

HALF-HALT

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April Kicks off Show Season

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Monthly Health Tip

I am often asked by people preparing to travel what do I need a health certificate for? Well the recent outbreak of EHV-1 originating from a show in Utah is why. As horses began to sicken from the virus, the state vet used the origin and destination info on the certificates to track the spread and alert owners that their horses were exposed to this potentially fatal disease. This allowed their home facilities to be quarantined to reduce the spread of the virus. This is why the laws are in place, to protect you and your horses.

A chilly April kicked off the show season with several results in. The HS Dressage benefit show at Wishing Well Farms was well attended, despite ominous weather. High percentage Intro rider went to Samantha Smith with a 78.13%, High percentage Training level was Marilyn Ulicny with a 73.57%, High Percentage First Level went to Leanne Macfarlane with a 68.39%. High percentage Jr rider was Mckenna Foley and High percentage young rider was Katie Jensen.

On the eventing side, Whitney Weston has had a busy April with an 8th and 12th at Twin Rivers HT, then a 1st and 2nd at Aspen Farms Derby, moving up to intermediate with "Ted" at the

NEC Mothers Day Classic. Rain shortened the cross country day, but all 3 horses went well, with Ted jumping fast and clear at his first intermediate event! Whitney cancelled her trip to Woodside, CA May 22 due to concerns over the EHV-1 virus



Trot On!

Cassi Soule made her 4th level debut with Debbie Beckland's gelding Goldsun at the Starr Vaughn dressage

show in Elk Grove, CA. They scored a respectable 56 under some difficult riding conditions at the show.

The Salute to Dressage show in Talent, Or was rescheduled to 6/18 due to the Rhino outbreak.

Correction from last months newsletter. I mistakenly reported that Leanne McFarland received first place at second level riding 2nd:1 and 1st:3 on Thor with scores of 63%. In fact, her first level test score was a 68.39%, and her second level test score was 63%. My apologies.

EHM Confirmed in Oregon 5-18

Equine Herpes Myeloencephalopathy (EHM) has been confirmed in three horses as of press time in Oregon. EHM is the neurologic form of EVH-1, also known as Equine Herpes or Rhino. There is a vaccine available for the respiratory form, but not for the neurologic form. The virus is spread in respiratory secretions (sneezes) and direct horse to horse contact. It

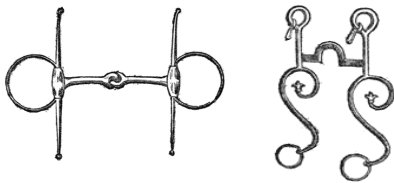
may also be spread on clothes, tools and buckets.

Signs of infection with EHM are respiratory signs (Signs may be minimal and of short duration.) and include increased rectal temperature. This may be the only clinical sign. Horses can have two fever spikes. The initial rise in rectal temperature is usually mild – 101.5 to 102.5 F

After the initial tempera-

ture rise, which may be missed, the horse can either be clinical normal, develop respirator signs of nasal discharge, increased temperature (> 102.5), minimal coughing, can abort if pregnant, or, in a small number of cases develop neurological signs. If neurologic signs develop, horses become ataxic (in coordination), inability to empty bladder,

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EHV-1 outbreak has/is cancelled and rescheduled many events. If you are unsure, please contact event coordinators for confirmation.

Dressage Test practice with trail ride to follow at Bobbi Harpers Tuesday mornings about 10:30 until the practice show on 6/12

HPHHP Poker ride is coming up in September, be on the lookout for prizes and donations.

Trail course to be offered at HPHHP poker ride this year, jackpot at \$5/ride.

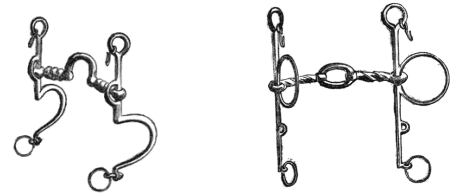
Congratulations to Hope Flint and the DC 4-Hers! They put on a great

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state contest with lots of challenging classes and with grace under pressure to smooth out some last minute wrinkles! Thank you to all the people who volunteered time, effort and horses to make this contest work!!

June 30 Nilknarf's is closing, please brainstorm a new meeting location where Norma can get a margarita.

The August business meeting will be held on the 3rd to avoid conflicts with the DC fair, meeting to be held at Jill Giri's



Westwood Stables and American Cancer society will be teaming up again this year for a Dressage benefit show in July, details to follow.

