate should be 60-70 beats per minute. Foals that continue gasping for more than 30 seconds and have a heart rate less than 50 beats per minute, or no heartbeat, require immediate resuscitation.

### "B" – Breathing

Intubation (through the nose or mouth into the trachea) is the best way to provide an airway and breathe for the foal. Only a veterinarian or trained veterinary technician should intubate. Until your vet arrives, you can use mouth-to-nose resuscitation or a mask resuscitator, although there is a risk of inflating the stomach using a mask resuscitator. Place the foal on its side on a firm, dry surface. To perform mouth-to-nose resuscitation extend the foal's neck, make sure the nose is cleared, and hold off the down nostril with one hand while breathing into the up nostril. Deliver 10 to 20 breaths per minute; breathing too rapidly can be detrimental. Each breath should visibly expand the foal's chest.

### "C" – Circulation

After 30 seconds of breathing for the foal, reassess to determine if chest compressions are necessary – they aren't required in all cases. If there is no heartbeat, it's less than 40 beats per minute, or it's less than 60 beats per minute and not increasing, chest compressions are indicated.

Place the foal on a firm, dry surface, position rolled towels or sandbags underneath the thorax, and put the resuscitator at the foal's spine. Kneel or stand and place your hands on top of each other just behind the foal's triceps at the highest point of the thorax (see photo above). With the shoulders directly over the foal and the elbows locked, use the entire upper body to compress the thorax. Compress the entire thorax, not just the heart. There is a risk of fracturing ribs or lacerating the lungs with fractured ribs, but you shouldn't avoid chest compressions.

*Emergency Foal CPR--continued on page 9*



## WHY I SHOULD SHOW MY HORSE AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

- 10 **Escorts are provided** to yell " Heads up! Horses coming through!", no more worrying that you are going to get tangled up with a baby stroller.
- 9 **Show admission is free**, now all your family & friends can come and watch you with no excuse. Plus after watching the horse show they can enjoy the Fair!
- 8 **The Warner Coliseum** is one of the finest show rings in the Midwest and progress continues to revamp more stalls again in 2010. The State Fair staff is exhibitor friendly and continues to work with the various breeds and disciplines to make helpful changes to the show.
- 7 The horse show is **recognized by the following organizations**: Tri-State Horseman's Assoc., North Central Morgan Assoc., Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Assoc., American Miniature Horse Assoc., Arabian Horse Assoc., Minnesota Hunter/Jumper Assoc., Western Saddle Club Assoc., American Paint Horse Assoc., and the American Quarter Horse Assoc.
- 6 The horse show is **USEF "A", "B" and "C" rated**. Double points and double judged APHA, AQHA, and AMHA show. All the better to rack up those CH points!
- 5 Where else can you **show in front of a packed house?** With more than 5,000 seats in the Warner Coliseum and the switch to free shows - most shows were to a packed house! Approximately 100,000 people enjoyed watching and cheering on the exhibitors like they were rock stars!
- 4 Where else can you hear people other than your Mother, **ooh and ahh over your horse** and exclaim "I like that one, he's beautiful" as you're walking to and from the show ring?
- 3 Attracting approximately 1.8 million annually, it's a **great way to promote your breed** or discipline.
- 2 In 1966 there were over **300 horses from 6 states** competing for \$5000 in prize monies. Throughout the years, **many notable top horses** have trotted through the gates into the Coliseum. The horse show has been a part of the **Great Minnesota Get Together** since it's beginning in 1885. Together we can help bring the size of this horse show similar to those from years past - and even bigger! The Great Minnesota Get Together would not be the same without horses.
- 1 And finally, over **\$145,000 in Prize Money** - finally a horse show you can actually show and break even!

English Horse Show: Wednesday August 25 - 31

High School Rodeo: September 1 - 3

Western Horse Show: September 3 - Labor Day, September 6

[www.mnstatefair.org](http://www.mnstatefair.org)



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## AHC's Welfare Code of Practice Continues to Garner Support

The AHC's National Welfare Code of Practice continues to garner support from the horse community. The Welfare Code outlines in generic terms what it means for an organization to be committed to the responsible breeding, training, care, use, enjoyment, transport, and retirement of horses. Many associations have undertaken studies, reviews, and initiatives that show their commitment to the welfare of their horses. This generic code is simply a continuation of that effort.

The latest groups to support the National Welfare Code include the Arabian Horse Association, Florida Thoroughbred Breeder's and Owner's Association, League of Agricultural and Equine Centers, Master of Foxhounds Association, Pinto Horse Association of America, The Pyramid Society, U.S. Dressage Federation, and U.S. Equestrian Drill Team.

They join ten other national groups that have already endorsed the Welfare Code. They include the: American Association of Equine Practitioners, American Endurance Ride Conference, American Paint Horse Association, American Quarter Horse Association, Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, National Cutting Horse Association, National Thoroughbred Racing Association, Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, U.S. Equestrian Federation, and U.S. Trotting Association.

