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EQUINE THERMOGRAPHY

May 20 - 7 p.m. at the Empty Saddle Club

What is it? Why do we use it? What ailments can it help?

Equine thermography is extremely helpful in detecting heat and inflammation. It can be an excellent tool for those tough lameness and soft tissue injuries. Aryn Sieber received his Thermal Imaging Certification from the Infrainspection Institute and it was there that he discovered the use and benefits of infrared technology as a cost-effective, non-invasive tool to aid in the detection of pre-stressed and advanced equine injuries. The Greeks covered the human body with mud and observed the patterns formed as the mud dried! These methodologies thus evolved into modern veterinary thermography.

Aryn will be explaining the use of thermography and will show HOW it is used with two "model" horses. This will prove to be a most interesting evening.

Charlene O'Neil
VP Education

General Meeting Report:

Quarter Horses, Breeding and Showing

Presented by Cheri Gayton

Submitted by Erin Ryan

The American Quarter Horse Association was formed in 1940. It was desired to have the Quarter Horses resemble a bulldog, not like their lankly counterparts the Thoroughbred. The Association was also looking to breed horses with a gentle disposition, demonstrating versatility. Today's Quarter Horse has been clocked at 55 mph and is one of the most popular breeds in the United States.

Quarter Horses compete in many different events, including reining, cutting, barrel racing and roping. Our modern Quarter Horse has a small, short, square looking head with a strong, well muscled and broad chest. They generally range from 14 to 16 hands. In roping and reining activities, the stockier horses are normally selected. For racing, taller horses are used. For halter, large and tall horses with small heads are desired. Showing in halter is defined as a class where the horse is solely judged on conformation.

Each type of show looks for different things in the horse. For example, in halter certain conformation points are expected, such as: sloping shoulder, balanced and athletic top to bottom line ratio, a nice neck prominent withers so saddle does not roll off, square hip, long croup and hip, no toed-ins, muscling is important in halter class.

In general, the American Quarter Horse should possess a refined throatlatch, a well proportioned trim neck, strong loin, long hip and croup, a well defined and muscular stifle, gaskin, forearm and chest, straight and structurally correct legs. As for the general sex characteristics, the mares should show femininity and the stallions, masculinity.

Conformation items to avoid would be things like buck-kneed, post-legged, cow hocked, in at the knees-toed out, wind puffs, bowed tendons, low and high splints or ringbone.

To go a step further, to get out-right disqualified, show a horse that has lameness, a parrot or monkey mouth or a horse with only one testicle that has dropped down.

Cheri breeds about 5 babies a year and is very proactive in responsible breeding practices. Conformation and disposition is inherited, so care should be taken when selecting the dams and sires. For Quarter Horses, artificial insemination is accepted, not the same for Thoroughbreds. The benefits are safety, disease control and a stallion can breed up to 12 mares with one collection. There is also a great success rate with AI (artificial insemination). The semen can either be cooled or frozen (no shelf life, it lives forever). Another advantage is that an expensive mare will not have to take time out to breed and she can stay active and in competition. Also, a mare that normally could not keep a foal (miscarriage) can now reproduce.

Today's Quarter Horses exhibit beauty and strength, allowing them to excel in many different events. In addition to the aforementioned categories, Quarter Horses can be found in dressage, jumping events, hunter under saddle and naturally trail classes. A big thank you goes out to Cheri Gayton for sharing with our membership the many talents of *our* American Quarter Horse!

ATTENTION

PVPHA Election June 17th 2010

The following Positions are open for the PVPHA Board of Directors:

President

Vice President of Civic Affairs

Membership Chairman

Corresponding Secretary

To place your name on the Ballot or nominate anyone for any of the above listed position please contact the nominating committee.

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Or

Doreen Houle @ (310) 375 5157

The election will be held at the June General Membership Meeting June 17th at 7pm at the

Empty Saddle Club

39 Empty Saddle Lane

Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

FROM THE EDITOR ...

