



# Ky Paint Horse Club Newsletter

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## Spring Means 3 Things: Foals, Breeding and Showing

Watch for tips on Foaling, Breeding and Showing throughout this issue

### 2011 Shows:

- April 2-3 Frankfort KY Split Combined  
4 Judge POR
- June 18-19 Frankfort KY Split Combined  
4 Judge POR
- August 27 Frankfort KY  
2 Judge

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Once again its spring time and when it rolls in like a lion you can always expect rain, but foals and show season are on their way too! Here are some tips to help you get through the season.

#### Foaling Tips:

When asked for foaling tips both Dana Crager of Cross Creek Farm and Debbie Lubrano of B and B Farms both agree that you should prepare for the unexpected. "We all read the books and know what we should expect but lets face it, the mares don't read the books" says Dana. While those books can tell you the typical signs of a mare getting ready to foal, there are no sure signs. You need to be vigilant about watching your mares. It helps to know a mares foaling history, how many days does she typically

carry? When does she usually start to bag up? Knowing these things can help you pinpoint when a mare is likely to foal and also know if something is not going according to plan.



"There are so many things that can go wrong, some unpreventable, but most are easy fixes if well prepared ahead of time. " Good things to have on hand so you are prepared for anything are domperidone, to help with milk production; colostrum, vaccinations, and nolvasan to dip the foals umbilical cord. The #1 thing to have

on hand is your veterinarians phone number on speed dial!

It is also smart to educate yourself on what to do in less than ideal foaling scenarios. Back in 2001 MRLS (Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome) hit Kentucky's foals hard which brought the "red bag" scenario to a new light. While MRLS is no longer an endemic red bag babies still occur occasionally. Be prepared and know what to do incase you are faced with this situation.

One great tip is to know normal foal behavior at hourly intervals. And watch your foal for signs of straining to defecate. Straining too hard can cause internal damage to a foal. So have enemas on hand and be ready to administer many of them! Giving Mylanta to foals can also help to ease bellyaches.

### It Pays to Show in Kentucky!

If you thought having a KyBIF eligible horse was a good investment before, you'll like what KyBIF has to offer now!

Last year a new program was launched to help encourage owners to show their KyBIF enrolled horses in Kentucky. The new program has an estimated payout of \$7,500 for points

earned in 2010. 2011 has an estimated payout of \$7,000! This money will be divided among points earned at Kentucky APHA shows, earned by KYBIF horses. Just like the KyBIF program, points can be earned in amateur and open classes.

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Shows approved for the new program in 2011:

**April 2 & 3**

**June 18 & 19**

**August 27**

## Spring has Sprung and Breeding has Begun!

Here are some great tips from breeding and foaling specialist Robin Degraff



Foaling is the time of the season we eagerly anticipate all year!

Horse breeding is a specialized activity, and there is so much to know from the basics of estrus, the actual breeding day or days, pregnancy and gestation to the particulars of producing an ideal foal by choosing the right pair of breeding animals.

The fun part is choosing the ideal mate for your mare. Paint horse breeders face challenges that breeders within other horse breeds do not have to consider. They aim to produce a horse that not only excels in conformation and performance, but that also illustrates attractive color. Make a thorough assessment of your mare's physical conformation and movement, and the qualities you are searching for. Once you've selected the 'perfect' match,

contact the stallion owner or breeding farm. Make time early in the season to obtain your breeding contract. Familiarize yourself with the terms, conditions and requirements and plan to comply as required by the farm. Filling out your information completely and returning the documentation well in advance of semen or breeding requirements. This alone helps reduce the possibility for errors.

In the case of open and maiden mares, most all stallion managers will require pre-breeding diagnostics to be provided prior to shipment of semen or breeding on farm. Once your mare is cycling normally, a negative uterine culture and cytology is imperative to obtain. This improves your chance of success on the first cycle and that by itself helps hold

down costs associated with breeding.

Once your mare is bred and has been pregnancy checked in foal, What else can you do to insure that the pregnancy is maintained? You have already invested time and money in a suitable mate and the reproduction expense to get her bred. Don't treat her like 'just another horse', she is now maintaining for two! the largest part of a foal's development within the uterus occurs within the last three months of pregnancy. Extra food, particularly protein AND minerals are required to support fetal growth during this last trimester.

To read the full article from Robin Degraff at Degraff Stables go to [www.kyphc.org](http://www.kyphc.org)

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### Show Grooming Tips:

When you walk into the show pen you want your horse to sparkle. Here are some tips on how to get that white white:

One month to 2 weeks out from the show clip your horses white on their face and white legs, up to their knees and hocks. Be sure to use a #10 blade (not #40.) This will help get rid of the white hairs that have been stained. It also helps when it comes time to bathe, the

shorter hair will clean easier.

Have a green horse that used to be white? If the purple or blue shampoo isn't getting the job done try adding 2 ounces of alcohol to your shampoo. The alcohol is great at cutting through the dirt.

Pick up some industrial dusting cloths like Masslinn dust cloths. They are pretreated with mineral-oil so they pick up dust and hair and leave nothing but a super shine.

Just one can last all day for several horses. Remember to not use them on the white hair though, so as to not cause discoloration.

Use Pepi or other like shining spray products on hooves instead of hoof black or clear. They add shine without drying out feet. It also works great on the bottom of feet to keep dirt from sticking.

### Mark you calendars to be at Frankfort June 18-19

We have added a great new show to our calendar.

June 19 & 20th at Lakeside Arena in Frankfort KY is a new POR.

The show will have all of our regularly offered classes including the Amateur Walk Trot Division, Green classes, as well as a full slate of SPB classes.