"We are pleased with the positive feedback and continued interest we have received from a broad spectrum of equine organizations since the Welfare Code of Practice was announced this past November," said AHC President Jay Hickey. "This latest round of endorsements further demonstrates to the public the industry's unified commitment to the welfare and safety of horses, and we hope to build upon this momentum to bring in as many organizations as possible to further reinforce the industry's commitment to safety, health, care and welfare of all horses."

The Code is not intended to replace or pre-empt any activities, rules, or regulations specific to any segment of the industry. Rather it is another indication to the public, the media, federal and state officials, and the horse community that the equine industry "Puts the Horse First."

To view the complete Welfare Code of Practice please visit the AHC website at: <https://www.horsecouncil.org/newsroom.php>.

Horses leave hoofprints on your heart.

~ ANONYMOUS

## AHC to Hold Annual Meeting and National Issues Forum

AHC's Annual Meeting and National Issues Forum will be held June 20-23, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill, Washington, DC.

The American Horse Council has announced that the theme for this year's National Issues Forum is "Emerging Diseases: a Challenge to the Industry." This forum, which will be co-hosted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS), and the AHC, will be held June 21 and 22 in Washington, DC as part of the AHC's annual meeting. The annual meeting will run from June 20 to 23 and also include a Trails Forum, the annual Congressional Ride-In, AHC committee meetings, and a Congressional Reception.

Thomas A. Davis, Esq., the author of the *Horse Owners and Breeders Tax Handbook*, will conduct a Tax Workshop as part of the upcoming AHC annual meeting in Washington, DC. The tax session will be from 1:30 to 3:00 pm on Monday, June 21, at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill.

Mr. Davis will discuss recent changes to the federal tax code affecting horse owners and others in the industry, including the recently-extended Section 179 expense deduction, "bonus" depreciation, the changes in the depreciation of race horses and other new tax provisions. Mr. Davis will also review "hobby loss" issues, deductible breeding, racing and showing expenses, the passive loss rules, depreciation and sales of horses.

The American Horse Council invites all recreational riders and equestrians to attend the AHC Recreation Forum Tuesday, June 22, 2010 from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency hotel on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. The recreation forum will emphasize issues of importance to recreational riders around the country.

The highlight of the program will be two panel discussions. The first panel will focus on building better relationships between equestrians and local federal land managers and will include leaders from the National Park Service, National Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and other federal agencies. The second panel will spotlight the shared interest of equestrians, other recreation groups and conservationists.

*Minnesota Horse*  
**Expo 2011**

**APRIL 29, 30 & MAY 1**



## Hyperkalemic Periodic Paralysis (HYPP)

By Nichol Schultz, DVM and  
Molly McCue, DVM, PhD  
University of Minnesota

HYPP is a dominant disease (one copy of the mutation is sufficient to produce disease) affecting Quarter Horses, American Paint Horses, Appaloosas, and Quarter Horse cross-bred animals worldwide. The genetic disease has been linked to the Quarter Horse sire Impressive. Current estimates indicate that 4.4% of the Quarter Horse breed may be affected.

Clinical signs consist of intermittent muscle twitching, shaking, trembling, weakness, and even collapse. Signs usually begin by 2 to 3 years of age. Severely affected horses may have difficulty swallowing or make loud breathing noises as a result of muscle failure in the throat region. Occasionally, sudden death can occur following a severe episode. In most cases, elevated potassium blood concentration occurs during clinical manifestations of the disease. HYPP horses may appear normal between episodes. HYPP is due to a mutation in a key part of the skeletal muscle sodium channel. The channel becomes "leaky" and causes the muscle to become overly excitable and contract involuntarily when potassium levels fluctuate in the blood. This may occur with stress and/or fasting followed by consumption of a high potassium feed such as alfalfa.

Horses that are homozygous for HYPP (horses with two copies of the gene mutation for HYPP) are affected more severely than horses that are heterozygous for HYPP (those horses that inherited only one copy of the gene mutation). Unfortunately, a heterozygous horse carrying the defective gene, but showing minimal signs of the disease, has the same chance of passing the gene to future generations as does the heterozygous horse with severe signs of the disease.

Owners of affected horses should be strongly discouraged from breeding these animals for the longterm health of the Quarter Horse breed and other related breeds. Breeding an affected horse to a normal horse will result in a 50% chance of producing a foal with HYPP. Beginning with 2007 foals, the American Quarter Horse Association no longer registers Impressive progeny who are homozygous (horses with two copies of the gene mutation).

Testing for the HYPP mutation is performed at the Veterinary Genetics Laboratory at the University of California, Davis ([www.vgl.ucdavis.com](http://www.vgl.ucdavis.com)) on mane or tail hair. Quarter Horse foals born after 1998 that are offspring of an affected parent have a statement recommending DNA testing for HYPP on the Certificate of Registration.

