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ON THE COVER

An prospective consignor showed off his well-broke Belgian team in preparation for the big two-day draft horse sale coming up April 21–22 at Heidelberg Farm Equipment, just across the border from Grantsburg, Wis., on Highway 70. Tack, harnesses, buggies and equipment will sell on Friday, April 21. The next day will be draft horses, driving horses and ponies, followed by riding horses. The sale starts at 10:30 a.m. both days. Owner Dale Heidelberg says he already has many well-broke teams and driving horses consigned, along with young stock and tons of equipment. Heidelberg Farm Equipment is located 3 miles west of Interstate 35 on Highway 70, just south of Pine City, Minn. They also hold a regular hay, tack and horse sale the third Saturday of every month. This month's regular horse sale will be on April 15. For more information call 320-629-1122.

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ACROSS THE FENCE

Welcome Wisconsin!

This is the very first issue of the Wisconsin edition of Horse & Family, but we are not strangers to many folks in the western part of the state. Since its inception in Minnesota two years ago, our magazine has found a ready readership among our horse-loving neighbors to the east. We began receiving letters, story submissions and advertisers almost from the beginning. Over the past few months we have received a number of requests from readers and advertisers for a Wisconsin version of what has now become a major communication medium among horse people in Minnesota.

Although *Horse & Family* is published in Minnesota, we are closer than you may think. Advertising coordinator Cris Bernecker and I both live a stone's throw from the St. Croix River (we can see Wisconsin from our pastures). One of our editorial assistants, Anne Miklya, raises Quarter Horses near Grantsburg, Wis. We are putting together a team of equine professionals to bring you expert advice with a Wisconsin slant. We will soon branch out to cover more of central and eastern Wisconsin.

What made *Horse & Family* an immediate success in Minnesota is the fact that we are committed to keeping our magazine *local*. We major on news, events and human-interest stories from our home state. All of our expert columnists — veterinarians, trainers and the like — are homegrown. And we are committed to doing the same thing for the Wisconsin horse community. You won't find any articles by national celebrities on our pages (unless, of course, they're from Wisconsin).

Another thing that makes *Horse & Family* unique is that we solicit — yes, we *want* — input from our readers. We have a total of seven different departments that feature articles, photos and other material sent in by readers. These include:

- **Pony Express** — letters to the editor (which, of course, we don't have this month because it's the first issue).
- **Horse Sense** — send in your tips for horse keeping and handling (see Page 6).
- **"I'll Never Do That Again!"** — share your mistakes and help others avoid trouble with their horses (see Page 7).
- **All in a Day's Work** — funny stories about our lives with horses.
- **Horse Tales** — heartwarming stories about special horses we have known (see Page 12).
- **We Caught You Horsin' Around** — send in your wild, wacky or winsome photos of horses and horse people (see Page 16).
- **Kids & Horses** — horse-related stories, artwork or poetry by or about Wisconsin elementary and high school kids.

Whether you're a reader who has been a friend of *Horse & Family* for a while, or a new reader to this edition, we hope you will grow with our Wisconsin family.

— Charlotte Wilcox 



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— Jo Eberhardt, Danjo Farm,
Elkhorn, Wis.



Should I Get Rid of a Horse that Kicks?

THE ACT OF KICKING OR BITING IS OFTEN A TICKET to a ride off the farm. Do people get rid of babies who cry? Why not? Because that's what babies do. Kicking and biting are what horses do. When and why they do it is the question. If a horse is surprised or threatened and cannot escape, it will defend itself or attack. That cannot be held against the horse. A sensible handler will prove to the horse that aggressive behavior will not be tolerated, but will also make sure the horse is never put in that position.

On the other hand, if a horse exhibits a tendency, willingness or insistence on kicking or biting as its way of communicating with the world, that is a different story. That horse is dangerous, should never be used for breeding, and probably should be destroyed. There are very few horses that are intrinsically evil, but those that are, are not worth the risk. Just my opinion.

— Warren Bengtson

Got a Tip?

Help other readers better handle or care for their horses by mailing your tip to *Horse & Family*, 930 S. Cleveland St., Cambridge, MN 55008, or send an e-mail to editor@horseandfamily.com.

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"I'll never do that again!"

EVEN EXPERIENCED HORSE PEOPLE MAKE DUMB MISTAKES ONCE IN A WHILE. LET'S SHARE THEM WITH OTHERS AND PERHAPS PREVENT A MISHAP.

A Doggone Tangle

ABBY GOT A NEW DOG LAST FALL. MAJOR IS A BIT timid around the horses so we have been trying to slowly get them used to one another. Today, as we headed out to the large pasture with hay, we decided to take Major along with us. Abby put him on the zip-line leash and we headed out together, discussing the day. We did not hear our new equine arrival, Get Tough, approaching. All of a sudden the young horse came between Abby and Major, right into the zip line. The leash was yanked away from Abby and instantly wrapped around Tough's ankle. The more he kicked at it, the more tightly it wrapped, and the more confused Major became as he began to find himself being dragged around the pasture by a very upset two-year-old Quarter Horse.

It looked like Major was water skiing on all four legs! But what made the situation grow even more serious was that our lead gelding Paint saw what was going on and assumed Major was attacking Tough. Suddenly, he and our lead mare were heading toward Major and all I could think of was that we would soon have two or three horses tangled in that zip line. We then real-

ized the horses were trying to *kill* Major, stomping him into the ground! Every wild Mustang instinct appeared to have kicked in as they tried to free the youngster from this "wolf" predator. I really don't know how it happened, but suddenly the leash unwrapped from Tough and Major ran for the fence, under the fence and up to the house, dragging the zip line behind him. The horses gathered together, inspecting little Get Tough and carefully watching out lest Major return.

Thankfully, the muddy mess washed off and no injuries were found — *but we will never do that again!*

— Faith Jaeger 

Share Your Experience

Let other readers learn from your mistakes by mailing your experience to *Horse & Family*, 930 S. Cleveland St., Cambridge, MN 55008, or send an e-mail to editor@horseandfamily.com.

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THE EQUESTRIAN FRIENDS OF GOV. KNOWLES STATE Forest (in Polk and Burnett counties) will manage a tack swap April 8–9 at RNR Ranch & Tack near St. Croix Falls. You are invited to turn your used tack into cash and help this non-profit group which works to maintain good horse trails in the state forest. They will keep a 12 percent commission on all sold items.

The tack swap is being held as part of an open house at RNR Ranch & Tack. The event will include demonstrations and speakers both days, specials on merchandise including Kent feeds, and horses for sale. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and free hot dogs will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.

RNR Ranch & Tack is located at 2697 Nevers Dam Road, St. Croix Falls. They host a variety of equine events throughout the year, as well as offering boarding, training and conditioning and arena rentals for equine events. They have a retail tack shop and also provide blanket cleaning and repair on a drop-off basis. Their facility features an indoor arena plus two outdoor arenas. They are located close to the horse trails of Gov. Knowles State Forest. For information and directions call 715-483-9292. 


'Cabin Fever' Day Camp at Eagle Valley Equestrian

KIDS GETTING A LITTLE STIR CRAZY AND DEVELOPING a good case of cabin fever? Well, what better way to bring that fever down than to send them to horse day camp! Eagle Valley Equestrian at Fountain City, Wis., will host a day camp on Friday, April 14 (there is no school locally that day).

Campers will take an "Enlightened Horsemanship" lesson on a gentle, experienced horse; learn the basic elements of horse care and keeping; practice safe horse-handling skills; and get a little crafty with a fun, horsey project.

This day camp is limited to six participants who have at least some experience on a horse. Camp runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The \$35 fee includes an organic lunch, and parents who volunteer receive a 20 percent discounted rate.

Later in the month, owner Heather Kitching will exhibit her equine art at the Midwest Horse Fair in Madison April 20–23. Look her up in Booth 48 in the Colesium.

For more information about Eagle Valley Equestrian and other upcoming events, go to www.learning2ride.com or call 608-687-9534. 

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Come to the Midwest Horse Fair April 21–23 in Madison

THE MIDWEST HORSE FAIR IS THE NUMBER-ONE three-day horse fair in America. Held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, it has been growing and going strong since 1979. Over 54,000 people and some 1,500 equines attended the 2005 Fair.

The 2006 Midwest Horse Fair will be better than ever. The theme will be "Horses of the World," demonstrating that horsemanship is universal and that the love of horses crosses political and geographical borders. Some of the top clinicians and entertainers from across the country will be here. They include Lynn Palm, Matt McLaughlin, Elizabeth Graves, Charles Wilhelm and Cathy Ruprecht, to name a few.