Wanted: Tall boots, size 8, 16 1/2 calf. If you know of anyone who has something to get rid of let me know. Contact Leanne McFarland.

Debbie Evans Clinic at Westwood Stables, tentative date last weekend in August. \$65/ride. Contact Whitney Weston for details/schedule ride times.

Upcoming Events



May 29 Summer Sizzler Practice show in Eugene Or **CANCELLED**, no reschedule date at this time. Check ODS website for details.

June 4-5 ODS L Championship show and High School Dressage Championship show. Salem OR

June 8 Chapter Meeting at Nilknarf's 6:30 dinner, 7:00 meeting.

June 11 Ride a Test, Lots of fun, all tests ridden in a small court. At Bobbi Harpers, Winchester

I'm sure the sun will come out soon, so keep the sunscreen handy!

June 12 UVC practice Dressage Show, all tests in a small court. Great entry level dressage show. At Bobbi Harpers in Winchester.

June 18 Salute to Dressage "L" show in Talent Or (rescheduled date)

June 25-26 Cascade Dressage Show, Tulelake Ca (ODS Rec. show)

July 9-10 Beaver Piaffe, ODS Rec show at Inavale Farms, Philomath Or.

July 31 Mid Summer Nights Dream "L" Show. Eugene Or

Aug 5-7 Dressage at Lake Oswego Hunt. ODS Rec show, Lake Oswego, Or.

Aug 13-14 Debbie Spence Clinic. Grouse Butte Acres, Contact Cassi or Marilyn for Ride times. Auditing Free

Aug 27 Pacific Crest Endurance Ride 30/50/80 mile divisions and 10 mile

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and weakness of the tail. Some horses will become completely paralyzed; the prognosis for these horses is poor. In a small number of cases, horses can show abnormal mentation (mental awareness) and develop cranial nerve signs. Most horses become mildly to moderately neurologic and stabilize rapidly. The neurologic signs can persist but most horses are normal by 3 to 6



months after onset of clinical signs.

Pregnant horses can experience spontaneous abortion between 7 days and several months after exposure. The mare will exhibit limited initial signs.

Many times when horses are incubating the virus, fever in excess of 102F may be the only observable sign of infection. However, fever may not be

present in all neurogenic clinical cases.

Stress and lack of previous exposure to the virus may make the horse more susceptible to becoming clinically ill.

The most important tool you have in early detection and curbing the spread of this disease is your thermometer. Monitor any at risk horse or suspect horses twice daily for a rise in temperature. If you are concerned that your

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Wait a Minute! May Meeting Minutes



UVC of ODS Minutes of 5/11/11 Meeting

- I. Marilyn Uliciny presided over meeting which started at 7:02 and was at Nilknarf's Restaurant. There were no guests introduced. The flag salute was said.
- II. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.
- III. Treasurer's Report: General Fund: 2804.65 HPHHP: 266.96. Total 3073.83. \$78 left over from the clinic this weekend.
- IV. Correspondence: Thank you note from 4-H Horse Leaders for use of the jumps during SHC.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Monday Night Rides – Ended well! Linda B. did an awesome job with a trail class (combined training!). Averaged around 5-6 people per night all year. More participation as arena directors this year. Donation from anonymous sponsor for helped costs a lot!
 - b. Ride A Test – June 11, 2011 and Practice Show is June 12, 2011. Practicing on Tuesday at 10:30 or 11 at Bobbi's. Bring your own lunch and lunch is followed by a short trail ride. Closing date is June 3 for the ride a test and show. Whitney will drop trophy off to Jill. Marilyn will be the secretary. Ribbons – Marilyn brought what she has and a few alterations to some beautiful ribbons will allow us to have some nice ribbons for the show.
 - c. In regards to the perpetual trophy: Michelle moved to have a plaque made for the winner so that they still have something after they give the trophy to the next winner.
 - d. The Debbie Spence clinic went well. Horses from ground training to fourth level. Next clinic will be August 13 and 14. There will be ride openings – contact Marilyn or Cassi.
 - e. Barb Wood clinic was very good.
 - f. Poker Ride – Don't forget to get donations and/or sponsors.
 - i. Flyer – Graphic Dimensions designed it. Will be September 18th, 2011. Camping Friday and Saturday night is \$15/night/rig.
 - ii. Linda B. will set up competitive trail course to go during poker ride. Will be timed instead of judge at each obstacle. Will charge \$5/ride and each obstacle will earn one card. Throw away cards you don't want and aim for lowest hand. May have to do a tie breaker. Have a bonus obstacle. Jackpot – we will keep half proceeds. Will divide into senior, middle-weight,



