

The Arena

A newsletter dedicated to keeping NWRDC members in the know about club business, news, history, events and equine issues.

A Monthly Newsletter

September 2010

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Club News

These notes are from August 10. The next meeting will be September 14, 2010 at 7:00pm at the VFW on Lake Street in St. Albans

The August 10th meeting we had 21 people in attendance. We know attending meetings means taking a night out of your busy schedule but they are your chance to share your opinion in a productive manner, so please try to come.

We had reports from the treasurer and secretary - both were accepted without change. The only correspondence this month was a thank-you note from Connie Demey for the fruit basket the club sent her.

The directors announced that they will be having a meeting to review all the committee rules (Pee Wee, Gymkhana, Show) and will attempt to draft one set of club rules.

The sound system was discussed and it was agreed that Pierce should check out pricing for a replacement.

Linda Wood gave an update on the status of the Saint Jude's Fundraiser. Since it's already happened, here are her notes:

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and participated in the St Jude Children's Hospital fundraiser! Not only did we have a fun day, we also raised \$1575.20 with just 15 riders. The big money-maker for the youth division was Rebekah Ovitt - raising \$50. For the adult division, it was Linda Wood coming in at \$412.90. Many local businesses donated gifts, so we were able to award gift bags to Champion and Reserve Champion in both divisions. Here are the results:

- 17 and under Champion - Skyelour Blair
- 17 and under Reserve - Rebekah Ovitt
- Walk-trott Champion - Ursula Ovitt champ
- Walk-trott Reserve - Kristina Roy
- Adult open Champion - Audra Langlois
- Adult open Reserve - Abbott Lovett

Present your NWRDC membership to receive the following:

Walker's in St. Albans:

10% except grain, pet, and bird food, and sale items

Tack Box:

10% storewide

Guy's Farm and Yard - 10% on horse items only

Oliver Seed in Milton:

3% storewide except grain

The Annual Meeting will be on Nov. 6 at the Abbey in Sheldon. Tickets costs are: \$16 for those 11 years or older, \$8.50 for children 3-10, and children under the age of 3 are free. Tickets must be purchased in advance and we'll get you more info as we get it from the Annual Meeting Committee.

I'M YOUR HUCKLEBERRY

Hey All...

For those of you who haven't been to the club since our last meeting, I should warn you, the utility building just above the concession stand is gone. A group of us met on Sunday, August 22 and took it down with very few problems. We'll keep you posted as we make plans to construct the new building.

I want to congratulate Linda Wood and all the other volunteers and riders who helped make the St. Jude's fundraiser a success. It would be great if we could get more riders there next time, so if you have suggestions on how we can make this more appealing for you to participate, I'd be glad to hear, as I'm sure would Linda.

I also have to say the Extreme Cowboy Race Committee is doing a heck of a job getting things organized for this event. Please show your support for this new event by coming to watch.

On a somber note, for those of you who haven't already heard, I'd like to ask you to offer your condolences to long-time club member and friend Heidi Littlefield. Her father-in-law passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, September 5th.

Heidi - We all thank you for your tireless efforts in organizing the Best of Gymkhana. And now, our hearts go out to you and your family. On behalf of the Northwest Riding and Driving Club, we're very sorry for your loss.



Pierce Williams



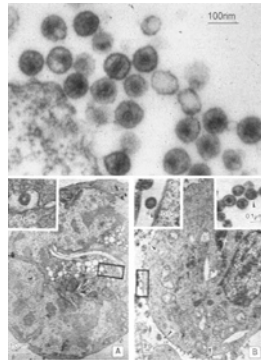
Equine Wellness

Protect your Horse from EIA

by Philip van Harreveld, DVM, MS

Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) is a potentially fatal disease that threatens the world's horse, donkey and mule populations. The virus that causes EIA reproduces in the white blood cells that circulate throughout the body. The immune system, via antibodies, may attack and destroy red blood cells, leading to anemia. Infected horses may die from the direct effects of the virus or from

secondary infections. Despite testing and measures to eradicate the equine infectious anemia virus, EIAV, more than 500 new cases are identified each year in the U.S.



There is no cure for EIA. Although most horses show no symptoms, they remain contagious for life, endangering the health of other horses. For this reason, the United States Department of Agriculture and state animal health regulatory agencies require euthanasia or strict lifelong quarantine for horses testing positive for EIA.