Seminars will be presented by Madison Equine Clinic, Wisconsin Equine Clinic & Hospital, the University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Dan Moore (known as "the natural horse vet") and horseshoer Tom Rupnow.

There will be performances by the Wheels Unlimited six-horse Appaloosa hitch, Priefert's Texas Thunder Percheron hitch, the Noble Horse Theatre from Chicago, the Kiesner Family Wild West Revue, the Wisconsin Mounted Police, A Knight to Remember, and Laura Amandis, the woman who dances with a white stallion. On Friday night the Wisconsin Cowboy Mounted Shooters will present the Gold Medal Trailers Shoot Out. On Sunday there will be a cowboy church service with T.J. Casey.

Whether you are a horseless horse lover, new horse owner, or seasoned professional, there will be something you'll enjoy at the Midwest Horse Fair. Meet the horses up close by touring the eight different barns. Shop at over 700 vendor booths for anything from gifts and crafts to saddles and horse trailers. Enjoy the "mane" event, a feature presentation focusing on the horse, Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoon.

The Midwest Horse Fair is owned by the Wisconsin State Horse Council (WSHC). All proceeds from the Fair are used to represent and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin, promote the equine through leadership, education, service and communication, and to take a proactive role in the future growth and development of the equine industry.

The Midwest Horse Fair is governed by an advisory committee composed of seven business-minded professionals volunteering their wisdom and expertise. The office is staffed by a general manager and two event coordinators. Nine management team members work on specific aspects of the Fair year-round. In addition, 350 people volunteer at the Fair each year. These volunteers generously offer their time and talent because they believe in the WSHC and they want to be a part of this successful event.

The sponsors that contribute to the Midwest Horse Fair are the reason they get bigger each year. It is because of the sponsors' generosity that WSHC can keep admission prices to the Fair at a minimum. When you see any of them at the Fair, or throughout the year, please take the time to thank them.

So come to the Midwest Horse Fair for a fantastic weekend of fun, clinics, demonstrations, education and shopping! 🐾

Dalles Saddle Club Will Celebrate 50 Years of WSCA

THE DALLES SADDLE CLUB IS CELEBRATING ITS 50TH year of WSCA horse shows this summer. Their annual two-day horse show will be held June 24–25 at the Polk County Fairgrounds in St. Croix Falls, Wis. Show times are 8 a.m. both days. Bob Jones will be the WSCA judge for games and pleasure. Horse folks (and others) are invited to come celebrate with them and enjoy a Saturday night supper put on by the St. Croix Falls Lioness Club and a free dance afterwards to the live music of Alan Godage and Sundown. Help them celebrate their 50th anniversary and participate in the many other exciting happenings throughout the weekend. Camp sites will be available for overnight camping. For more information call Peter Lentz, 715-381-0407; Ralph Carlson, 651-257-1946; or Annette Williams, 715-825-4634. 🐾

Northern Wisconsin Welsh Enthusiasts Host Diving Clinic

THE NORTHERN WISCONSIN WELSH ENTHUSIASTS ARE putting on a driving clinic on Sunday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ashmore Farm in Forest Lake, Minn. For information or an application, call Kathi Lindholm at 715-483-9540 or e-mail kasie@centurytel.net. 🐾

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Homes for the Homeless:

Wisconsin Horse Rescues

By Monica Bahr

The unwanted horse:

an unfortunate and common story. Whether their fate brings them to an auction bound for slaughter, or they are left unattended in a pasture with no food or shelter, there is a ray of hope. I was able to visit with some of these horses whose fate seemed doomed but were lucky enough to find their way "home." After hearing many of their stories, I offer a big thank you to all who dedicate even a part of their lives to help these magnificent animals who definitely deserve a second chance.

I would like to introduce two equine rescues which are based out of Wisconsin but also serve parts of Minnesota.

REFUGE FARMS

Refuge Farms, in Spring Valley, Wis., was founded in 2002 by Sandy Gilbert and her mentor, Andy Durco. I had a chance to visit with Sandy personally. The effect of the visit was eye-opening. Her story starts out like many do, but the path she chose to take is different from that of others. Andy had come across a Clydesdale gelding, Charity Case, with a club foot caused by a sloppy vet during a too-quick surgery. Andy discovered that Charity Case "was being fattened up for kill." He left with the gelding in his trailer that day, knowing there was a better future out there for him. That future ended up being with Sandy. As Andy drove away, leaving Sandy standing in the driveway holding the lead rope to her new-found future, Andy's words echoed in her head: "Sandy, you take that horse and make a difference in somebody's life."

Sandy watched Andy drive away, with that little club-footed colt waiting patiently for her to notice him. Andy was probably about to the Iowa border before she actually comprehended just what he was trying to tell her.

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Papers were signed later that year making Refuge Farms official. Since then a total of 41 horses have come to the farm for sanctuary. What makes Refuge Farms different from other rescues

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Refuge Farms does not adopt out the horses that live at the farm. Instead, they have developed a program appropriately named Horses Helping. It is not therapeutic riding. It is not equine management. It is not dressage or anything like it. What it is may be best described as MAGIC. It is the bonding and healing that occur when two creatures sense mutual respect, trust and acceptance. It is the recovery that occurs, in tiny steps, when these creatures realize that there is no judgment or criticism, only unconditional love. The power of such a thing can be overwhelming.

If you would like to visit Refuge Farms, they are open to the public for free from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the last Saturday of every month October through May, and on the first and third Saturdays of every month June through September. You may also call or e-mail to schedule other times or group visits.

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Ron Dancer is a 16-year-old Standardbred gelding now at ASAP. He stands 17.1 hands tall. He has been with the same owner since he was a year old. Ronnie has been retrained to saddle. He is playful and king of his roost along with his pasture buddy. He does not load well but is a former racer with a time of 1:56.4. He won four races before being retired.

PHOTOS ABOVE AND BELOW COURTESY OF ASAP.



Last Call is a 5-year-old chestnut Appendix Quarter Horse gelding at now at ASAP. He stands 16.3 hands. Last Call (aka, Halo) is a really nice horse. He's tall, he's gorgeous, he is affectionate and has good ground manners. He is green, but with a patient trainer would make a truly awesome hunter or eventer.

AMERICAN STANDARDBRED ADOPTION PROGRAM, INC. (ASAP)

ASAP was founded in 1994 by a group of individuals and professionals who saw a need for a placement service for non-racing Standardbreds. This placement service honors and serves the people and horses within the harness-racing industry around the country, with special emphasis on Standardbreds in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. ASAP also serves as a rescue facility and sanctuary for abandoned, abused or neglected horses of all breeds. A great deal of ASAP's efforts center around educating young people about horsemanship and harness racing. Youth programs focus on youth at risk and youth with disabilities, offering ASAP's facilities on an ongoing basis for community service or schooling involving horsemanship and riding or driving.

ASAP seeks only the most qualified homes in the hopes of obtaining permanent placement for each horse in its care. A contract must be signed by potential adopters as a prerequisite to acquiring a horse through their program. An adoption fee is required. ASAP is comprised entirely of volunteers who assist in every aspect of horse adoptions, from picking up a horse at the track or stabling facility at no cost to the donor, to office duties, to participation in exhibits, demonstrations and rescue efforts nationwide.

You can help ASAP by donating supplies directly to the program. Consider gifts of dewormers, weight builders, blankets, coolers, halters, lead ropes, treats or any other supplies. Another way you can make a difference is by providing foster care for horses needing long-term care. To donate supplies or learn more about how you might provide foster care, contact ASAP.

If you are unable to provide a home for a horse at this time, you can show your love with a gift of money,



Visitors and volunteers at Refuge Farms chat with Beauty, a Percheron mare with quite the story to tell. She is 18 years old and had been bred 16 times before her arrival at Refuge Farms.

PHOTOS ABOVE AND OPPOSITE PAGE BY MONICA BAHR

time or supplies. ASAP is run completely by volunteers. Without your support in the form of adoptions and donations, ASAP would not exist. The 100 horses per year that the program helps would be the ones to lose out. Good intentions are the foundation of ASAP, but caring for horses requires funding on a day-by-day basis. The ASAP farm and network of foster farms can only do so much on a limited budget. If you can toss a few coins in the hat, you can rest assured that you are helping a good cause.

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HORSE TALES

*The author with her father and
his team of Belgians, 1956.*

READERS' STORIES OF THOSE UNFORGETTABLE HORSES IN OUR LIVES.

