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President's message: Thank you, Dale Allen

Charlene O'Neil is the new president of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Horsemen's Association.

by **CHARLENE O'NEIL**
PVPHA PRESIDENT

Well, our new board had its first meeting! We have lots of challenges for the coming year and many creative and exciting ideas.

But first, I want to thank Dale Allen for his untiring efforts as our president for the past 12 years! His untold hours and dedication to our group and community deserve a huge thank you and a big round of applause. Thank you, Dale!

We will continue our mission to preserve our amazing trails, encourage our youth, educate our membership, enhance our equestrian surroundings, and support horses and



DOREEN HOULE

Charlene O'Neil recites her poetry at a Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival.

their owners in this land called the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Editor's note: For a complete list of new board members and their positions, please see Page 2. U

NEXT PVPHA GENERAL MEETING: AUG. 16

Attend August general meeting

by **NICOLE MOORADIAN**
DISPATCH EDITOR

The next general meeting for the PVPHA is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Empty Saddle Club. As usual, all Peninsula equestrians are invited. This month, members are invited to bring their favorite horse-themed books to share. Bring cookies—either horse or human—for a cookie party, too!

As a reminder, the Empty Saddle Club requests that meeting attendees leave their dogs at home. U

NEWS BRIEFS

PVPHA welcomes new board members

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Horsemen's Association elected three new officers at the June general meeting.

Charlene O'Neil succeeds Dale Allen as the organization's president; Sharon Yarber succeeds Gil Houle as the vice president of fiscal affairs; and Melody Colbert succeeds Kitty Kohles as the corresponding secretary.

Betsy Schoettlin was appointed vice president of education to replace O'Neil.

DLPOA plans August gymkhana

The annual Dapplegray Lanes Property Owners Association fundraiser gymkhana is scheduled for Aug. 26.

Events included barrel racing, egg and spoon race, "Extreme Cowboy" race and more.

For more information and a complete set of rules, visit palosverdes.com/dlpoa or call Clare Burke at 310-344-

2495 or 310-534-9330. (A complete entry form is also available on Page 11.)

PVPLC to conduct trail survey

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy will be conducting a survey of trail users in the Portuguese Bend Preserves on Aug. 25, according to PVPHA Vice President of Civic Affairs Sharon Yarber.

"We can be assured the (mountain) bikers will be out in force completing the surveys," Yarber said. "We need to be sure that horsemen and women are also there to evidence our support of the trails and express our views."

Equestrians who use the trails in the Preserves are encouraged to ride to, in and around the area on Aug. 25 in order to complete the survey.

Additionally, the PVPLC is looking for volunteers to work three-hour shifts to help with the survey. To volunteer, contact Ann Dalkey at 310-541-7613 or info@pvplc.org. For more information, visit pvplc.org/volunteers.

Updated trail guides for sale

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Horsemen's Association trail guides are now available for purchase through the organization and local tack stores.

The trail guides, which include a directory of equestrian services, are available for \$20 plus tax at the Rolling Hills General Store and Lomita Feed. People can also order the guides online at pvpha.org for \$22, including tax.

Trails in Rolling Hills Park Estates open to public

Despite a rumor that the trails around the Rolling Hills Park Estates and the Ranch communities were private, the trails are indeed open to the public, Rolling Hills Estates Director of Community Services Andy Clark said.

The bridle and hiking trails are maintained by the local homeowners association. U

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PVPHA donates \$1,000 to help horses, burros in Mexico

Editor's note: The PVPHA recently donated \$1,000 to the volunteer organization that provides veterinary and dental care to horses and burros in Mexico. Local veterinarian Dr. Larry Kelly participates in the endeavor.

The PVPHA wishes to thank Kelly, as well as the general membership, who through their support of the organization makes these kinds of donations possible.

Below is Kelly's thank-you note.

Dear PVPHA Board,

I would like to thank all of you for the kind thoughts and wishes sent my way following my rodeo run. I bit the dust going down Dale's trail. Such a small world.

I am overwhelmed by the Board's generosity. Last year, our group attended to over 1,000 equidae, and 400+ received dental care. Our next trip is scheduled for October, and we anticipate providing services for even a larger population this year. Your donation addresses equine welfare while also being philanthropic.

On behalf of every beast of burden, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,

Larry H. Kelly, DVM U

Trail Protection Fund donors

by MICHELLE SANBORN
PVPHA TREASURER

Your Trail Protection Fund donations have been hard at work. Just this last year, we have donated monies to the to repair the driveways on Palos Verdes Drive North leading to the Dapplegray Arena, and we recently purchased a water pump for the Crenshaw Tunnel.