It's so nice to have our trails back and be able to enjoy most of them. I am glad that the winter rains didn't wash them all away. I had a lovely ride up Blackwater Canyon and all the way down Si's recently. The weeds are so lush and green but remember that early mornings and evenings those little tick critters like to hang out and hitch a ride on our horses so try to avoid brushing up against them too often, if you can. If not then just check them for ticks (like the new Brad Paisley song).

Heidi's article in the March Dispatch about riding in the canyons of Palm Springs caught my interest and so on a recent trip with a non horse friend I did a little exploring. I rode out of Smoke Tree stables – nice horses there, a little pricey to rent (it is a tourist town!) and so I didn't take a really long ride.

It was a lovely 93 degrees, I know it sounds really hot but take away the humidity and it really isn't all that bad. Anyhow, my friend and I decided on a bit of hiking in Palm Canyon. It is really beautiful and worth the trip. I could see evidence of horses on some of the trails we were on. I enjoyed the Oasis, the wildflowers and incredible views in the beautiful and rugged canyons. I got so excited I took pictures to give you a some idea of the beauty that awaits should you decide to visit.



The Oasis in Palm Canyon



Wildflowers in Bloom

*Happy Trails.
Pam Turner*

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

- May 8-** Mayor's Ride & Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast 8am- meet at Chandler Ring
- May 14-16: Las Caballeras Camp and Ride at the Empty Saddle Club** (see article for details) www.lascaballeras.org or call: Chris Buck ~ 310-325-2127
Wendy Harp ~ 310-510-1341
- May 16, June 27, July 25 (rain date Aug 15)- Los Serranos Awards Circuit Western & Reining Horseshow-** Beginners classes available- Ernie Howlett Park. Contact: Trish Harik at 310-378-9911
- May 20 – 7pm: General Meeting** (see front page)
- May 22-23: 2010 Pleasure Days Carriage Driving Show-** Tejon Equestrian Center 1401 Crane Canyon Rd. Lebec, CA. 93243
Kathy (805) 703-0743
www.pleasuredays.org
- May 22:** Compton Jr. Posse Fundraiser- L.A. Equestrian Center. 818-880-5139 or www.comptonjrposse.org

New PVPHA Board member

I am pleased to announce that Rachel Grech has been appointed to serve on the PVPHA board as Vice President of Fiscal Affairs. Rachel has been a PVPHA member for several years and has two horses. I believe that Rachel will be a great asset to the PVPHA and I am looking forward to working with her. Please welcome Rachel to this new position.

Dale Allen

Welcome New Members!

Ashley M. Johnson; Phillip H. Johnson; Emily, Susan & Harry Inouye; Al West; David Williamson; Audrey Sutton; Megan McVicar

Thank you Trail Donors!

Frank and Lawrie Margrave; Al West; Liz Holmes; Sam & Debbie Taymour; Michael & Barbara Murphy; Rachel Grech

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HORSE TRAINER SPOTLIGHT

STACEY WAKAKI SHIBATA. . .



I began riding hunters at the age of 10 at Palos Verdes Stables training with Donna Naylor. She still currently trains there and gave me the solid foundation towards a later dressage career.

When I was 12, my aunt bought a green broke Arabian that I began training dressage and taking lessons on. In a few years I also started to ride dressage on a Thoroughbred cross that my trainer had rescued. I began to show these two horses at dressage shows in southern California going on to win California Dressage Society and U.S. Equestrian Federation Western Regional Championships at Second and Third Levels. One year I was lucky enough to win the American Horse Shows Association for the Dressage Overall Junior Rider with the highest year end score in the nation.

At the age of 14, I began to train with five time Dressage Olympian, Cindy Ishoy from Canada. Cindy had gone to Germany as a teenager and trained with the legendary Willi Schultheis. By the time I met her, she had already competed in several Olympics and World Championships winning the Bronze medal at the 1988 Seoul Olympics and Silver medal at the 1988 World Cup Dressage. Her international success and experience allowed me to progress rapidly in the sport of dressage and really taught me to fine tune my riding skills.