Hanging in a highly visible place

in my home is an enlarged version of the above picture, my favorite childhood photograph. You can barely see me in it, but you can see my Dad's beautiful team of Belgians. I remember only their feet and back ends, as I guess that was the view I normally had of them. My Dad sold the team shortly after the photo was taken in 1956. I believe he always regretted it, as he continued to care for their harness for many years after, never selling it, despite frequent offers for it. The team was sold because times were changing as tractors replaced horses on this North Dakota grain/dairy farm.

As I grew up, I participated in the various farm activities, including bringing our small herd of Holsteins to the barn each summer evening. In North Dakota not much of the valuable cropland next to the barn could be wasted on pasture, so each summer day the cows were herded across the road to a 1¼-mile-long pasture of untillable land that followed a coulee. This pasture was hard to walk, as it had ravines, small streams, heavy brush and thistle. I complained about this farm task quite a bit, hoping they would give it to my younger brother. One day, when I was in seventh grade, I came home from school and found Dad had purchased a horse for me. I had never ridden before, so he taught me how to put the saddle and bridle on and briefly explained the basic steering system. That was about it; no riding lessons, just Dad's order: "If you fall off, HURRY and get right back on again."

Susie Q (the name she came with) was a great horse and a wonderful teacher. We knew little about her, as she was purchased at an auction with only the information that she was an Arab/Quarter horse cross, broke to ride and drive and kid safe. I quickly found out she was very familiar with chasing cattle, as all I basically had to do was sit on top of her as she drove the cows home,

biting the behinds of the slow or off-course cows as needed. If I let her have her head, she would love to take the cow path through the chokecherry bushes, instead of going around them. This meant I had to crunch down around her neck and hope I did not get scratched too badly by the branches. She also liked to grab and eat thistle blossoms as she slowly walked the cows home.

Susie was very patient with me. Once while riding bareback as we herded the cows home, I reached down to pick a wild coneflower, not realizing they were so firmly attached. I fell off — with my hand still holding the flower, which was still attached



Susie and foal, 1969.

to the plant, which was still in the ground. Susie stopped, turned around and gave me a "that was sooo stupid" look and just waited for me to get back on. One day Dad and I set up empty

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farm-oil drums so I could try barrels with Susie. To make a long story short, it quickly became obvious that Susie had much more experience with these objects than I did, as she wasted no time at all depositing me in the dirt.

In addition to the daily cow herding, I spent many wonderful summer evenings riding Susie down the prairie roads, enjoying the beautiful sunsets with her. Susie also produced two beautiful foals for me.

Time passed quickly and I was off to college, marriage and a new life. I ended up working in offices on the West Coast for 10 years, then for a large company located just outside New York City for 20 years. You cannot imagine how out of place a North Dakota farm girl felt in New York all of those years.

In 2004 my wonderful, city-born-and-raised husband was also ready to move. We decided to relocate to be near our son in western Wisconsin. My husband moved there in January to find a small hobby farm for us while I stayed in New York to sell our home. I immediately started spending every free minute researching horse breeds, in particular the Tennessee Walking Horse, as I understood they were known to be gentle and also a good breed for people with bad backs.

We moved into our Wisconsin home on June 8, 2004, and on June 18 I had an appointment to look at my first Tennessee Walker. I fell in love with her instantly; however, I did not take her. I decided to stop and reconsider. At age 51, after being completely away from horses for 30-plus years, I thought I should not just buy the first horse I saw. Besides, she was a green-broke 3-year-old, and an old lady like me had no business buying a horse like that. I decided to look for something older and more experienced. The next month I traveled to look at Tennessee Walker mares in almost every nook and cranny of Wisconsin, North Dakota and Minnesota, but ended up getting the first horse I looked at. Valrhona, along with Bandi, the Tennessee Walker purchased for my husband, are now my pride and joy.

It is now over one year later and our place is for sale. Why? Because my husband and I have decided we need a place with more acreage; we need room for just a few more horses! We have really fallen for our new weekend activity of trail riding in western Wisconsin and eastern Minnesota and would like to be able to take additional family members with us. We also want to try raising a foal or two.

Our lifestyle change was the best thing for both of my husband and me. My concerns about getting back into horses when over age 50, and after not having worked with them for so many years, are over. I have lost 15 pounds and my back no longer aches. I am in better physical shape than I have been in years. I am also happier than I have ever been. In New York, the highlight of my year was escaping on a nice vacation or two, then returning and immediately planning another so I had something to look forward to. In June of this year, I attended an out-of-state family reunion for three days and found it difficult to leave the horses. I no longer want to escape my life via a vacation. I am very content to again be working with hay and manure on a daily basis.

I am back where I belong — with horses, just like in the childhood photo I have treasured for so many years.

— L.C. Hanssen Worsing, New Richmond, Wis. 🐾



Valrhona, 2004.

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Dental Problems Can Affect Both Young and Old Horses

**Guest
Columnist**

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CHECK ALL HORSES OF ALL AGES FOR DENTAL PROBLEMS ON A REGULAR BASIS.

Dental problems, particularly sharp points on the molars, are frequently thought to be a concern only for older horses. Sharp points may also be a problem for young horses. Dental problems may create feed, training and colic problems, so check those teeth!

Kristina D. Kirkland, DVM, and others at the University of Illinois School of Veterinary Medicine examined 500 sets of teeth from horses of all ages. Eighty percent of the 500 horses had some form of dental disease. The young horses had cheek lacerations from the premolars,

which are quite sharp when they emerge. Older horses tend to develop the problem as a result of missing, overgrown or misaligned teeth. As horses chew in a side-to-side motion and the upper jaw tends to be wider than the lower jaw, sharp points develop on the outside edge of the upper molars and the inside edge of the lower molars.


All horses should be checked at least once a year and preferably more frequently. Any change in eating, such as excessive slobbering, dropping feed, whole grain appearing in manure or chewing on one side of the mouth, may indicate dental problems. Head tossing or bridling problems may also be dental problems instead of training problems. Improper dental care may also contribute to impaction colic due to poor chewing.

If visual examination or checking by feel reveals the presence of sharp points, the points need to be removed by floating, which is simply rasping down the offending points with a dental float, generally done by a veterinarian. This is a painless procedure which most horses tolerate quite well. A word of caution to inexperienced handlers is needed. If the cheeks are sore due to lacerations, the horse may object to the examination and the floating. Have a veterinarian or experienced horseman demonstrate how to examine the teeth safely.

A common technique for visually examining the teeth is to reach in the horse's mouth through the interdental space between the incisors and molars and grasp the tongue, pulling the tongue gently but firmly to the side and slightly to the rear. This will generally allow visual inspection of the teeth with a small flashlight.

The teeth may be manually examined by feeling the outside edge of the upper molars with the thumb inserted parallel to the jaw between the cheek and the jaw. Use the left hand on the left side of the horse and the right hand on the right side. Do not insert the thumb straight in or a very sore thumb may result. Do not stand directly in front of the horse! Restraint or behavior modification may be needed if the horse resists.

It is a common practice to check young horses for the presence of wolf teeth when they are put in training. These are small, immature teeth which may appear in front of the first premolar. These should not be confused with the canine teeth which most stallions and some mares have at maturity. Not all wolf teeth interfere with bridling the horse, so the owner and the veterinarian need to decide if they need to be removed.

Proper dental care including regular examinations and floating or other treatment as needed is an excellent management tool, which can improve feed efficiency, reduce training problems and reduce the incidence of colic. Check all horses of all ages on a regular basis. 



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Trust and Respect

HOW HERD RANKING WORKS.

Guest Columnist

Cathy Larsson

Instructor and Clinician



The number one mare in a herd displays her position of authority based on two things: respect and trust. She commands respect by standing firm against challenges for her position and she earns trust by remaining alert for predators or danger while the others sleep or graze. It is important to understand that the herd's submission has nothing to do with fear of her. The best way to understand how to communicate with any horse you work with is to have a complete knowledge base of their language. The best way to achieve this is by watching them interact in the pasture. You will learn how the herd respects the boss mare and how they communicate to develop their place in the social circle.

We think horses are more vocal and physical than they really are. If you watch them intently, you will see how subtle they really are. Watch the boss mare's expression and posture, her ears, how she positions a hip toward another horse to move it away. It is incredibly educational to learn how intelligent these animals are! Learning to understand their minds will cause you to use yours.

BODY LANGUAGE AND HUMANS

Body language is the only language horses use. They are born with an instinctive sense of a pecking order. When we enter the picture by working and playing with them, we need to keep in mind how they function and how their principle of communication works. If we are speaking their language, there should be no miscommunication. They will understand us and vice versa.

