

Kentucky Paint Horse Club Newsletter

Spring 2012



Are You Prepared For The Worst?

When tornados ravaged Kentucky on March 2nd, one of the most traumatic experiences for animal owners was the loss of their 4 legged family members. There are steps that can be taken beforehand to help make this process easier to deal with.

Creating an identification file or proof of ownership file can help you find a missing animal and identify them when found.

This file should contain all the essential information about the animal; registration papers, photos of both sides, front & rear, and a head shot. Photos of any

identifying markings or characteristics such as brands, scars, or unusual markings are very helpful as well. Also include copies of health records.



Technology has become very helpful in identifying lost or missing animals by use of microchips. Microchips can be used on dogs, cats and horses. You can microchip all

of your animals and register them with your local SPCA. Also keep all the microchip numbers recorded in your identification files

Once your file is together you will need to make several copies; one for you to keep and another to store at a different location. This will help in case your file is lost or destroyed.

Losing your animal is never easy, but having an identification kit will expedite the recovery process.

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Spring Paint-O-Rama is right around the corner!

As always the KPHC is hosting a Paint-O-Rama on March 31-April 1st.

New this year is a full slate of Working Hunter classes, As well as Hunter Hack. The Kentucky paint horse club always offers a full slate of classes for Youth, SPB & Green horses. You

can check out the showbill on our website at www.kyphc.org

High Point and Reserve High Point awards will be awarded in all divisions. A winner of the high point and reserve high point award will be drawn from a hat and will win a free stall

for our October POR. Karen Ricketts has donated coupons for her custom clothing and Paint and Quarter Horse Connection has donated advertising in their publication for high point prizes!

Show Dates:

March 31- April 1

October 13

Icky Belly? What you need to know

With spring comes good green grass and with too much green grass comes a colicky horse.

There can be many different types of colic from mild to severe. Some cases can be easily remedied with walking, and others can require an emergency trip to the equine hospital and surgery.

A responsible horse owner should know how to identify the signs of colic and know when they need a veterinarian's help.

A colicky horse will often show signs of discomfort by being restless in their stall, walking in circles and pawing at the ground. They may also kick at their stomach or reach around and bite at their sides. Often times the horse will want to roll. How restless

they are, is often an indicator of the colic's severity.

A colicky horse will also show no interest in grain or hay. The horse's heart rate and respiration will increase and they can also become sweaty around their flanks and neck. A colicky horse will not have a temperature. If they do have a temperature it is a good sign that there is another underlying cause of their discomfort.

If your horse is experiencing colic the first thing to do is walk them. This can help to relieve gas and pain. If the horse is still experiencing discomfort a veterinarian can administer banamine and a mild sedative to help the horse feel more comfortable. A vet may also recommend tubing a horse

with oil if they suspect an impaction.

If you think your horse is colicking the best thing to do is contact a more experienced professional. Having a knowledgeable horse man to help you decide what the next step is can help save your horse as well as be comforting in a stressful time. Also know what vet to call before you have an emergency. If you have an emergency plan ahead of time, you need to be prepared for the worst.



No Hoof No Horse Tips from farrier Donny Brandenburg

How can you help your horse have healthy feet?

- A good solid feed plan is the basis of good feet. I like grain from a reputable feed company that offers complete nutrition. This can also help improve the horse's hair coat.

- Adding a biotin supplement to your feed program can also help hoof quality.

How often do you recommend trimming a barefoot horse?

- Every 5-6 weeks, and the same goes for horses with shoes.

How do I know if my horse needs shod?

- A horse that wears his feet down and can't grow enough hoof to stay sound needs shoes. A horse that has a consistent work schedule can wear their feet down pretty quickly.

What do I do if my horse seems sore?

- If the horse is 3-legged lame you should call your vet or farrier right away. They could have an abscess and a professional needs to address the issue.

- If it seems minor you may want to give the horse several days to see if it gets better, if it doesn't call your vet or farrier.

Do you have any tips for keeping feet healthy in wet weather?