## Ask the Expert By Krishona Martinson, PhD, University of Minnesota

**Q:** We have been attempting to control weeds with frequent mowing, but now have seen some Hoary Alyssum and have decided to use an herbicide. We plan to use Forefront. However, upon reading the label and communications with the manufacturer, it appears that manure from horses grazing on Forefront treated pastures can only be spread in the treated pasture because it will kill broad-leaf plants. We have small paddocks and collect and compost our manure for use on our garden. It is my understanding that Forefront is very persistent and will not necessarily break down during the composting process. We also are located near a lake and designated wetland, so I am concerned about aquatic toxicity as well as impacts to amphibians. Upon review, it appeared that Stinger may be my best bet. Can you advise further?

**A:** Good for your for reading the label! You are correct that Forefront can persist in compost. However, if you follow the grazing restriction (time period after you apply the herbicide and before the horses can begin to graze again) on the label, you should not have these issues, but its not guaranteed (chemical breakdown is dependent on weather and other conditions).

Stinger, Milestone, and Curtail (all commonly used herbicides for this situation) have the same potential issues (same family of herbicides). Even though these herbicides have no grazing restrictions (you should still check your specific label), we recommend at least a 7 day grazing restriction. Hoary Alyssum can be very difficult to control. The previously mentioned herbicides will work, but because of your specific issues, I'd recommend 2,4-D or Banvel. They may not give you as good of control, but you will not have the manure carry-over and compost issues to deal with. Since you can mow, I'd mow the pasture, wait about 10 -14 days (hope for some rain) and then spray the pasture. This will help achieve better control since the weeds will be younger/immature. Younger weeds are always easier to control versus mature weeds.

More information is available at [http://www.extension.umn.edu/horse/components/pdfs/horse\\_weed\\_pub.pdf](http://www.extension.umn.edu/horse/components/pdfs/horse_weed_pub.pdf)

## Intervet Schering-Plough Recalls West Nile Virus Vaccine

Intervet Schering-Plough has announced an urgent recall of all serial numbers of PreveNile® West Nile Virus vaccine for horses due to an increased number of adverse event reports associated with the use of these vaccines. The recalled serial numbers include one-dose and five-dose vials of the vaccine. A list of the recalled lot numbers is available on the AVMA website at [www.avma.org/news/wnv\\_vaccine\\_recall.asp](http://www.avma.org/news/wnv_vaccine_recall.asp).

Veterinarians with any of the affected serial numbers in stock should contact their distributor to arrange for the product's return. The USDA has been alerted of this recall, according to a letter distributed by the manufacturer.

Krishona Martinson, PhD  
Equine Extension Specialist  
University of Minnesota

Contact your  
veterinarian  
with questions

## NEW WASH STALL AT WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS RESULTS FROM MHC GRANT



I built a new and improved horse washing station at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Lake Elmo for my Girl Scout Gold Award project. Washington County is very active in equine events. FFA

horse shows and 4-H events are always going on at the Washington County Fairgrounds.

The horse washing station will get used a lot during the summer when these events are going on. My intended outcome for this project was achieved because it is now possible to have multiple horses of any size be able to use this washing station safely. It is safer, with higher kick walls, and end walls. It looks attractive and is fully functional.

During the construction of this project I learned that I like to build things with my hands and work in a group. I have a sense of accomplishment and enjoy knowing that others will benefit from it as well. It is fun to work with a group and feel like my friends and I have become closer after working together.

My project should last many years to come without any extra maintenance due to the type of materials used. I could not have done any of this without the generous grants and donations from different groups--The Minnesota Horse Council for the first grant I received and the Washington County Fair board matched the grant of the MNHC. Without these groups, there would be no material purchases available to go along with my plans.

Thank you for your support!

### TRAVELING TO MICHIGAN WITH YOUR HORSE?

Currently Michigan is requiring all horses that are originating from a state where piroplasmosis has been identified to be tested prior to entry into Michigan. States which have horses that tested positive were Minnesota, Wisconsin, Utah, Texas, Alabama, California, Florida, Indiana, Louisiana, North Carolina, New Jersey, and Tennessee. Horses from these states must be tested prior to coming into Michigan. As for enforcement, it is the honor system, but if it is found out that no testing was done, apparently there will be some pretty good fines. For more information, see this Michigan Government website : [http://www.michigan.gov/mda/0,1607,7-125-48096\\_48099-14223--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mda/0,1607,7-125-48096_48099-14223--,00.html).

## GREAT PRAIRIE MODERN PANTATHLON TO BE HELD IN JULY IN ORONO & HAMEL

The Great Prairie Modern Pentathlon will take place on Saturday, July 10, in Long Lake and Hamel. The event is hosted by Great Prairie Sports, of Minneapolis.