If your horse pushes on you, rubs all over you, nibbles on you or otherwise comes into your space without being invited, he is NOT being affectionate, he's being disrespectful. It starts and ends with these small things. A one-liner I'm always telling my students is, "It isn't any number of big things to teach your horse, it's all the very small things that all add up to the big picture."

Watch the horses out in the pasture and observe the methods they use to move each other around. If your horse is rubbing on you or otherwise inviting himself into your private body bubble space, he is dominating you. Your horse is doing the same thing to the other horses in the herd that are below his ranking. If your horse has not yet mastered Respect 101 — that is, respect for you — he won't trust you, either. When these problems of disrespect snowball, the horse gets the reputation as a "bad horse."

When working with any horse, whether a colt learning to lead or an older horse already schooled, you must establish a pecking order. This should be done without force or fear. There is no need to lay a hand or even touch or use a whip to gain social respect. If you watch horses in the pasture, you will notice that

they rarely do that. They communicate with body language. The way you handle the horse will command him to respect you in a way he understands.

Take time to understand your horse's motivation. If you are riding with a group out on the trail and a few horses go running past you, your horse instinctively wants to go with them. This is normal behavior for horses. He thinks the other horses have seen danger somewhere and are running to save their lives. That is very real to him! His very life may depend on it. Your horse wants to join them because he doesn't trust you. You have not convinced him that you can take care of him or keep him safe from the danger he perceives.

The best way to earn respect is to let your horse know that you will watch out for danger when the two of you are together. So, when you are with your horse, you are the boss mare in his eyes and you are to direct him through a scary situation or what he perceives as danger. If this is done and he is never let down by you, his new boss mare, he will never need to challenge the pecking order between the two of you.

EARN RESPECT AND TRUST FROM YOUR HORSE

Most problems people encounter with their horses are due to a lack of either trust or respect. If you have a relationship without respect or trust (either human or horse) all your hard work and time will mean nothing because the relationship won't work.

Developing the elements of respect and trust starts on the ground. To ride a horse that does not respect you on the ground first is like climbing to the top of a 60-foot ladder that starts to shake and thinking you'll fix it by climbing down one rung. Obviously, you need to go all the way back to the ground to make sure it is sitting on firm footing. It's like building your dream home without a solid foundation. If a single cement block is missing, the house will be cold in the winter and hot in the summer.

Lack of a good foundation is no different in horsemanship. If you've developed a solid foundation in your horse's schooling and you experience a misunderstanding in communication, all that is needed is to go back to what he does understand (his foundation training) and build his confidence back up. Voila! You are both back on the same page again — no lost ground, no wreck, no bucking, all because you've built a solid foundation with him and he totally understands what it is you are saying to him.

I get a lot of people who watch what I do when I'm putting the foundation schooling on a horse and they say that it looks boring and uneventful. GOOD! That is what good communication is all about. You wouldn't call up and start yelling at your best friend if he or she didn't understand you. Similarly, whips, spurs and big whopper-stopper bits are just like that to your horse! You have a communication problem. You need to review your foundation training. Your horse didn't understand what you were requesting in the first place.

TRUST AND RESPECT ARE INTERWOVEN

If your horse doesn't trust you, he won't respect you either. Respect and trust go hand in hand, playing a vital role in your relationship with your horse. It is the very foundation upon which your relationship must be built if it is to be successful.

I see similarities between relationships between kids and par-

ents and horses and owners. One of the most prevalent problems with kids is that the parent wants to be a buddy, not a parent. Parents should ask kids to do things (chores) and take responsibility for what they do or don't do. Instead, these parents tend to give their kids everything they ask for and ask nothing in return. The result is children who have little or no respect for authority. These kids often turn to aggression or violence as a means of dealing with anyone who tries to command their respect. I think that can be a problem with horses and their owners also.

ESTABLISH RULES AND STICK TO THEM

Another one of my one liners is, "Say what you mean and mean what you say." In other words, be consistent and specific. It's that simple. Your horse will have a great deal of respect for you if you do. Once you start bending the rules, your horse will forget what the rules were. He will also forget to respect you.

Often when I'm asked to work with a horse, the owners tell me the horse is quiet and will be easy to work with. After training, when they try to put their horse in the trailer for the first time, they are calling me back, with a confused sound in their voice, because their "easy to work with" horse isn't doing what they are asking. They can't figure out what went wrong.

I explain to them that their horse had never given them any trouble before because they had never asked him to do anything. Up to this point everything had been more or less his idea. When they finally did ask him to do something that was not on his agenda, such as move his feet or get into the trailer, they got the equivalent of a spoiled child throwing a temper tantrum. They had not taken the time to teach him to respect or trust them and he blew up when they asked him to move and flatly refused to go into a trailer that frightened him. I see this time and time again.

"BAD HORSE" LABELS

Horses that are never asked to go with the human's idea become the boss of the pecking order. When this happens, they walk on top of the human, turn their rump to the human, drag the human around at the end of the lead rope, and never allow themselves to be caught until trapped or tricked with food.

If a situation arises where the horse is asked to do something, he throws his temper tantrum because of lack of respect for his owner. Often the owner is hurt, or at least scared of being hurt, and the training comes to a screeching halt. The horse gets a bad reputation and may be sold along with his reputation, deserved or not, to someone else who is no more knowledgeable than the seller. Another scenario is that the horse may be sent to a trainer who uses force and fear as training aids, but has absolutely no knowledge of teaching foundations.

Many of the so-called problem horses I get in teaching are those who simply have no respect for their owner because the owner did not teach them respect first. These horses have been allowed to establish themselves as the dominant in the horse-human herd and they are acting accordingly.

Teaching a horse to respect you is not done by force, fear or abuse. Respect is taught by understanding the horse's instincts and asking for his respect in a language he understands. A basic knowledge of the horse's instincts and language are crucial ele-


ments. If you learn to understand his instincts and his language, you will know when you have established and gained his respect.

You can command respect without being abusive. Good parents, good employers and good horse teachers command respect from their children, employees, and horses respectively — without harassment, threats or abuse. You can be firm in your relationship with your horse without being harsh or mean. I've never respected anyone who abused me, verbally, mentally, or physically. I only feared them and so it is with horses. Submission is a natural reaction to long-term abuse or force, but that submission will always be out of fear and never out of respect.

DEVELOPING A RELATIONSHIP BASED ON RESPECT

Showing your horse what you want him to do through gentle guidance, direction and support will allow him to gain confidence in himself and you as his boss. This way of doing things creates a mindset of rewarding his smallest tries. Rewarding his smallest try toward what you're asking of him allows him to think on his own and discover what it is you want. When you reward his smallest effort, it creates in him a desire to try harder the next time. He may respond to force but he won't learn respect or trust.

Force teaches only one thing — FEAR. The first time you get into a tight situation (or what your horse perceives as a tight or dangerous situation) with a horse that only knows fear, he won't be looking for your support and direction. His attention will be consumed with saving his own life. He may even put your life in danger in an effort to save his life. None of what is going on for you is even a thought. He isn't even aware of you; his self-preservation, the instinct that God gave him to survive, kicks in.

The key to control is to gain your horse's trust. If a horse knows you aren't going to hurt him, he will cooperate and try to do what you ask of him as long as he understands what you are asking. A horse is instinctively afraid of new situations, but by helping him face his fear and work through it, he will come to trust you. He will learn you aren't going to hurt him. I never deliberately put a horse in a tight spot or ask for more than what he is ready to handle at a given time. Causing a horse to feel trapped will set off his self-preservation instinct. I'm always looking for ways to build his confidence, not destroy it. One thing I never do is tie a horse to a snubbing post and sack him out. I don't believe that putting snakes all over me when I'm tied down and deathly afraid of them will help me to overcome my fear of snakes! I never force a horse to accept anything. I ask him. 

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TRAINER'S STALL

Pressure as a Teaching Tool

THE JUDICIOUS USE OF PRESSURE IS THE KEY TO ENGAGING A HORSE.

Guest Columnist

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In last month's column we discussed engaging the abused horse. It might be good to read that column again with the idea of pressure in mind. I wish I could be more descriptive and specific, but the variables would get me in trouble if I tried. Pressure is always involved in engaging a horse. As humans, we deal with pressure all the time. Go to school. Don't speed. Be on time, and on and on. Pressure pushes us toward growth and excellence.