Your horse's only protection against EIA is prevention. Good management practices can reduce the potential of infection. The following guidelines from the American

Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) will help:

- Use disposable needles and syringes, one per horse, when administering vaccines and medications.
 - Sterilize dental tools and other instruments before using them on another horse.
 - Test all horses for EIA at least annually.
 - Test horses at the time of purchase examination.
 - Stable owners, horse show and event managers should require and verify current negative Coggins certificates for all horses entering the premises.
 - New horses should be quarantined for 45 days and observed for any signs of illness, including elevated temperatures, before introducing them to the herd. They should be retested if exposure to EIA is suspected at a 45-day interval.
 - All stable areas should be kept clean, dry and waste-free. Good pasture management techniques should also be practiced. Remove manure and provide adequate drainage to discourage breeding sites for pests.
- Horses at greater risk, such as those in frequent contact with outside horses or who live or travel in geographic regions known for EIA outbreaks, should be tested more frequently, every 4 – 6 months.



Spotlight

Extreme Cowboy Race Takes the Pony Track Out Of Retirement



So we can learn more about each other, we ask that each month, members spotlight a fellow rider within the club. Share the story of one of our exceptional riders and their horse and family.

The NWRDC will hold its brand new event, Sat. October 9, 2010, the horse world's hottest new competition: the EXTREME COWBOY RACE.

This event will be rain or shine! You can watch these exciting events on RFD television. You'll also see them popping up at barns and facilities around the state. The objective in the race is to take your horse through a series of obstacles, laid out on a course, to demonstrate your partnership with your horse by completing each obstacle willingly and swiftly.

All of the hard work we did clearing the pony track paid off as now we have an ideal spot to host this great, new event. We will be taking 40 horse and rider teams with a cash payback going to the top teams! There will be a dozen

obstacles to get through, located in and around the pony track. We will offer a great mix of speed work, transitions, water, mud and obstacles to challenge all riders.

Horse and rider teams are judged not only on how quickly they complete the course but on their level of horsemanship. More points are awarded for demonstrating a partnership with their horse and completing the task with ease. Riders also receive extra points for more "extreme" variations of the obstacle. One example might be; the horse and

rider team must navigate through a long, narrow area. An "extreme" variation would be to do it backwards, showing a greater level of trust and communication with your horse.

We will need many volunteers on the day of the event to help with obstacles, timers, runners, score keeper, etc. Please contact a committee member if you are interested in helping the day of the race. Committee members are Melissa Ballard, Abbott Lovett, Shirley Langlois, Aileen Pearo, Katie Boutah, Linda Wood and Marta Merrick.

There is plenty of parking at the club and don't forget to bring a chair and a friend to watch this exciting new event at our club! Also the snack bar will be open for your convenience.

The registration form is attached and posted on the gymkhana page of www.nwrdcvt.com.





Pee Wee Gymkhana

Peewee Gymkhana August 28th 2010 results

Lead Line Champion - Cassidy Dunphy on Miss Molly

Lead Line Reserve Champion - Nick Blaney on Sierra's Really Grand

Non-Lead Line Champion - Braylen Parent on Miss Molly

Non-Lead Line Reserve Champion - Sarah Lunn on Winters Hawk

Horse Show Results

As submitted from Sue Sullivan August 15

We had 61 riders. Thanks to all that helped set up/take down jumps and trail course.

Adult champion:
Krista Paradee and Pinicon Prince DB
Adult reserve:
Jessica Guenter and Partner in Crime

Senior champion:
Hillary Fay and Starry Nite o Dreams
Senior reserve:
Alyx Pelkey and License to Zip

Junior champion:
Kira Clokey and Rennos Pretty Penny
Junior reserve:
Kaolin Jenny and Just Awesome Enuf

Green horse champion:
Krista Paradee and Wimpys HY Jag
Green horse reserve:
Heather Reynolds and Sierrahs Really Grand

Novice/green rider champion:
Micheline Berteau and White Rose Scout
Novice/green rider reserve:
Stacy Bennett and Lightning Strikes

Advanced beginner champion:
Connor Jenney and Go Slick Deck
Advanced beginner reserve:
Kim Wolf and Sky's the Limit

Beginner champion:
Hannah Martel and Colorless Crimson
Beginner reserve:
Laney Rambone and Rusalee

2 and under champion:
Amanda Hoss and Painted Beauty
Lead line winner:
Lacey Reed and Summers Eternal Star

Total high point same horse / rider:
Kira Clokey and Rennors Pretty Penny

Gymkhana Results

As submitted by Tracy Webb August 21 2010

We had a great day with a lot of riders. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped.