When I was 18 and attending college at U.C.L.A., I was given the chance to train and ride several different young warmbloods for a breeder. I trained all of these horses with Cindy on a regular basis and gained valuable experience working with different horse personalities. The youngster I had with me the longest period of time I trained to the Intermediate I level dressage before he was sold. I also was able to make several trips to Cindy's Toronto based barn to train on several Grand Prix schoolmasters. They were lessons of a lifetime!

Currently, I have students and horses in regular training on the PV Peninsula. Some of my students enjoy just the training aspect of dressage and others also like competing at the many shows offered in Southern California. They ride a variety of horses from older family oriented ones to younger sport horses bred for dressage and selected on buying trips by myself and my client.

I try to progress my own learning experiences by riding in clinics with trainers such as Cindy Ishoy, Debbie McDonald and Louise Koch. I recently competed in the 2009 Dressage Association of Southern California Second Level Championship and won Reserve Reserve Champion on Tajie Major's Royal Weis.



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LOCAL GIRL COMPETES AT HITS



Emily MacLean and her pony, Justastar, competed in the 2010 Horse Shows in the Sun's Desert Circuit Horse Show, in February. This is an "A" rated competition held each year for six weeks in Thermal, California, for junior and professional riders from the West Coast and beyond.

Emily's awards included Champion Pony Equitation Rider and Champion Schooling Pony Hunter. She rides with trainers Christy Arbuckle and Devon Gibson at Seahorse Riding Club in Rolling Hills Estates.

Emily competed with kids from up and down the West Coast, including many from Palos Verdes. She is a fifth grader at Rancho Vista Elementary School.

Congratulations Emily MacLean!

Palos Verdes Peninsula News



RHYMES OF THE RANGE...

"The Language of Horses: Horses Communicate, by a Neigh, Nicker, Squeal, Blow out, and Body language" by Annamaria Tadlock helped me to listen more when I visited Pat Murnane's horses preparing to write a poem about a major neighing experience I had years ago. I listened more to them when I said "Hello" and patted them. Twister, a 16' roan gelding sniffed

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my hand ; when I walked away, I heard a low pitched neigh or - a sort of low snorting. Could that mean - "There's something or some one to watch out for." I could clearly hear him from about forty feet away from their stall. Several of the horse association members told me about their horse's nicker or soft neigh. Horses make that marvelous sound using its nose like and wind instrument from down from its throat through its nostrils as he/she greets his or her friend. It is the sound you'll hear when you walk into the barn in the morning to feed your horse; they generally greet you with a friendly "hello!"

This is also seen when two horses greet each other, in a friendly manner (horses that are friends are more likely to nicker to each other than two horses that don't know each other). However, just as people have individual personalities, so do horses. Some one had a horse who would nicker all the time to any person she saw or met, and to other horses too.

Myth Buster: The neighs or whinny we often hear in movies are actually a sound effect added later because - don't you think it is tough to get a mike on the sound during the action. Horses do not neigh when running into battle!

Wouldn't you say that a neigh is the loudest sound a horse makes- usually with the head high, ears forward with mouth open.

The experience I want to tell you about is that horses neigh when they try to locate their herd mates or people. The neigh probably translates to "Hi, I'm here. Where are you guys?"

So the author Annamaria Tadlock says the neigh is a vocal locator. That makes sense and we do that too to find some one and we call out when we go into a new place. Next time listen when a horse is separated from its friends and it trying to locate them. A foal's neigh is a shrill high pitched neigh panicking trying to find it's mother.

About eleven years ago, I remember hearing lots of horse neighs and whining when we unloaded Joey, our 12 hand 3 inch black pony, from the trailer at the Portuguese Bend Pony Club down Hawthorne Blvd and around the hill past the slide zone through the Pepper Tree gate. This was the day when our eleven year old daughter finally got the pony she had been waiting to finally ride....

