



Horsin' Around The Wabash Valley

November 2009

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Upcoming Meeting:

- November 10 @ 7:30 pm
(Vigo Co Fairgrounds)
Annual Election of
Officers/Board of Directors



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Preparing Your Horse For Winter By Lydia Gray, DVM, MA

Here are tips in four different areas of horse management to help your horse not only survive, but thrive during cold weather so you have a healthy and willing partner when warmer temperatures return.

Nutrition Forage, or hay, should make up the largest portion of your horse's diet especially in winter. Increasing the amount of hay is the best way to keep weight on horses when it's cold, as the fermentation process generates heat. Horses needing more calories can also be fed fortified grain, fat or other supplement. "Easy keepers" should be given a ration-balancer or multi-vitamin/mineral supplement to correct any deficiencies in hay alone.

Research at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine showed that if during cold weather horses have only warm water available, they will drink a greater volume per day than if only icy cold water is available. But, if given a choice between warm and icy water simultaneously, they drink almost exclusively from the icy and drink less volume than if only warm water is available.

Exercise Studies have found that muscular strength, cardiovascular fitness and overall flexibility decrease in horses that have been "let down" during winter, even if daily turnout is provided. While cold weather exercise can be challenging, you can improve conditions somewhat. With your farrier, determine if your horse has best traction with no shoes, regular shoes, shoes with borium, "snowball" pads, or another arrangement. Add a binding agent to indoor arenas to hold moisture, then water as often as temperature will allow. Warm up and cool down with care, spending twice as much time on each of these than when it is warmer.

Blanketing In general, horses with an adequate hair coat, in good flesh, and with access to shelter don't need to be blanketed. However, horses that have been clipped, recently transported to a cold climate, or are thin or sick might need the additional warmth and protection of outerwear. Since horses' winter coats begin to grow as early as July, choices for inhibiting hair growth are using artificial lighting to simulate long days and adding clothing to your horse as soon as it begins to get chilly.

Health A number of health conditions seem to be exacerbated by winter environment. Decrease the risk of impaction colic by providing only warm water (as described above) and topdressing electrolytes. Ensure proper ventilation for horses with "heaves" and consider wetting indoor arenas and aisles as well as hay. Provide appropriate medications or supplements to prevent ulcers and arthritis "flare-ups" during periods of increased stall-time. Keep horses and their surroundings as clean and dry as possible to prevent thrush, scratches (pastern dermatitis, a moist exudative dermatitis affecting horses at the caudal heel and pastern area), and rain rot (dermatophilosis).

Paying particular attention to your horse's nutrition, exercise, health, and protection from the elements during winter will help you have a ready and willing partner come spring.

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This mare is ready for a new youth rider. Her accomplishments for the 2009 IL State Fair: 6th in 2/3yo Training, 8th in Pony HMS, 10th in Pony Conformation - and she's only a 3 year old! Her accomplishments for the 2009 Clark County 4H Show: Grand Champion in Pony Halter, Training class, & Int. HMS with Reserve in Int. SMS! Current on vacs, Coggins, dental, farrier. No vices, bad habits, lameness issues. Excellent ground manners, pivots, sidepasses, even trail rides! Have started riding her in a snaffle & working on English. Ginger is easy to ride, not complicated at all, will need consistency to maintain training she's already had. Would love for her to go to a good show home for a youth with experience. Videos/pics available. Price will increase with additional training and when she colors enough for permanent POA registration. Her full siblings have all colored and are being shown POAC as excellent all-around ponies.

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Sire: A SUMMER BREEZE (son of Dixie's War Drum)

Dam: MISS HOLLY BAR DEE (Daughter of AQHA Hall of Fame—Sonny Dee Bar)

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Just 1 pt away from Hunter Hack & 2 pts away from Western Pleasure

1999 APHA Junior Award (#10 in APHA) Open Hunter Hack

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Foaled 3-26-2007; 15 hh 850-900 lbs

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Contact Doug or Sally DeLong (217) 275-3443 dbledfarm@tigerpaw.com Asking \$ 2,500



WVHA Annual Christmas Banquet

Date: Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009

Time: 6:30 pm - Midnight
(see schedule below)

Where: Operating Engineers Local 841 Hall
(US Hwy 41 South—just north of
Toyota Dealership)



What: Buffet dinner, cash bar, Santa Claus (with gifts for kids), door prizes, auction (bring a wrapped gift - gag or regular gift), DJ & Karaoke by the Music Man, picture slideshow (***please send any pictures you'd like included in the slideshow to Deborah at deb@firstlovefarms.com***)

RSVP: By Nov. 27 please. Form is available online at www.wvha.info or contact Deborah Shahadey (812) 230-0697
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Tickets: Adults \$ 14 per person; Kids (10 & under) FREE

This year's party schedule is as follows:

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm Social

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner

8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Auction with Johnny Swalls

9:00 pm - midnight Music Man DJ/Karaoke

As always we ask that you bring a wrapped gift for the auction – you decided what to bring (gag or real gift). Everyone is welcome to come to the Christmas Party. If you haven't attended any events in awhile you are missing a good time.

Now is a perfect time to get involved in the club again!