Basic to any training procedure are the issues of trust, discipline, obedience, confidence, respect, relaxing, concentrating and connecting. These blend together into partnership and unity. Mixed into the

entire process, and essential to everything, is pressure. The careful use of pressure, both mental and physical, enables the horse to learn to navigate the human world. Both kinds of pressure are obvious at first, becoming more subtle as the horse catches on. If obvious pressure is inappropriately used it will confuse the horse, and if that is not cleared up, there is a chance of traumatizing the horse to some extent.

On the other hand, there is the horse that says, "You'd better not pressure me. If you do I'll explode and be traumatized and then you'll be sorry!" This horse usually has all the people in his life intimidated and tiptoeing around him. He has learned how to pressure people in order to stay in control. He needs someone in his life who is not afraid to pop his bubble and show him that vulnerability is not fatal.

I have seen many of these horses over the years. They are paper tigers, but the paint job is so good they have everyone believing that they are for real. They are masters of deception. When they begin to realize that somebody sees through them, they will sometimes wilt quickly — but more often they will say, "Oh no you don't." They have become so secure in their sand castle that they cannot see life any other way. They want their hay and grass and water and shelter with their "freedom." They are double minded and have no stability or accountability. They will not tolerate anything their warped little minds can't understand.

The paper-tiger horse says, "I just need somebody who understands me." Boy, isn't that the truth. He's right — but of course what he means is someone who will feel sorry for him and tell him how abused and misunderstood he is and that it will take years of rehabilitation to overcome his disorders.

Let's look at the case of the young, arrogant stud. He's turned out with a bunch of bred mares and immediately starts barking orders and letting them know how important he is. Do you have

any idea how long his little party will last? In the horse world, psychiatric treatment doesn't exist. Very quickly his precious little ego is demolished and he's off by himself eating grass, wondering what kind of a windmill he just ran into. He can't remember a time when his ribs hurt so bad.

The old mares weren't fooled by him or afraid of him. He now respects them and discovers that the real world isn't that bad. The pressure he experienced brought him great benefit. There are two dominant factors in this situation: (1) Adolescent foolishness fueled by testosterone rendered the young stallion's brain completely useless. (2) The mares used the only tactic available to them to restart his ability to think. Once their message was established, the only thing they would need to do is gesture and the stud would quickly respond submissively. He made a simply discovery — their bark had a bite with no apology. Pressure properly understood and applied can be a wake-up call, a source of stability and a doorway to understanding.

Now, in a way, the illustration of the young stud was faulty in this respect: It all took place in the horse world, where simplicity and straightforwardness are the rule. The horse-human world is much different. Humans have done everything they can to complicate the picture. If we could just learn from the horse, this horse-human relationship could be simple.

When any kind of pressure is applied to the horse, the needed time and/or distance must be given for the horse to work through and understand the pressure. Pressuring a horse but denying him the time and/or distance will jam his mind with claustrophobia, confusion or panic. He may then revert to "fight or flight." If he sees no light at the end of the tunnel, he'll make his own, as it now has become a matter of survival. If we provide a light at the end of the tunnel, he won't need to make his own. He must be free to work through and understand the pressure. This applies to any training method.

Pressure without timely release has no definition. It is the release that gives pressure its meaning. Pressure and *release* usually involves physical pressure. This often has to do with a lead rope, leg or rein. Pressure and *relief* usually involves mental pressure. This has to do with time, distance, eye contact and other body language.

In the case of the established criminal, a crystal-clear wake-up call is required — quick and clear, as in the case of the young stud and the brood mares. No, I'm not suggesting the harsh punishment the mares gave. As a matter of fact, humans are for the most part incapable of that. That's where our creativity comes in. We can, and we must, duplicate the swiftness and clarity of the mares. We must learn to use many different techniques so that we can have the appropriate measures at our immediate disposal when we need them.

Pressure without timely release has no definition. It is the release that gives pressure its meaning.

When young people go into the military, they are put through boot camp. There they are put under pressure, and some of it may be scary. The aim of it all is to produce soldiers who will hold steady under pressure. They are pushed to a potential they didn't know they had. Classroom time is not enough. They must *experience* the pressure in order to become soldiers.

The trail horse will receive a different kind of pressure than the cutting horse, but they will both be expected to handle pressure. It is much better for the horse to go to boot camp *before* he goes to war. The pressure must be incrementally appropriate. We can't explain to the horse that there isn't a troll under that boulder. (If that were possible, the psychics would be doing the training and it would all happen in the classroom.) The trick is to determine how much pressure a particular horse needs or can stand. Too little pressure can be just as confusing as too much pressure.

Because humans often fail to understand the necessity of clear choices, it is far more difficult for the horse to relate to us than to his herd. That young stud was free to make his own choices about how much he wanted to deal with those crabby mares. He was free to flee or keep getting pounded — but we have him trapped by a rope or round pen. The burden is on us to pressure him if he is goofing off or help him understand if he is having trouble. Because nothing is perfect and Murphy is still in circulation, this is a good thing for all horse owner to be aware of. There is no certain way to pressure a horse, but the instant the pressure has accomplished its objective, there must be release.

Mental pressure is usually involved before physical pressure, but the two often blend. The mental pressure prepares the horse to make sense of physical pressure. Both kinds of pressure are worthless without timely release. This is what gives the horse the opportunity to choose. Pressure doesn't force the choice, but it does force the issue. It is impossible to force anything (or anyone) to choose. The choosing comes from within and is voluntary.

When the horse makes the choice on his own, it has depth to it. For example, it is not good to force a horse to stand for shoeing, even though it can be done. Some use a twitch, some take a pinch of skin in a pliers and twist it, some twist an ear. They get the job done, but nobody is enjoying it — and it is so unnecessary. With just a little time spent giving the horse a series of choices, everybody — including the horse — can relax. What those choices are will depend on the particular horse and the creativity of the people involved. If the horse doesn't know something, teach him, don't force him. It's part of respecting him.

If I have to deal with a horse that won't tell me who he is and what he is about, I will use some technique that applies enough pressure so that he will fess up. This is routinely done by round penning. As a farrier, I need a quicker way and so I may use a foot strap or war bridle, or on a tough horse a combination. I refer to this only for the sake of discussion; these tools should never be used by anyone without considerable experience and knowledge of horses. This approach is similar to playing football by shoot-

ing the quarterback and the entire line first and then starting the game. The quicker the game is conceded, the better. That's exactly what the brood mares did to the young stud. He didn't have a chance.

I realize some readers may be having a runaway in their imaginations because it all sounds so brutal. To some people, any pressure at all is brutal. The young stud got his own self into trouble and was able to get himself out of trouble. All he had to do was behave himself and the mares left him alone. Now, if they were in a small enclosure that didn't afford him a way of escape, that would be brutality because he would have no way to manage his dilemma. Any pressure with no release has an element of cruelty because the horse is helpless to make any constructive response. This will lead to confusion or frustration on the part of the horse.

If the horse's confusion confuses the handler, they are in real trouble. The horse could easily become falsely accused of being unmanageable. Whenever any type of pressure is exerted in anger or frustration, both horse and handler will probably experience a good dose of road rage. Things can get nasty and tangled very quickly.

We *teach* our horses (show them what we want), and we *train* our horses (make sure that it happens). Pressure and release are a big part of all that. Pressure, like all aspects of handling and training, must have a goal. That goal should be a horse that will do what is asked, when it is asked and done quietly. That is the sign of a horse that has been handled in a way that displays a unity between horse and handler. As a farrier, my goal is a horse that is at ease with me, has completely lost interest in challenging me and is OK with whatever I do. If that is your goal, your horse will be very fortunate.

Happy trails,

— Warren Bengtson 🐾

Warren Bengtson has been a trainer and farrier for more than 30 years, serving clients in western Wisconsin and eastern Minnesota. He draws on decades of daily interaction with horses in his continuing series on the relationship between horse and human. His experience allows him to address this subject from a variety of perspectives, reinforcing the same principles from different angles each month.



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VET'S STALL

The Threat of EHV-1

Guest Columnist

Jeff Johnson,
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There is a great deal of justified concern about the spread of equine herpes virus. I want to let you know what is happening with this disease so you can make knowledgeable choices with your veterinarian.

Equine herpes virus type-1 (EHV-1) myeloencephalopathy is the disease we are talking about. (The flu/rhino vaccine you are all familiar with is a vaccine against influenza and equine herpes virus type-4 [EHV-4]. This is a very important vaccine for all foals and horses that are less than 4 years old, that travel, show or are stabled. It causes the familiar fever, nasal discharge and cough.) EHV-1 is one of the more important contagious pathogens in horses. EHV-1 can cause abortions in pregnant mares, neonatal death in foals, respiratory disease, and occasionally the neurologic disease that

I referred to as myeloencephalopathy.