This will be a great show for youths to gear up for the

APHA Youth World Show. We will be offering discounted youth class fees. Double points going towards the year end highpoint awards will also be given to youth participants.

An exciting youth raffle is going to be held at the show. For every entry an exhibitor makes they will receive a ticket for the raffle. A great chance to take home some very cool prizes!

### Show Sponsors Wanted!

We are in need of some sponsors for our newly added June POR. Sponsorships can start at just \$50. Sponsors are needed for the youth raffle, pizza party and ice cream social. If you would like to become a sponsor please contact Carroll Carmickle at [procue@msn.com](mailto:procue@msn.com)



## Member Spotlight: Carroll Carmickle—KyPHC President

1. How long have you had paint horses? Our first Paint was born in 2000.

2. What is your favorite event to do with your horse? My personal favorites are Western Pleasure and Western Riding. That said, I go with whatever event my horse prefers.

3. What do you like most about living in the Bluegrass? I'm from here so I have a lot of family here. It's amazingly beautiful and the horse care facilities are incredible. It's great peace of mind knowing world class care is within 30 minutes of the barn.

4. How did you first get started with horses? My parents got a pony for me when I was 3. I started showing when I was 8. My Grandmother took me to a 4-H fundraiser down the road

shortly before that. My Mom's instructions were "don't buy anything and don't join anything." We did both.

5. Why did you get a paint? I had grown up showing QH's. I took a break from showing for a short time. When we decided to get back into it, we decided to try something new and had always loved the Paints. It was an easy switch for us.

6. Who is your horseman idol? It's a tie! Holly Sheppard. She is a true horseman who can train everything from Halter Pleasure to Poles. Her horses are happy and joy to ride. And my Mom, Sherley. Her love and dedication to our horses is amazing. She so good with them and they adore her. I also have to add April Devitt - truly

amazing teaching lead changes.

7. Who is your favorite famous horse? Well probably Expensive Invitation (aka Rugrat) due to his amazing surgery and recovery. He has quite a following from that. Also hopefully one day our DR filly named Seein Iz Believin will be famous.

8. What is your goal with your horses? You know I've been doing this a long, long time. At one time, the placings were important to me. Now, I am only looking for a good ride. When I leave the pen and know we had a good ride, that's all I want, regardless of placings or others' perceptions of the ride. Only you and your horse know if you've truly done well.



Carroll Carmickle and Will See Ya Later

## Ride Kentucky & PAC!

We are excited to announce 2 new club programs.

Ride Kentucky is the club's version of APHA's Ride America. This program is designed to promote members and their Regular Registry and Solid-Paint Bred horses, who ride or drive for recreation and leisure purposes by providing a recognition program for their achievements.

Riders can qualify to win year end awards by signing up to be a member of KyPHC and

enrolling in the Ride Kentucky Program. Log you riding hours and qualify for High and Reserve Top Milage Awards. Patches will also be given out for reaching milage milestones.

PAC stands for Paint Alternative Competition. APHA currently offers this program and Kentucky has taken it one step further. Become a member of KyPHC and start participating in PAC accredited events in the state of

Kentucky and qualify to win year end High Point and Reserve High Point PAC awards.

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## Featured Farm: Nihiser Farms

When Kentucky began it's Ky. Bred Incentive Fund, Kellie Nihiser and her family saw an opportunity. They picked up and relocated their halter horse business to the rolling bluegrass of Paris, Kentucky.

Nihiser Farms stands 2 stallions-All Star Kid(APHA) and RR Ratchetts Clu (AQHA/APHA). All Star Kid is a multiple World & Reserve World Champion sire and his foals have won over \$200,000.00 in futurities. RR Ratchetts Clu

is a World & Reserve World Champion. To date "Clu" is a 100% color producer when crossed on AQHA mares.

Nihiser's is a full time breeding and foaling operation. They dedicate their time to caring for their and their clients horses; and raising top quality AQHA/APHA halter horse foals. They also train and show their own string of horses.

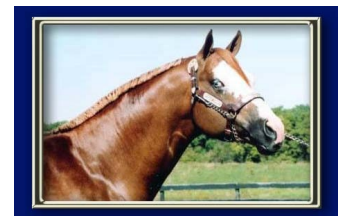
The 2011 breeding and foal-

ing season is well under way at Nihiser's, and new babies are arriving daily.

If you are looking to breed your mares or purchase a Halter horse you may want to consider the horses at Nihiser Farms.

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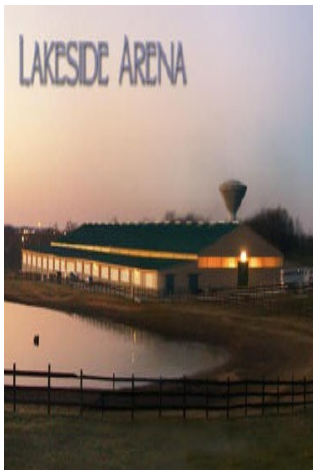
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The purpose of this club shall be to promote and stimulate interest in the Paint Horse; encourage Paint breeding for conformation, ability and color, by promoting interest in the Paint as a breed; sponsor or encourage Paint Horse classes in all horse shows, pleasure and trail riding, racing and all activities of the same nature in every way possible and promote good horsemanship and good sportsmanship.

**Volunteers Needed!**



The KyPHC is a club built on the shoulders of volunteers. Without them we couldn't put on the great shows, trail rides or fun parties and banquets. So we need YOUR help!

We are always looking for extra hands at horse shows as well as in the planning stages of our events. If you would like to get involved, have a great time and make new friends please contact Carroll Carmickle at [procue@msn.com](mailto:procue@msn.com)