2009 WVHA Christmas Banquet RSVP Form

Please complete the form below and **return it by Friday, November 27, 2009**. We ask that you complete the RSVP form and send in your money so we have an accurate head count, prepare an adequate amount of food, have enough children's gifts and can get everyone through the front door in a timely manner. This year there will be a check-in table. We hope to see everyone there.

If you have any questions, please contact Deborah Shahadey (812) 230-0697 deb@firstlovefarms.com

Once again this year tax, gratuity and dessert will be taken care of by the club.

- **Adult Dinner Buffet:** Number of adults _____ X \$14.00/per adult Total \$ _____
Price includes: Social hour, dinner buffet, door prizes, auction, Santa Claus, DJ with Karaoke & Dancing, picture slideshow.
(Dinner buffet includes: Oven Roasted Turkey, Spiral Ham, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Mac 'n Cheese, Tossed Salad, Dinner Rolls, Dessert, Tea, Coffee, Lemonade.
NOTE: There will **NOT** be a cash bar this year, so BYOB if you wish.
- **Kids (10 and under) Dinner:** Number of children _____ X \$ **FREE**/per child Total \$ **FREE**
- If you chose **not** to eat dinner, you are welcome to attend after 8:00 pm for only \$5

After dinner auction, DJ and Dancing Only: # of people ___ x \$5.00/per person Total \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

Names Attending: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please send this RSVP form along with payment by Friday, November 27th, 2009 to:
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Stolen Horse Recovered: Max Home With 14-Year-Old Owner

A horse that was stolen from his Eastern Illinois home more than a year ago has turned up in Springfield, Mo. The Paint gelding, named Max, was reunited with his 14-year old owner this week.

Kaitlynn Bilskie never gave up hope in finding her barrel racing partner, said her stepfather, Keith Caughran. "This has just been an amazing miracle," he said.



Max barrel racing before he was separated from his owners.

Thinking the horse was perfect for her 7-year-old daughter, Mackenzie, she traded a yearling for "Swazy," brought him home, and renamed him "Tops." Then, on Sunday, Gully received a call from a cousin, who was at Ozark Fall Farmfest (an agricultural trade show in Springfield). "She was looking at a missing horse flyer, and it was our horse," said Gully.

Max's distinctive markings immediately identified him. The paint gelding has a medicine hat, two blue eyes, and a black spot on the right side of his upper lip. Gully then called the police and Caughran. According to Gully, Caughran offered her a reward of \$4,000, but she told him, "You don't need to pay for something that's already yours."

Gully's only concern was that her daughter would now be missing a horse she had started to bond with. "When we pulled up to the farm, it broke my heart to see Mackenzie," said Susan Caughran, Kaitlynn's mother. "These people have hurt two families."

Since Gully wouldn't accept a reward, the Caughrans set out to find a replacement horse for Mackenzie. The family put the word out about Mackenzie's plight on an online message board called Alex Brown Racing, a community that had been aiding in the search for Max.

A few weeks prior, the community had raised funds to rescue some horses destined for slaughter at an auction in Montana. In that group was a kid-friendly Paint gelding named Indio. Now the group is trying to raise funds to have the new horse shipped from Montana to Missouri for Mackenzie at no cost.

Those interested can send donations to help with the cost of shipping Indio to One Horse at a Time (www.onehorseatatimeinc.org). The charity is asking that people mark that the donation is intended for Indio.

For more information, contact Lucille Matte, who is helping to organize the transfer of Indio, at mortgagematte@earthlink.net

Source: Horse.com

The family had posted a missing horse notice on netposse.com, the Web site for Stolen Horse International Inc. Horse enthusiasts around the country rallied in online forums, posting flyers at various horse events, in their search for Max.

On Sunday (Oct. 4), Caughran, of Flat Rock, IL., received a call from Kim Gully in Springfield, Mo. "I called him and said, 'I have your horse,' and he just broke down," says Gully.

In early September, Gully responded to a Craigslist ad offering a gelding for sale or trade in Ava, Mo. Gully said the teen girl who claimed to be Max's owner called the horse "Swazy." The girl told her she had owned the horse for three years. A woman that Gully assumed was the girl's mother said she couldn't believe the girl was parting with her "baby."



Max pictured after he was recovered more than a year after his disappearance

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UPCOMING Events:

- Nov 10: 7:30 pm @ Vigo Co Fairgrounds Show Office: Club meeting/Annual Election of Officers & Board of Directors
- Dec 5: Annual Christmas Banquet & Party (Local 841 Operating Engineers Hall on US Hwy 41 South)
- Dec 8: 7:30 pm @ Vigo Co Fairgrounds Show Office: Club Meeting

Do you have a skill/talent you would be willing to share with the club? Contact us!

We NEED Volunteers: ring stewards, judges, concession stand, office help, Frontier Parade, and anything else horse and/or show related. Now accepting NEW members! Do you know of someone who would like to get involved with our club? Bring them to the next meeting or show!

Annual Election of Officers & Board of Directors
Nov 10 @ 7:30 pm (Vigo Co Fairgrounds Horse Show Office)

Please come join us and cast your vote for 2010 Officers & Board of Directors. A reminder of the voting requirements are listed below:

- **Membership dues must be paid by May 31, 2009 and members must attend at least (4) four meetings to be eligible to vote in this year's annual election**
- **Only one vote per membership type is allowed**