Clinical signs of the neurologic form include ataxia (incoordination) and paresis (inability to stand). Horses might be unable to urinate or may suffer incontinence (dribbling small volumes of urine). Horses might have difficulty producing manure. Horses can develop cellulites (inflammation or swelling of the limbs) and petechia (small hemorrhages of the gums). The virus induces a biphasic fever where the first fever spike is associated with nasal shedding of the virus, and the second fever with the viremic phase of the infection (presence of viruses in the blood). Horses shed the virus through the air and via nasal secretions. The virus is also spread by contaminated hands, water, feed, bits and equipment. The disease has been fatal in several states.

You should isolate horses for at least 21 days after potential exposure to EHV-1. Infected horses can shed the virus for weeks. Quarantine them for 30 days after the last evidence of disease. To disinfect the area you must remove all organic material first. Then use bleach at 10 percent strength (one part bleach to nine parts water). Always add the bleach to the water, not the water to the bleach. You can also use phenolic-based disinfectants. Segregate horses into the smallest possible groups. Large groups of horses sharing a common air space might all be infected by one horse shedding the virus. Take temperatures daily, isolate any horse with a fever (temperature greater than 101 degrees F.) and call your vet. Don't be embarrassed to place a tub of disinfectant at the entrance to the barn and ask visitors to step in it before entering. Don't let it freeze. It won't work and people could slip. Change the water daily, and don't share stalls or tack among horses.

Now for those of us who just have to know why this or that



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happens: It is a single gene mutation at the polymerase region of the virus that has allowed it to replicate 10 to 100 times faster than normal. Therefore, we get a higher viremia and shedding of the virus. The neurologic signs occur during the viremic phase of the disease. It is proposed that the virus also has an affinity for the nervous tissue (neurotropism). This has yet to be proven. The blood-brain barrier of the horse protects the central nervous system (CNS). This virus causes inflammation of these endothelial cells of the spinal column.

The standard opinion is that horses do not develop good cross protection between EHV-1 and EHV-4 until 4 years of age. Some recent studies challenge this. The original killed virus vaccines provide a higher antigen load and stimulate the humoral (antibody) immune system. The recommended modified live vaccine promotes a strong cell-mediated immune response with humoral immunity. The EHV-1 virus is able to hide in the lymphocyte cells and spread cell to cell, avoiding the humoral antibody immune surveillance of the horse's system. Thus, the modified live vaccine is showing very good protection from neurologic disease and decreasing the shed of the virus to other horses. Remember, we still don't want to lose protection against EHV-4.

This spring we will be trying to stimulate "both arms" of the immune system by timing the vaccinations to the horse. In other diseases, giving the patient a modified live vaccine and then administering a killed product two to four weeks later can produce a prime-boost effect, yielding higher protective titers and longer immunity. As we have stated, herpes virus only establishes 90 days of protective immunity. We will be studying the ability to improve and extend the protection of horses to this new mutation of the equine herpes virus.

At this point we are not recommending the use of the modified live vaccine during an outbreak of EHV-1 on a farm. The spread of the virus is so rapid that asymptomatic horses could be incubating the virus, and we do not know the potential risk of immune mediated vasculitis of the CNS tissues. We will be working closely with vaccine manufactures to help you make the best decisions for your horse. Thank you for helping us keep our patients, your horses, healthy.

— Dr. Jeff Johnson 

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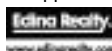
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- Apr. 2-3** Cowboy Mounted Shooting, Showtime Arena, Deerfield, WI, 608-764-5555, showtime@aol.com
- Apr. 6** 7-9 p.m., Roping Practice, Prescott, WI, 715-262-3898, info@oakhillranch.net
- Apr. 6** UBRA Oasis 2006 Cash-Back Spring Barrel Racing Series, Oasis Equestrian Center, Lindstrom, MN, 651-213-1266, oasisequine@frontiernet.net
- Apr. 7** Friday Night Fun Show, Showtime Arena, Deerfield, WI, 608-764-5555, showtime@aol.com
- Apr. 7-9** 9 a.m., MCHA Cutting Horse Show, Rhino Arena, Hinckley, MN, 320-384-0274, risham@rhinoarena.com
- Apr. 8-9** Showtime Arena Winter Barrel & Pole Bending Series, Deerfield, WI, 608-764-5555, showtime@aol.com
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- Apr. 13** 7-9 p.m., Roping Practice, Prescott, WI, 715-262-3898, info@oakhillranch.net
- Apr. 20** 7-9 p.m., Roping Practice, Oak Hill Ranch, Prescott, WI, 715-262-3898, info@oakhillranch.net
- Apr. 22** WGBRA Spring Shout Out Open Barrel Race, Oasis Equestrian Center, Lindstrom, MN, 651-213-1266, oasisequine@frontiernet.net
- Apr. 22-23** Team Roping, Showtime Arena, Deerfield, WI, 608-764-5555, showtime@aol.com
- Apr. 22-23** WSCA Pleasure Show & Clinic, Rhino Arena, Hinckley, MN, 320-384-0274, risham@rhinoarena.com
- Apr. 23** Houck Horse Co. Summer Barrel Racing Saddle Series, Houck Horse Company, North Branch, MN, 651-277-1095, houckhorsecompany@yahoo.com
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- May 20-21** Pole Bending & Barrel Racing Series, Showtime Arena, Deerfield, WI, 608-764-5555, showtime@aol.com
- May 21** Houck Horse Co. Summer Barrel Racing Saddle Series, Houck Horse Company, North Branch, MN, 651-277-1095, houckhorsecompany@yahoo.com
- May 27-29** Cowboy Mounted Shooting, Showtime Arena, Deerfield, WI, 608-764-5555, showtime@aol.com
- June 2-4** NBHA WI 03 Barrel Race, Chetek, WI, 715-237-2485, shellyolson@yahoo.com
- June 6** 7:30 p.m., Tuesday Night Gymkhanas, OK Corral, Ontario, WI, 608-237-7137, www.okcorralontario.com
- June 8** NBHA Barrel Race, Showtime Arena, Deerfield, WI, 608-764-5555, showtime@aol.com
- June 9-10** 2006 Glenwood City Championship Rodeo, Glenwood City, WI, 715-265-4440, www.glenwoodcityrodeo.com
- June 13** 7:30 p.m., Tuesday Night Gymkhanas, OK Corral, Ontario, WI, 608-237-7137, www.okcorralontario.com
- June 17** WSCA All Game Horse Show, Double R/C's Walter Hauglie Memorial Arena, Rush City, MN, 320-358-4893
- June 17-18** UBRA/NBHA WI-03 Pepin Trailblazers Open Barrel Race, Pepin, WI, 715-442-2685, baub@nelson-tel.net
- June 18** 9 a.m., Double Judged WSCA Pleasure Show, Rhino Arena, Hinckley, MN, 320-384-0274, www.rhinoarena.com
- June 20** 7:30 p.m., Tuesday Night Gymkhanas, OK Corral, Ontario, WI, 608-237-7137, www.okcorralontario.com
- June 21** Summer Night Open Horse Show, Showtime Arena, Deerfield, WI, 608-764-5555, showtime@aol.com
- June 24-25** 8 a.m., Dalles Saddle Club 50th Anniversary WSCA Horse Show, Polk Co. Fairgrounds, St. Croix Falls, WI, 651-257-1946, 715-381-0407 or 715-825-4634
- June 27** 7:30 p.m., Tuesday Night Gymkhanas, OK Corral, Ontario, WI, 608-237-7137, www.okcorralontario.com
- July 4** 1 p.m., July 4th Speed Show, OK Corral, Ontario, WI, 608-237-7137, www.okcorralontario.com