Youth Champion:
Cassidy Superneau & Magic
Youth Reserve:
Courtney Stearns & Chachina

Youth Open Champion:
Michaela Ross & Rosie
Youth Open Reserve:
Cassie Fraser & Nell

Novice Champion:
Bridget Duhamel & Foxy
Novice Reserve:
Brittnay Rousseau & Coco

Intermediate Champion:
Ursula Ovitt & Reno
Intermediate Reserve:
Amanda Hoss & Bentley

Open Adult Champion:
Johannes Jobst & Gallant
Open Adult Reserve:
Lynn Benoit & Ransom

We look forward to seeing everyone at the September 18 gymkhana.



Extreme Cowboy Race

October 9,2010
Registration Form

Name of Participant: _____

Name of Horse: _____ Breed: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

In Case of Emergency call: _____ Phone number: _____

PLEASE SEND A COPY OF CURRENT COGGINS AND RABIES CERTIFICATES

Entry fee is \$30 per horse/ rider team. Participants may enter more than one horse for separate runs. Entry fee is required for each horse. Please make checks payable to: NWRDC Send to: P.O. Box 1314 St.Albans, VT 05478

Race begins at 10:00 a.m. with a mandatory walk through at 9:00am.

Liability Waiver: Rider signature for the NWRDC Extreme Cowboy Race 2010, to be held on Oct. 9, 2010, shall constitute an agreement and affirmation that the rider is subject to all the rules and regulations of NWRDC and the sport itself. As part of the agreement, I will not hold the sponsors, their officials, organizers or employees responsible for any action taken or for any injury or loss suffered during or in connection with these events. I further agree to enter at my own risk knowing that any event involving equestrian sports is dangerous. I will be in control of myself and my horse at all times and take all responsibilities for any damages we may cause.

Vermont State Statute: As used in this section:

1. "Equine" means a horse a horse, pony, mule or donkey.
2. "Equine activity" includes but is not limited to:
 - 2.1. Equine shows, fairs, competitions, performances, or parades that involve any and all breeds of equines and any of the equine disciplines, including but not limited to dressage, hunter and jumper horse shows, Grand Prix, three-day events, combined training, rodeos, riding, driving, pulling, cutting, polo, steeple chasing, English or Western performance riding, endurance trail riding, gymkhana games and hunting.
 - 2.2. Equine training or teaching activities, or both;
 - 2.3. Rides, Trips or hints.
3. "Equine activity sponsor" means an individual, group, club, organized camp, partnership or organization, whether or not the sponsor is operating for profit or non profit, which sponsors, organizes or provides the facilities for an equine event, including but not limited to pony clubs, 4-H, hunt clubs, riding clubs, schools and college sponsored classes, programs and activities, therapeutic riding programs, stable and farm owners and operators, instructors and promoters or equine facilities, including but not limited to farms, stables, clubhouses, pony ride strings, fairs and arenas at which the activity is held.
4. "Participant " means any person, whether an amateur or professional, who engages in an equine event, whether or not a fee or other consideration is paid to participate in the equine activity.
 - 4.1. No person shall be liable for injury to, or death of, a participant resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, insofar as those risks are necessary to the equine activity and obvious to the person injured.
5. An equine activity sponsor may post and maintain signs which contain the warning notice specified in this section. Such signs shall be placed in a clearly visible place in the proximity of the equine event. The warning notice shall appear on the sign in black letters, with each letter to be a minimum of one inch in height.
6. Every written contract entered into by an equine activity sponsor for the providing of professional services, instruction or the rental of equipment, tack or an equine to participate, whether or not the contract involves equine activities on or off the location or site of the equine professional's business, may contain in clearly readable print the warning notice:

WARNING

Under Vermont Law, an equine activity sponsor is not liable for injury to or the death of, a participant is equine activites resulting from the inherent risks of equine activites that are obvious and necessary pursuant to 12 V.S.A. #1039 Added 1995 No. 1336 (Adj Sess) #2

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____
(if participant is under 18 years of age)

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