The Olympic sport of Modern Pentathlon consists of five disciplines (fencing, swimming, equestrian jumping, shooting and running) competed in one day. Since the 2008 Beijing Games, the Run and Shoot are now combined into one event.

The Great Prairie Modern Pentathlon will feature competition for men and women in four age groups, including Youth, ages 12 and younger; Juniors, ages 13 and 14; Seniors, ages 15 to 17 and Masters, age 18 and older.

The Fencing and Swimming competition will be held at the Orono Education Link in Orono, while the Equestrian Jumping and Combined: Shooting/Running events will take place at Skyrock Farm in Hamel.

Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the father of the Modern Olympics, "modernized" (to the late 1800s) the classic Pentathlon performed by the ancient Greeks, hence the name Modern Pentathlon. He chose the five disciplines because he believed those were the skills that best represented Napoleon's officers. Since he also created the Olympic emblem - with its five interconnected rings - he believed the winner of Modern Pentathlon represented the best athlete of the Olympic Games.

Great Prairie Sports has been working with USA Modern Pentathlon to build the base of Modern Pentathlon and prepare athletes for national and international competition. "When comparing the best high school 3200 meter runners and 200 meter swimmers in Minnesota, their times beat or are competitive with the best times established at the 2009 UIMP Junior World Championships," said Todd J. McIntyre, spokesperson for the Great Prairie Modern Pentathlon.

"For far too long, Europeans have dominated Modern Pentathlon," he said. "Recently, other nations have developed a strong base for their future elite teams. It's time for Team USA to claim gold. If Minnesota can produce the women's gold medalist in downhill skiing during Vancouver 2010, we can produce a gold medalist in Modern Pentathlon for 2016, 2020, 2024 ..."

Information about USA Modern Pentathlon is available at <http://usapentathlon.org/>. Information about the Great Prairie event is available at [www.greatprairiesports.com](http://www.greatprairiesports.com).





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EQUINE GENETICS AND GENOMICS LABORATORY

## EQUINE METABOLIC SYNDROME (EMS)

Equine Metabolic Syndrome (EMS) is characterized by three main features: obesity or regional adiposity (accumulation of fat in certain areas, particularly the neck), insulin resistance (IR) a “pre-diabetic” like state, and laminitis in horses and ponies.

EMS likely begins with a genetic pre-disposition. Certain breeds or individual horses are predisposed and often referred to as “easy keepers” by their owners. These horses are very efficient at utilizing calories and often require a lower plane of nutrition to maintain body weight than other horses, which is why EMS is a metabolic disorder. Laminitis (or “founder”) is a devastating feature of EMS. Laminitis is a painful and debilitating disease of the digital laminae (the tissue inter-connection between the coffin bone and hoof wall). Often by the time clinical signs are recognized, crippling body changes such as sinking and rotation of the coffin bone have occurred. Although there are several inciting causes of laminitis, the most common form of the disease is “grass founder” which occurs in horses and ponies kept on pasture. An interesting feature of the disease is that in any given population of horses or ponies, certain individuals are susceptible to laminitis while others of the same breed, sex, and age managed in the same circumstances do not develop the disease.

Environmental factors play an important role, with cases typically occurring during periods of rapid pasture growth. However the differences in susceptibility among horses managed in the same conditions may be a result of an underlying genetic predisposition. It is our goal to determine the genetic role in this devastating disease which affects a large number of horses. However, in order to achieve this goal, we need the help of horse owners to accumulate data on as many horses with EMS as possible. By assisting in our project, you will provide us with information essential to further understanding EMS and ultimately determining ways to better manage EMS.

### Get Involved with Research

The goal is to determine the genetic role of this devastating disease which affects a large number of horses. However, in order to achieve this goal, the help of horse owners is needed to accumulate data on as many horses with equine metabolic syndrome as possible. In order to identify the underlying genetic susceptibility to EMS, a large number of horses with EMS and a large number of normal horses or “controls” are needed to be compared. In this comparison, the DNA in EMS and control horses and identify genetic differences are evaluated. The genetic differences which are highly correlated to having EMS can be used as genetic markers for the disease. The long-term goal is to use these EMS genetic markers to detect horses susceptible to EMS and laminitis before they have clinical signs. Once susceptible horses are identified, management practices can be initiated to better protect them from developing disease. By assisting in the project, you will provide information essential to further understanding EMS and ultimately determining ways to better manage EMS.

#### STEP ONE

If you want to be involved in the equine metabolic syndrome research project, visit <http://www.equinelab.msi.umn.edu/eqms/survey1.php> and provide answers to the listed questions (you will need your veterinarian contact information available when filling out the survey). Within approximately one month following the initial survey submission, you will be notified if your horse is deemed an appropriate candidate to proceed to “Step Two”.