- July 11** 7:30 p.m., Tuesday Night Gymkhanas, OK Corral, Ontario, WI, 608-237-7137, www.okcorralontario.com
- July 18** 7:30 p.m., Tuesday Night Gymkhanas, OK Corral, Ontario, WI, 608-237-7137, www.okcorralontario.com
- July 25** 7:30 p.m., Tuesday Night Gymkhanas, OK Corral, Ontario, WI, 608-237-7137, www.okcorralontario.com
- Aug. 1** 7:30 p.m., Tuesday Night Gymkhanas, OK Corral, Ontario, WI, 608-237-7137, www.okcorralontario.com
- Aug. 8** 7:30 p.m., Tuesday Night Gymkhanas, OK Corral, Ontario, WI, 608-237-7137, www.okcorralontario.com
- Aug. 15** 7:30 p.m., Tuesday Night Gymkhanas, OK Corral, Ontario, WI, 608-237-7137, www.okcorralontario.com
- Aug. 22** 7:30 p.m., Tuesday Night Gymkhanas, OK Corral, Ontario, WI, 608-237-7137, www.okcorralontario.com
- Aug. 29** 7:30 p.m., Tuesday Night Gymkhanas, OK Corral, Ontario, WI, 608-237-7137, www.okcorralontario.com
- Oct. 9** Open Barrel & Pole Bending Jackpots-NBHA sanctioned, Mondovi, WI, 715-926-5309, krissy@lazyl.com

ENGLISH EVENTS

- Apr. 29** Otter Creek Dressage Schooling Show, Otter Creek Farm, Wheeler, WI, 715-658-1105, scan@chibardun.net
- Apr. 30** Otter Creek XC Pacer, Otter Creek Farm, Wheeler, WI, 715-658-1105, scan@chibardun.net
- Apr. 30** Sunborn Stables Schooling Show, Sunborn Stables, Chisago City, MN, 651-257-9825, sunborn@sunbornstables.com
- May 6-7** Silverwood Dressage, Silverwood Farm, Camp Lake, WI, 262-889-4700, www.silverwoodfarm.net
- May 6-7** Spring Party Dressage, Minnesota Equestrian Center, Winona, MN, 651-439-3432
- May 12-13** Sorenson Park Dressage May I, East Troy, WI, 262-642-4111, wrs@netwurx.net
- May 13-14** WW Dressage Association, Otter Creek Farm, Wheeler, WI, 715-233-1858, szimmy79@yahoo.com
- May 19-21** Otter Creek Spring Event, Otter Creek Farm, Wheeler, WI, 715-537-5165, scan@chibardun.net
- May 20-21** Silverwood Dressage, Silverwood Farm, Camp Lake, WI, 262-889-4700, www.silverwoodfarm.net
- May 26-27** Sorenson Park Dressage May II, East Troy, WI, 262-642-4111, wrs@netwurx.net
- May 27-28** Northern Lake Pony Club Rally, Otter Creek Farm, Wheeler, WI, 651-433-4200, pillajpila@aol.com
- June 21-25** Animal Humane Society "A" Show, Alpine Farms, Long Lake, MN, 952-442-5321
- July 3** Sunborn Stables Schooling Show, Sunborn Stables, Chisago City, MN, 651-257-9825, sunborn@sunbornstables.com

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- Oct. 29** Sunborn Stables Schooling Show, Sunborn Stables, Chisago City, MN, 651-257-9825, sunborn@sunbornstables.com
- Dec. 2** Sunborn Stables Schooling Show, Sunborn Stables, Chisago City, MN, 651-257-9825, sunborn@sunbornstables.com

AUCTIONS/SALES

- Apr. 1** 10 a.m., Hay, Tack & Horse Sale + special Pony Sale, Rhino Arena, Hinckley, MN, 320-384-0274, www.rhinoarena.com
- Apr. 9** 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tack Swap, Houck Horse Company, North Branch, MN, 651-277-1095, houckhorsecompany@yahoo.com
- Apr. 11** 4 p.m. & 6 p.m., All Breed Horse & Tack Sale, Cannon Falls, MN, 507-263-4200, jshirley@arenatrailers.com
- Apr. 15** Horse Sale, 11 a.m. hay/straw, noon used tack followed by new tack, 5 p.m. horses, Heidelberg Farm Equipment, Pine City, MN, 320-629-1122 – see ad on Page 27
- Apr. 21-22** 2-Day Draft Horse Sale, Heidelberg Farm Equipment, Pine City, MN, 320-629-1122 – see ad on Page 27
- Apr. 29** 11 a.m., Twin Cities Quarter Horse Catalog Sale, Cannon Falls, MN, 507-263-4200, jshirley@arenatrailers.com
- Apr. 30** 11 a.m., Twin Cities Appaloosa Horse Catalog Sale, Cannon Falls, MN, 507-263-4200, jshirley@arenatrailers.com
- May 6** 10 a.m., Hay, Tack & Horse Sale + special Draft, Driving & Mule Sale, Rhino Arena, Hinckley, MN, 320-384-0274, www.rhinoarena.com
- May 9** 4 p.m. & 6 p.m., All Breed Horse & Tack Sale, Cannon Falls, MN, 507-263-4200, jshirley@arenatrailers.com
- May 13** Horse & Tack Sale, Mondovi, WI, 715-926-5309, krissy@lazyl.com
- June 3** 10 a.m., Hay, Tack & Horse, Rhino Arena, Hinckley, MN, 320-384-0274, www.rhinoarena.com
- July 1** 10 a.m., Hay, Tack & Horse Sale, Rhino Arena, Hinckley, MN, 320-384-0274, www.rhinoarena.com
- July 22** Horse & Tack Sale, Mondovi, WI, 715-926-5309, krissy@lazyl.com
- Oct. 2** Horse & Tack Sale, Mondovi, WI, 715-926-5309, krissy@lazyl.com

CLINICS, SEMINARS & CLASSES

- Apr. 1** The Starting Point - Ground Work Clinic, Kingstown Valley Ranch, Onalaska, WI, www.kingstownvalleyranchllc.com
- Apr. 1-2** Crumrine Extreme Barrel Racing Clinic, Custer, WI, 920-217-1336, witcbc@yahoo.com
- Apr. 1-2** Niall Grimes Show Jumping Clinic, Otter Creek Farm, Wheeler, WI, scan@chibardun.net
- Apr. 1-2** Michael Saderback Pleasure Clinic, Oasis Equestrian Center, Lindstrom, MN, 651-213-1266, oasisequine@frontiernet.net
- Apr. 3** Tammy Whyte Beginner Barrel Clinic, Oasis Equestrian Center, Lindstrom, MN, 651-213-1266, oasisequine@frontiernet.net
- Apr. 10** Tammy Whyte Advanced Barrel Clinic, Oasis Equestrian Center, Lindstrom, MN, 651-213-1266, oasisequine@frontiernet.net
- Apr. 15** Exercise for Respect - Ground Work Clinic, Kingstown Valley Ranch, Onalaska, WI, www.kingstownvalleyranchllc.com

- Apr. 17** Tammy Whyte Advanced Barrel Clinic, Oasis Equestrian Center, Lindstrom, MN, 651-213-1266, oasisequine@frontiernet.net
- Apr. 22** The Bonding Process, Kingstown Valley Ranch, Onalaska, WI, www.kingstownvalleyranchllc.com
- Apr. 22** Beginner Barrel & Gaming Clinic, Houck Horse Company, North Branch, MN, 651-277-1095, houckhorsecompany@yahoo.com
- Apr. 22** 9 a.m., Showmanship, Halter & Longe Line Clinic and WSCA Pleasure Show, Rhino Arena, Hinckley, MN, 320-384-0274, www.rhinoarena.com
- Apr. 23** 8 a.m., Equitation, Horsemanship & Pleasure Clinic and WSCA Pleasure Show, Rhino Arena, Hinckley, MN, 320-384-0274, www.rhinoarena.com
- Apr. 27** 5:30 p.m., Tammy Whyte & Nutrena Barrel Racing & Nutrition Seminar, Starck Century Farm, Cadott, WI, 715-289-3514
- Apr. 29-30** Safety Under Saddle, Kingstown Valley Ranch, Onalaska, WI, www.kingstownvalleyranchllc.com
- May 6-7** Beginner Barrel & Gaming Clinics, Houck Horse Company, North Branch, MN, 651-277-1095, houckhorsecompany@yahoo.com
- May 6-7** Christine Traurig Clinic, Lindinhof Equine Sports Zentrum, Oregon, WI, 608-835-2951, diepferde@aol.com
- May 6-7** Cross Country Clinic w/ Jonathan Holling, Otter Creek Farm, Wheeler, WI, scan@chibardun.net
- May 7** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Driving Clinic, sponsored by Northern Wisconsin Welsh Enthusiasts, Ashmore Farm, Forest Lake, MN, 715-483-9540, kasie@centurytel.net
- May 12-13** Parelli Natural Horsemanship Level 2 Harmony Clinic, Oasis Equestrian Center, Lindstrom, MN, 763-689-9429, dawn@logicbytes.com
- May 13** Exercise for Respect - Ground Work Clinic, Kingstown Valley Ranch, Onalaska, WI, www.kingstownvalleyranchllc.com
- May 14-15** Parelli Natural Horsemanship Advancing Level 2/ Level 3 Refinement Clinic, Oasis Equestrian Center, Lindstrom, MN, 763-689-9429, dawn@logicbytes.com
- May 20-22** Ryan Gingerich Clinic, Oasis Equestrian Center, Lindstrom, MN, 651-213-1266, oasisequine@frontiernet.net
- June 3** Liz Graves All Breed Bio-Mechanics Clinic, Boyceville, WI, 715-265-4440, www.fortemethod.com
- June 10-11** Safety Under Saddle, Kingstown Valley Ranch, Onalaska, WI, www.kingstownvalleyranchllc.com
- June 10-11** Liz Graves All Breed Gaited Horse Clinic, Endless Valley Stables, Spring Green, WI, 608-753-2887, info@endlessvalleystables.com
- June 24-25** Liz Graves All Breed Gaited Horse Clinic, River View Ranch, St. Croix Falls, WI, 715-483-9292