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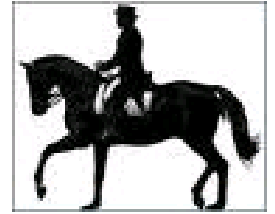
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TRAINING CHAPTER OF THE ODS

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Monday Night Rides have moved out to Norma Talburt's for the summer. They will begin again at the fairgrounds in October, specific date to be announced as we get closer to it.

Thanks everyone for a great year at the fairgrounds! We had lots of fun with many new arena directors this year. See you next time!



If you have any ideas, upcoming events, news items or other content for the newsletter, please email me at giri.dvm@gmail.com, or call me at 541-673-4678. Remember, it's your newsletter, and if I don't get any input from YOU, I will fill it with harder rides! Also, if you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please send me your email address and request to the above email. Thanks, Jill

Riddle of the Month

Last Months Riddles and Answers

Riddle 1: As I went across the bridge, I met a man with a load of wood which was neither straight nor crooked. What kind of wood was it? Sawdust/shavings

Riddle 2: What common English verb becomes its own past tense by rearranging its letters? Eat/ate

Riddle 3: My first is often at the front door.
My second is found in the cereal family. Mat
My third is what most people want. Rye
My whole is one of the United States. Money
Mat+rye+money = matrimony, at "united state"

Riddle 1:

Four cars come to a four way stop, all coming from a different direction. They can't decide who got there first, so they all go forward at the same time. They do not crash into each other, but all four cars go. How is this possible?



The Thinker

Riddle 2:

I can be cracked, I can be made.
I can be told, I can be played.
What am I?

Riddle 3:

What is red and blue, and purple and green?
No one can reach it, not even the queen?





and junior division. Please collect artificial plants or flowers for obstacles. May need some heavy lifting help to set course up. Get into mustang newsletter and OET.

VI. New Business

- a. Bobbi has practice rides at her house on Tuesdays at 10:30 or 11 and trail ride after lunch. Call Bobbi if just going on the trail ride or if raining.
- b. 21st ODS Board Meeting at the Gateway Meeting Center. Marilyn at a show and unable to attend. Interested members are welcome to go.
- c. August meeting before or after DC Fair (8/3 or 8/17). The 3rd is a DC Posse meeting. Marilyn will help make sure all Poker Ride issues are taken care of.
- d. June 30th Nilknarf's is closing. Need new meeting location. Please bring ideas of where to meet to the June meeting. August 3rd meeting will be at Jill's house.
- e. Sponsorship for L show Championship and High School Championship requested. Jill moved to sponsor a high school championship class for \$35. Motion passed. Jill moved to sponsor classes out of the general fund vs horse people helping horse people fund. Motion passed.
- f. Norma has all the archival UVC information – old lesson plans, when members resigned. Started in June 1968.

VII. Member News

- a. Sharon Adams has arena open and 1300 acres of trails (when dry) for \$5/day or \$25/month.
- b. SHC was great – lots of non-4-H horse volunteers from our great community.
- c. OET tack sale this weekend and May 21st Strawberry Mountain Fundraiser and likely tack sale then as well.
- d. Drew door prize – Carol won.

VIII. Next meeting 6/8/11 at Nilknarf's. Meeting adjourned at 8:02.

Hope Flint, Secretary

EHM Continued (again)

horse may have EHM, contact your veterinarian immediately. Isolate the horses from other horses, follow strict hygiene protocols and do not trailer the horse unless specifically advised to do so by your veterinarian.

As scary as this disease can be, these neurologic signs are not specific to EHM. Many other infectious and non infectious diseases and conditions such as West Nile Virus, Rabies, EPM, spinal cord injury, stylohyoid disease, middle ear infections, and head trauma can all produce the same clinical signs. So if your horse is behaving abnormally, first take his temperature, then call your vet. If we are vigilant and use common sense, we can limit the spread of this disease.

To follow the outbreak online, go to the Oregon Veterinary Medical Associations website at oregonvma.org, and click on the resources link to read current articles on EHV-1/EHM.