#### STEP TWO

If your horse is determined to be an appropriate candidate and you wish to continue being involved in our project, you will be sent a second short survey requesting additional information about the horse along with information for another horse on the property that is not suspected to have EMS to serve as a “control.” An ideal control horse will be of similar age and breed, have no history of laminitis, not be considered overweight, and not showing signs of Cushing’s (delayed shedding, increased drinking/urination). You will also be asked to submit digital photos of the horses as described on the “photos” link and submit measurements as described on the “body measurements” link.

#### STEP THREE

If your horse is determined to be a likely candidate for equine metabolic syndrome research based on the submitted information (this may take approximately 6-8 months to determine), and you wish to remain involved with the project, you and your veterinarian will be asked to provide a blood sample (at your expense) which will be analyzed (at our expense) for glucose, triglyceride, nonesterified fatty acid, and insulin concentration (you will receive notification of the results). A portion of the blood sample will be used for DNA isolation and stored for genetic research. The blood sample should be taken sometime between 7 am and 11 am and the horse should be removed from pasture a minimum of 12 hours prior to blood sample collection. It is okay for the horse to receive only grass hay and water during this 12 hour time period.

### EMS vs Cushing's

Overlap of clinical signs exists between EMS and Cushing’s disease. Regional adiposity, insulin resistance (IR), and laminitis occur in both disorders, but EMS can be distinguished from Cushing’s by the following characteristics: age on onset (EMS tends to occur in younger horses [ $<15$  years] whereas Cushing’s tends to occur in older horses) and clinical signs such as delayed shedding of the winter coat, increased drinking and urination, and skeletal muscle atrophy are suggestive of Cushing’s.

Given the similarities in EMS and Cushing’s, horses with regional adiposity and laminitis should be tested for Cushing’s in addition to EMS, especially horses over 15 years of age with the clinical signs described above. Insulin resistance can be attributed to EMS if there is no evidence of Cushing’s. In horses and ponies with EMS, ACTH (adrenocorticotropic hormone) are within reference range and cortisol is suppressed by dexamethasone administration (dexamethasone suppression test). These tests should be performed outside the late summer/fall period (Aug-Nov), which are times of the year when false positives occur in healthy horses and ponies. It is recommended that you work with your veterinarian to differentiate between PPID (Cushing’s) and EMS.

Occasionally both disorders can occur together. Some horses with EMS will later develop Cushing’s. Horses and ponies with EMS should be monitored for signs of Cushing’s development such as delayed shedding of winter coat or increased drinking and urination.

## MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES

April 13, 2010

Meeting Location: Nutrena Conference Room - Leatherdale Center  
U of MN St Paul

Board Members Present: Darrell Mead, Missie Schwartz, Mark Ward, Jan Schatzlein, Tim Bonham, Tom Tweeten, Tracy Turner, Dawn Moore, Trina Joyce, Glen Eaton, Teresa Hanson, Christie Ward, Lynn Wasson, Sue McDonough, Carol Dobbelaire, Marian Robinson, Judy Jensen

Members/Visitors: Tim Wampfler, Miriam McGurran

**I. Meeting called to order:** 6:32 p.m. by Mark Ward

### II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors

Mark Ward introduced the aforementioned guests.

### III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda

1. Mark Ward requested Attorney Retainer Fees, Horse Trail Commercial Pass and KY Proposed Legislation for Equine Use of Public Land be added to Old Business.
2. Tracy Turner requested a Legislative report be added to Committee Reports and Board of Animal Health Project be added to New Business.

**IV. Treasurer's Report** for April was distributed by Tim Bonham. Total assets: \$738,221.21, total liabilities: \$360,581.76. Tracy Turner motioned to accept the March treasurer's report, Jan Schatzlein seconded, motion passed. Tim Bonham asked Christie Ward about the status of some outstanding direct funding accounts. She is prepared to send the final letter to those with outstanding accounts stating they have now exceeded the time allowed to redeem their funds.

**V. Approval of Minutes** - Tim Bonham moved to accept the March minutes with one spelling correction. Tracy Turner seconded, motion passed.

**VI. Secretary's Report** - Dawn Moore asked all directors who have not yet paid dues for 2010 to remedy the situation. The Certified Stable list has been generated and reviewed by Sue McDonough. Current membership is at 325 with 115 renewals outstanding for 2010. New trail maps are finished and Darrell Mead will get copies to Andrea Dubay and Dawn Moore for distribution to membership upon request.

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Constant Contact Newsletter to be Sent Out** - Mark Ward reported the newsletter updating the membership on the MHC legislative bill's progress, is ready to be emailed. This newsletter will also instruct individuals on how to contact their representatives (especially urban Democrats) to share their support for the bill. There will be a second emailing of the Constant Contact newsletter to the 280 (email sharing) users of the MN Horsemen's Directory. Tracy Turner requested that additional information on other legislative items involving Equines be added to future emailings.