- If the hooves are soft and flakey painting them with Turpentine or Keratex can help. If you do paint them, you should leave the horses inside till they dry. Also bringing horses in and letting them stand in their stalls in sawdust can help as the sawdust will help absorb some of the moisture from their feet.



2011 Year End Awards!

High Point Winners:

Open - Dixie Norfleet McCue

Novice Amateur - Dixie Norfleet McCue / Connie Parker

Amateur - Dixie Norfleet McCue / Kristy Doyle

Youth Walk-Trot - Paint Me

Cool Odyssey / Rayen Clagg

Novice Youth - Yours Truly Odyssey / Destiny Clagg

Youth - Yours Truly Odyssey / Destiny Clagg

Solid Paint Bred Open - O

Where Is My Spot

Solid Paint Bred Amateur - O

Where Is My Spot / Kristy Doyle

Solid Paint Bred Youth - O I

Need A Spot / Emily Rodriguez

Reserve High Point Winners:

Open - Yours Truly Odyssey

Novice Amateur - LX Ultimately Tuf Enuf / Trish Lanoux

Amateur - Hesa Real Steal / Kelley Crager

Youth Walk-Trot - The Party

Animal / Lauren Hill

Novice Youth - Spot Me A Seven / Logan Taylor

Youth - Spot Me A Seven / Logan Taylor

Solid Paint Bred Open - O I Need A Spot

Paint Bred Amateur - Shes Got Tight Assets / Karen Ricketts

PAC High Point: Destiny Clagg and Yours Truly Odyssey

Reserve PAC High Point: Hannah Himmelmann and Box C Hobo Hopi Skip.

Ride Kentucky Champion: Hannah Himmelmann and Box C Hobo Hopi Skip with 239 hours

Member Spotlight: Kyle Crager, KPHC President

Q: How long have you been involved with Paint horses?

A: I've been involved with horses since I was born and I bought my first paint horse in 1995 when I was 13.

Q: What is your favorite event to do with your horse?

A: Full Metal Jousting.

Q: Seriously?

A: Yes, I watch that show on the History Channel and fully support APHA adding it.

Q: What do you like most about living in the Bluegrass?

A: I really like living around

the thoroughbred industry. I enjoy the history and tradition here and also how beautiful all the farms are.

Q: Who is your horseman idol?

A: John Lyons. I respect his methods they lay a good foundation for any discipline and are something I use everyday.

Q: Who is your favorite famous horse?

A: Zippo Pine Bar

Q: What do you hope to accomplish in the future with APHA?

A: I would like to increase membership in the club as well as get more members involved with the club. I'd also like to help get the club involved regionally.



HELP!

We NEED your HELP!

We are looking for help with our quarterly newsletter. If you are interested in writing articles, finding photos, designing or editing please drop us a line at k_gold@hotmail.com

This could be a great addition to any resume or college application!



We are proud to announce that KYPHC will be continuing the Kentucky Supplemental Fund in 2012.

This means that any KyBIF enrolled horse that shows and earns points at our Kentucky shows will also be able to earn even more money!

Ask a board member for more information!

SAFETY FIRST!

In light of recent events the Kentucky Paint Horse Club wants to encourage its members to practice safe riding!

A beloved member of KPHC, Susan Clayton, had a traumatic horseback riding accident and is currently receiving medical treatment for brain trauma.

Wearing a helmet when you swing your leg over your horse isn't a fashion faux-pau, it's the SMART thing to do!

The unexpected can happen at anytime, when you least expect it. Whether you are taking a riding lesson or riding the trails make sure you always wear your helmet. You can even wear your helmet in the show ring.

It can save you from costly medical bills and trips to the emergency room. It can prevent a concussion, the need for stitches, brain trauma and even death. A helmet can SAVE YOUR LIFE!

To help Susan Clayton check out the Professional Auction Service website that is holding a benefit auction for Susan Clayton. You can also donate by visiting the website and clicking on the link.. www.profesionalauction.com





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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.

www.kyphc.org



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