JOEY COMES TO THE PONY CLUB BARN

about Angela's Lukstein's pony
by her ma, Janis Lukstein, 1-17-2010

I remember that day in May
the sun was shining so clear-not gray!
My hubby good ole Ed did his Daddy-do work
trailerling Angela's new pony- Ed didn't shirk

Angela had waited for her pony for years
even sleep-walked Christmas Eve with tears
Knocking at a neighbor's door
"Do you have my pony?" she did implore...

Her big sister Christina had been a Pony
Clubber since 7
and now Angela was pushing big number 11
Why so long you may ask?
Finally finding that right pony at last!

So we all looked far and wide for that right pony
hide;
an' knew it was very important to find the right
ride

Called and searched to find this Pony of
America, POA
out in the hills of Temecula – way out San
Diego way

For some reason Job was this pony's name
like the Bible man who had a lot of pain
For this short-12 hand 3" pony, we picked the
shorter name Joey-
we wanted him to be a happy, friendly cute little
pony

Big sis' Christina even tested Joey if he was
willing to train
to jump; so good bye to his beautiful long wavy
mane
he had been ridden Western, by a lady, of
course
and so we gave him a Mohawk cut
for a pony club- English style horse

Ed pulled up and unloaded our pony Joey who
did neigh and neigh (neigh)
He had a long three-hour-ride and had a lot to
say (neigh, neigh, neigh)
Hello, who's out there?
Who? What? Where? Have a care.....

There was a chorus of neighs answering back
I had never heard so much horse language – no
lack
Those neighs were locators to herd mates to
say
I'm here; where, who are you?
I heard lots of "WELCOMES" in the good ole
Pony Club way! (neigh, neigh, neigh, blow)

"BETWEEN THE TWINES"

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below)

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9:00am-4:00pm

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Attention Riders! Mayor's Ride



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Start Time: 8 a.m.
Where: Start at Chandler Park
End: Ernie Howlett Park

**Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
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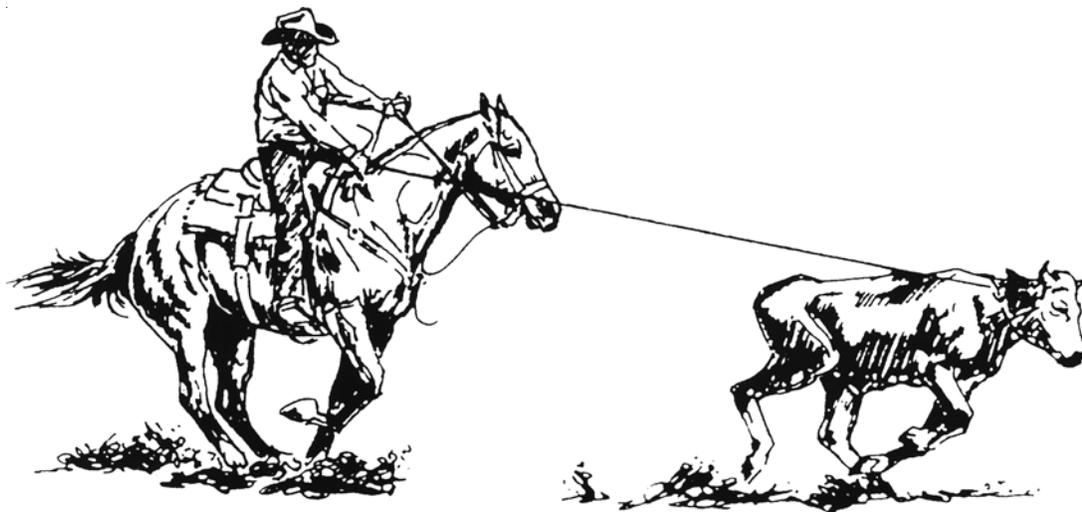


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