**B. State Fair premium payment to be made in 2010** - Mark Ward reported the Tri-State Horsemen's Association has reported they have raised approximately \$13,300.00 towards their matching \$25,000 matching grant. MHC will turn the funds over to the MN State Fair during the Expo.

**C. Attorney Retainer Fees** - Mark Ward reported the surplus generated in the budget from the Tri-State Horsemen's Association not using their complete grant funds will be used to fund retaining Allison Eklund.

**D. KY Proposed Legislation for Equine Use of Public Land** - Mark Ward inquired whether MN was experiencing a similar situation. Darrell Mead stated the KY situation is different than MN and does not apply.

**E. Horse Trail Commercial Pass** - Mark Ward reported the commercial pass has been available since 2009.

## VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A. EXPO** - Glen Eaton reported the following: Everything is in the final stages of the planning of the 2010 Minnesota Horse Expo. Promotion is in high gear with TV ads on channel 9 and 29 and ads in Equestrian publications. An insert will be in the St. Paul Pioneer Press this Sunday. The Expo had a Vendor booth at the Central Minnesota Horse Fest this last weekend and everything went well. The Schedule of Events was passed out as well as other info. Program ads are up from a year ago. Hits on the website are up from a year ago and all reports the hotels are doing very well. All inside Vendors booths are taken and we have a waiting list. The Horse Barn is full with over 50 breeds of horses. Speakers are all in place and the schedule of events is on the website. Interest in the 2010 Minnesota Horse Expo is way up this year. We will start working at the Fairgrounds on Monday the 19th with the real work starting on Tuesday the 20th. We do need help to get the trailer etc from the locker. We will be at the locker about 10:30 on Tuesday. EXPO 2010 IS HERE. The following are recommended for the Directors for the 2011 Minnesota Horse Expo to be held April 29, 30 and May 1: Missie Schwartz, Glen Eaton, Linda Dahl, Brenda Miller, Del Bauerfeind, Laura Lyseng, Darrell Mead, Jennifer Buskey, Tracy Turner, Janet Schatzlein, Mark Ward. Mark Ward distributed the wristbands and nametags to the directors.

**B. Direct Funding** - Christie Ward reported the following: Proposals to be considered today:

1. Minnesota Mounted Shooters Association  
Kerri Steinbrecher, Board of Directors

This organization is requesting \$500 to support two upcoming "New Shooter" clinics. The clinics will be held this spring at the Broken Bit Arena in Braham, MN and the Birch Coulee Arena in Morton, MN. The clinics are designed to provide an introduction to mounted shooting and gun safety, teach basic horsemanship for mounted shooting, and teach participants how to safely desensitize their horses to gun fire. Funds awarded would be used to pay for facility rental and instructor fees, and will allow the organization to keep participant fees low at \$55 per person. Direct Funding proposals approved for 2010 to date:  
Victory Riders, Inc: \$500  
Total Direct Funding approved for 2010: \$500 to date

**C. Website/Horsemen's Directory** - Mark Ward reported there is now the capability to export lists from both the website and the horsemen's directory directly to Excel. He also reported a free castration clinic was also added under "news." Mark Ward requested directors send him information regarding items they would like to see posted on the website. Mark Ward advised the directors that spam mail has been received by some board members. In an attempt to thwart future issues the security question was changed.

**D. Legislative** - Tracy Turner reported the MHC property tax bill will be going into committee. He asked that those directors working the Expo booth also promote the bill and contacting local legislators. The Horses are Agriculture bill is being worked on currently. The Racino bill has changed to request only a Racino at Canterbury Park in Shakopee, not at Running Aces in Forest Lake. The United States Olympic Committee has decided not to pursue a 2020 Olympic bid. Tracy Turner reported the horse enthusiast license plate has been tabled currently and he suggested starting a petition of interested parties and an opinion poll to determine where the funds should be distributed. Tim Bonham motioned to allow the Legislative committee authorization for them to have a petition in favor of an Equestrian Enthusiast License Plate at our Expo booth. Darrell Mead seconded, discussion followed. Motion carried with twelve votes. Note: Christie Ward recused herself from voting on this issue.

**E. Promotions** - Teresa Hanson described the booth at the St. Cloud Expo. She also reported that this is the 75th anniversary of the MHC. She has had special banners made to alert attendees to this fact. Teresa Hanson also passed around the new advertising cards for the MHC, MN



Horse Expo and MN Horsemen's Directory that included email addresses for all entities and a description of the Horsemen's Directory on the backside. Mark Ward requested these cards be inserted into the in-state vendor packets at the Expo. Teresa Hanson will see that the Expo staff gets the cards with time to be included in the packets. Teresa Hanson passed around an ad proof promoting the new trail maps, the 75th anniversary and the free mugs for new members. She also passed the sign-up sheet for director's to staff the booth at Expo. There will be a surprise for all directors who work the booth.

### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

**A. MHC Director's Stipend** - Dawn Moore reported the idea of travel expenses to meetings has been brought to her attention by more than one individual. Sue McDonough motioned that travel expenses be paid to directors for attending a monthly meeting. Teresa Hanson, seconded, discussion followed. Tom Tweeten motioned to table the discussion until the May meeting. Carol Dobbelaire seconded, motioned tabled until May meeting. Mark Ward asked the motion makers to research questions posed during discussion regarding wording, budget, and tax issues to be researched and answers presented at the meeting in May.

**B. Committee List Sign-Up** - Dawn Moore passed the revised 2010 committee list around to all directors and asked they review it for accuracy.

**C. Board of Animal Health Project** - Tracy Turner reported a project is being conducted to catalog the animals in the state of MN. The reported purpose for the project is disease control. The project is expected to last three years to four years. The general information resulting from this project will be available to the MHC in the future.

**D. Newsletter Deadline** - Mark Ward reminded the directors that the deadline for newsletter submissions is this Friday.

X. Mark Ward adjourned the meeting at 8:38PM.

NEXT MEETING ♦ May 11, 2010 ♦ 6:30 p.m.  
University of MN ♦  
Leatherdale Equine Center

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### *Emergency Foal CPR--continued from page 3*

Perform compressions at a rate of 80-120 per minute. Relieve the resuscitator every two to three minutes, if possible, because he/she will quickly become fatigued. Continue breathing for the foal throughout the compressions. If there is only one person available, give one breath for every 10 chest compressions.

#### **“D” – Drugs**

Always perform ventilation and compressions first. If there is no heartbeat after one minute of these activities, drug therapy might be indicated. However, human studies show prognosis is poor at this point and drugs might not help.

#### **When to Stop**

If you've performed CPR for 15 minutes with no response, success is unlikely. If the foal is responding, continue CPR. Once a foal's heartbeat is faster than 60 beats per minute, you can discontinue chest compressions. Once he's taking more than 16 spontaneous breaths per minute and has a heart rate of 60 beats per minute or faster, you can stop breathing for the foal. After resuscitation, foals require intensive care and monitoring, as they have suffered a hypoxic event and might suffer cardiac arrest. They should be referred to a clinic or hospital for such care. Ask your veterinarian to help you assemble a “crash cart” for the barn.



## Horse Trail Pass Benefits Riders and Horses

As Minnesotans saddle up for the spring horseback riding season, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds riders to get a Horse Trail Pass before hitting any DNR-managed trails. Riders without the pass may be subject to fines.

Introduced in 2007, the pass - which is issued to the rider, not the horse, and costs \$21 for the calendar year or \$5 daily - is required on horse trails within state parks, state forests, state trails, and state recreation areas for anyone 16 years of age and older. Riders must possess a signed pass when riding on DNR-managed horse trails.

The Horse Trail Pass has generated approximately \$358,000 in its first three years, averaging about \$120,000 each year.

“The Horse Trail Pass benefits riders and their horses,” said Grant Scholen, State Trail Program coordinator for the DNR’s Parks and Trails Division. “Proceeds are used to maintain and rehabilitate horse trails and to improve state-managed equestrian facilities. In the past two years, we completed 12 projects at six state parks and five state forests, including horse trail rehabilitation, horse facility improvements, and new horse trail signs.”

The DNR manages more than 1,000 miles of horse trail and approximately 500 horse campsites. An Equestrian Advisory Group works with the DNR on the horse trail program.

Projects that will be funded with horse trail pass funds over the next year include:

- ♦ Horse trail rehabilitation within the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest, as well as Camden, Glacial Lakes, and Sibley state parks
- ♦ Horse camp improvements at Wild River and Fort Ridgely state parks, as well as Togo Horse Camp within George Washington State Forest.
- ♦ Kiosk and orientation signs on the horse trail system at Sand Dunes State Forest.

Horse Trail Passes can be purchased from DNR Electronic License System vendors across the state. These are the same vendors that sell fishing and hunting licenses.

For more information about horseback riding, past projects funded with Horse Trail Pass funds, and how to buy a Horse Trail Pass online, call the DNR Information Center, 651-296-6157 (888-646-6367 toll-free) between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday or visit the DNR website at [www.files.dnr.state.mn.us/rpl/licenses/commercial/comm\\_horse\\_app.pdf](http://www.files.dnr.state.mn.us/rpl/licenses/commercial/comm_horse_app.pdf).

## Lookin At Lucky Rebounds in Preakness Stakes



Karl Watson, Michael E. Pegram & Paul Weitman's *Lookin At Lucky* rebounded from a disappointing performance in the Kentucky Derby two weeks ago to prevail over 11 rivals by three-quarters of a length in the 135th running of the \$1,000,000 Preakness Stakes Saturday at Pimlico Race Course.