- June 28-29** Jack Leiser Horsemanship Clinic, Rhino Arena, Hinckley, MN, 320-384-0274, www.rhinoarena.com
- Aug. 17** Jack Brainard/Jean Claude Racinet Clinic Series, Rhino Arena, Hinckley, MN, 651-674-7502

BREED SHOWS

- Apr. 9** Half-Arab Club Fun Show, Oasis Equestrian Center, Lindstrom, MN, 651-213-1266, oasisequine@frontiernet.net
- Apr. 21-23** Paint Horse Show "Winter Chiller", Minnesota Equestrian Center, Winona, MN, 507-452-5600
- Apr. 29** Paint Horse Show, Showtime Arena, Deerfield, WI, 608-764-5555, showtime@aol.com
- May 13-14** POA Horse Show, Showtime Arena, Deerfield, WI, 608-764-5555, showtime@aol.com
- May 13-14** Arabian Youth Show, Minnesota Equestrian Center, Winona, MN, 608-435-6405
- May 20** "A Bit of Wales" Welsh Pony and Open Show, Rusk County Fairgrounds, Ladysmith, WI, 715-545-4058, foxhill@newnorth.net
- May 20-21** Kettle River Invitational, AMHR/ASPC/ASPR approved, Rhino Arena, Hinckley, MN, 320-384-0274, www.rhinoarena.com
- May 27-28** POA Horse Show, Rhino Arena, Hinckley, MN, 320-384-0274, www.rhinoarena.com
- June 16-17** AQHA District 7 All Novice Show and Clinic, Rhino Arena, Hinckley, MN, 320-266-1155
- June 17-18** POA Horse Show, Showtime Arena, Deerfield, WI, 608-764-5555, showtime@aol.com
- July 6-9** Rochester Classic Quarter Horse Show, Minnesota Equestrian Center, Winona, MN, 507-263-9140
- July 15-16** Peruvian Horse Show, Minnesota Equestrian Center, Winona, MN, 507-894-4112

OTHER EVENTS

- Apr. 2** Grantsburg Animal Hospital Coggins Clinic, Rhino Arena, Hinckley, MN, 715-463-2536, 800-924-0588
- Apr. 8-9** Rochester Horse Expo, Olmstead Fairgrounds, Rochester, MN, 303-748-4651, matt_fors@yahoo.com
- Apr. 21-23** Midwest Horse Expo, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI
- Apr. 22** 1-3 p.m., Coggins & Vaccination Clinic, Sunrise Equine Veterinary Services, North Branch, MN, 651-583-2162, www.sunrise-equine.com
- Oct. 21** Lead N Lope Futurity Auction, Rhino Arena, Hinckley, MN, 320-679-4993

KEY TO ORGANIZATION ABBREVIATIONS

AQHA	American Quarter Horse Association
AMHR	American Miniature Horse Registry
ASPC	American Shetland Pony Club
ASPR	American Show Pony Registry
MBRA	Minnesota Barrel Racers Association
MCHA	Minnesota Cutting Horse Association
NBHA	National Barrel Horse Association
POA	Pony of the Americas
TPA	Team Penning Association
UBRA	United Barrel Racing Association
WGBRA	Wisconsin Girls Barrel Racing Association
WSCA	Western Saddle Clubs Association
XC	Cross Country

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9:00	John Lyons	Coliseum
9:00	Stallion Presentations	Judging Arena
10:40	Olissio Zoppe	Coliseum
11:00	Cutting Horse Demo	Coliseum
11:10	Therapeutic Riding	Judging Arena
11:30	Jane Savoie	Judging Arena
12:00	Parade of Breeds	Coliseum
12:00	Safe Trail Riding	DNR Building
12:30	Larry Whitesell	Judging Arena
1:00	Alternative Therapies	DNR Building
1:15	John Lyons	Coliseum
1:30	Roping Horse Demo	Cover-All
2:00	Mary Midkiff	Judging Arena
2:00	American Horse Council	DNR Building
3:00	Olissio Zoppe	Coliseum
3:00	Jane Savoie	Judging Arena
3:00	Good Hay Gone Bad?	DNR Building
3:15	Breed Demonstrations	Coliseum
4:00	The Missing Link	Judging Arena
4:00	Trail Horse Instincts	DNR Building
4:00	Fly Control Around Horses	Ramberg Bldg.
5:00	Gaited Horse Collection	Judging Arena
5:00	Mary Midkiff	DNR Building
5:00	Colic	Ramberg Bldg.
6:00	Harnessing, Hitching	Judging Arena
6:00	Bareback Acrobatics Lecture	DNR Building
6:00	Get/Keep Mares Pregnant	Ramberg Bldg.
7:00	PRCA Dodge Rodeo	Coliseum

SUNDAY APRIL 30 8:30AM-5:00PM

8:30	Cowboy Church John Lyons	Coliseum
9:00	Stallion Presentations	Judging Arena
9:30	Jane Savoie	Coliseum
10:00	Roping Demonstration	Cover-All
10:30	John Lyons	Coliseum
11:00	Mary Midkiff	Judging Arena
11:00	American Horse Council	DNR Building
11:00	You Want to Have a Horse?	Ramberg Bldg.
12:00	Parade of Breeds	Coliseum
12:00	Acrobatics Explained	Judging Arena
12:00	Alternative Therapies	DNR Building
12:00	Good Hay Gone Bad?	Ramberg Bldg.
12:30	Jane Savoie	Judging Arena
1:00	Breed Demonstrations	Coliseum
1:00	Trail Horse Instincts	DNR Building
1:00	Treating Equine Sarcoids	Ramberg Bldg.
1:35	John Lyons	Judging Arena
2:00	Horsekeeping Tips	DNR Building
2:00	Heaves in Horses	Ramberg Bldg.
3:00	PRCA Dodge Rodeo	Coliseum
3:00	Grooming for Health	DNR Building
3:00	Bareback Acrobatics Lecture	Ramberg Bldg.
3:15	Larry Whitesell	Judging Arena

SATURDAY APRIL 29 8:30AM-9:30PM

9:00	Cutting Horse Demo	Coliseum
9:00	Stallion Presentations	Judging Arena
10:00	Need Equine Massage?	DNR Building
10:00	Mary Midkiff: AWARE	Ramberg Bldg.
10:05	Olissio Zoppe	Coliseum
10:30	John Lyons	Coliseum
11:00	Jane Savoie	Judging Arena
11:00	Equine Camping	DNR Building
11:00	You Want to Have a Horse?	Ramberg Bldg.
12:00	Parade of Breeds	Coliseum
12:00	Acrobatics Explained	Judging Arena
12:00	Fly Control Around Hoses	DNR Building
12:00	Get/Keep Mares Pregnant	Ramberg Bldg.
1:00	The Missing Link	Judging Arena
1:00	American Horse Council	DNR Building
1:00	Laminitis	Ramberg Bldg.
1:15	John Lyons	Coliseum
1:30	Roping Horse Demo	Cover-All
2:00	Larry Whitesell	Judging Arena
2:00	Mary Midkiff	DNR Building
2:00	Heaves in Horses	Ramberg Bldg.
3:00	Olissio Zoppe	Coliseum
3:00	Jane Savoie	Judging Arena
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3:00	Snotty Noses: What Can it be?	Ramberg Bldg.
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4:00	Larry Whitesell	Judging Arena
4:00	Grooming for Health	DNR Building
4:00	Fly Control Around Horses	Ramberg Bldg.
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