A crowd of 95,760 witnessed rising star Martin Garcia ride his first winner in a Triple Crown race and Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert receive the Woodlawn Vase for the fifth time. A total of \$79,209,170 was wagered on the 13-race program.

Attendance increased 23 percent over last year, when Rachel Alexandra beat the boys in the 134th Preakness Stakes. Performances by Grammy Award winner Zac Brown Band and Platinum selling musical group O.A.R. in the infield contributed to a festive event under ideal weather conditions.

"It was a great day. People had a tremendous time in the infield," said Maryland Jockey Club President Tom Chuckas. "We adjusted the program from a year ago and will continue to look for ways to build on the momentum we experienced today."

While joining *Silver Charm* (1997), *Real Quiet* (1998), *Point Given* (2001) and *War Emblem* (2002) in Baffert's stable of Preakness winners, *Lookin at Lucky* ran 1 3/16 miles in 1:55.47. The Preakness record is 1:54 2/5, held jointly by *Curlin* (2007), *Louis Quatorze* (1996) and *Tank's Prospect* (1985).

*Super Saver*, the 9-5 favorite who gave trainer Todd Pletcher his long-awaited Kentucky Derby victory two weeks ago, pressed the early pace before fading to eighth under jockey Calvin Borel.

Following *Lookin At Lucky's* trouble-filled sixth-place finish at Churchill Downs as the beaten favorite, Baffert elected to replace regular rider Garrett Gomez with the 25-year-old Garcia. *Lookin at Lucky* broke cleanly and settled in fifth behind the pacesetter *First Dude* and jockey Ramon Dominguez. Garcia asked his colt for run on the far turn in pursuit of *First Dude*, who had clicked off solid quarter-mile fractions of :22.91, :46.47 and 1:11.22.

Under Ramon Dominguez, the Dale Romans-trained *First Dude* continued on the lead on the turn into the homestretch with *Lookin At Lucky* looming dangerously with a three-wide move. *Lookin At Lucky* edged to the lead after straightening into the stretch with *First Dude* fighting back through the lane until finally yielding at the end. *Jackson Bend*, who pressed the pace throughout from the inside, finished a game third.

*Lookin At Lucky*, a son of *Smart Strike* by the Belong To Me mare *Private Feeling*, paid \$6.80. The 7-11 exacta returned \$188.60. The trifecta 7-11-6 paid \$2771.

The win moves Baffert into a second place tie with D. Wayne Lukas and Thomas Healey with five Preakness victories. Robert Wyndham Walden saddled seven winners, including five straight from 1878 to 1882.

## 2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

### Minnesota Horse Council Board Meetings

Leatherdale Equine Center Center ♦ 6:30 pm  
1801 Dudley Ave ♦ St. Paul  
Located on the U of M St. Paul Campus

|   |                     |             |
|---|---------------------|-------------|
| February 9  | June 8              | October 12  |
| March 9   | July 13             | November 9  |
| April 13  | August - No meeting | December 14 |
| May 11  | September 14        |             |
| January 15, 2011 - Annual Meeting - Northland Inn |                     |             |

### Minnesota Horse Expo Board Meetings

Byerly's Community Room ♦ 6:30 pm  
3777 Park Center Drive ♦ St. Louis Park, MN

|             |                     |              |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------|
| January 26  | May 25              | September 28 |
| February 23 | June 29             | October 26   |
| March 30    | July 27             | November 30  |
| April 13    | August - No meeting | December 28  |

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|------------------|---------|-------------|----------|
| January/February | 1/22/10 | July/August | 6/11/10  |
| March            | 2/12/10 | September   | 8/13/10  |
| April            | 3/12/10 | October     | 9/17/10  |
| May              | 4/16/10 | November    | 10/15/10 |
| June             | 5/14/10 | December    | 11/12/10 |

# Minnesota Horse Council News



The Minnesota Horse Council has received notice that at least two horse trailers have been stopped by the state patrol within the past two months and asked for their commercial vehicle registration. We have been asked to provide information about the rules that may or may not apply to horse enthusiasts and horse business owners.

If trailering your horses can be considered "furtherance" of a commercial activity, then you are required to follow commercial vehicle regulations. Does this apply to you? Read the Minnesota DOT rules at [www.dps.state.mn.us/patrol/comveh/pdf/racing\\_handout.pdf](http://www.dps.state.mn.us/patrol/comveh/pdf/racing_handout.pdf). Find out about the US DOT number at [www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration-licensing/registration-USDOT.htm](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration-licensing/registration-USDOT.htm).

When more details and "likely applications" of the law are found out, we will report more here.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- Individual - \$15
- Family - \$20
- Organization - \$25
- Corporation - \$25
- Certified Stable: First Year - \$35
- Certified Stable: Renewal - \$25

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Would you like to volunteer with MHC? If so, please list any interest you have: \_\_\_\_\_  
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