The Horsemen's Association wishes to thank the following members for their generous donations to our Trail Protection Fund:

- Connie Allen
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NICOLE MOORADIAN

The second annual Horse Happenings on the Hill at Ernie Howlett Park in June attracted more than 100 people interested in learning more about horses and equestrian activities on the Hill. The event featured demonstrations from trainers, two drill team exhibitions, talks from local veterinarians and equine professionals, booths from different trainers and vendors, and the always popular parade of breeds. Here, people stop to admire "Princess," a local miniature horse.

TEST YOUR EQUINE IQ

Do you know your horse trivia? See how well you score in the quiz below. Answers are on Page 8.



CONTRIBUTED

The “Pony Camp Mothers” pose for a photo after winning the inaugural Horse Games trivia competition.

Pony Camp Moms win inaugural Horse Games trivia contest

by ERIN RYAN

PVPHA RECORDING SECRETARY

June’s PVPHA general meeting featured a horse trivia competition, where people competed in teams of three to see who knew the most about our equine friends.

Jim Moore from Cowboy Boot Camp was our grand master who officiated over the games.

After several run-offs among the high-scoring teams, the victorious final winners were the “Pony Camp Mothers,” comprised of Lisa Vidov, Nancy Bond and Darren.

A big thank-you to all the contestants who demonstrated their knowledge, and failing that, their creativity!

Miss the meeting? Check out a sample of the questions in the gray box in the left. Answers are on Page 8. U

1. Name three of the competitions in a rodeo.
2. _____ is a contagious disease that attacks the lymph glands of the head.
3. The most popular breed in the U.S. is the _____.
4. When a horse gets up from lying down, he gets up on which two legs first? (A cow does the opposite.)
5. Name three kinds of hay.
6. A horse’s normal temperature is between _____ and _____.
7. A mother horse is known as a _____.
8. What traditional form of measurement is used to describe a horse’s height?
9. You tell a horse’s age by its _____.
10. A baby female horse is called a _____.
11. How tall, in inches, is a hand?
12. You can tell if a horse is dehydrated by doing what?
13. It takes about how long to regrow an entire hoof wall?
14. True or false: The narrower the mouthpiece, the more severe the bit.
15. What is a horse telling you when it pins its ears back, and presses its eyes, nostrils and lips tightly?
16. A fully intact male horse is called a _____.
17. What is the gestation period for a mare, in months?
18. A stable vice in which a horse swallows air is called _____.
19. When do all race horses celebrate their birthdays?
20. A horse’s knee joint is the equivalent to which human part?
21. What is the name of the plantation horse originating in the South?
22. A normal horse sleeps how many hours per day?
23. Which side of the horse is the “near side”?
24. True or false: All horses are omnivores.
25. Horses have a set of teeth that sometimes appear in front of the molars, interfering with the bit, that are often removed. What are these teeth called?
26. If your horse is sweating, biting at his flanks and showing signs of pain, what could be the cause?
27. A castrated horse is called a _____.
28. Another name for filing down the horse’s teeth is _____.
29. What color was Mr. Ed?
30. Name two common stable vices.
31. Which discipline encompasses sliding, spinning and backing?
32. Where are a horse’s two blind spots?
33. A father horse is known as a _____.
34. If you are riding a live horse—not a carousel horse—where is the poll located?



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WILDFIRE SEASON:

What will you do if a wildfire strikes Palos Verdes? Here are some tips from FEMA and Los Angeles County.

by **NICOLE MOORADIAN**
DISPATCH EDITOR

With California's dry weather, fires are always a danger. According to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection—also known as CAL FIRE—wildfire season generally runs from mid-May to November. Between Jan. 1 and Aug. 4 of this year, CAL FIRE has already seen more than 3,700 fires burn nearly 31,000 acres. During the same time period last year, CAL FIRE fought about 2,500 fires that burned nearly 34,000 acres.

The average number of fires CAL FIRE sees during the time period is 3,185.

In light of this, here are some safety tips for horse and livestock owners from the Federal Emergency Management Administration and the Los Angeles County Emergency Survival Guide.

Wildfires: Preparedness Actions (FEMA)

🐾 Have fire tools handy at your home and in your barn: ladders, garden or fire hoses, fire extinguishers, gas-operated water pumps, shovels, axes, hoes rakes and



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Do you know what to do if a wildfire burns nearby?

Keep your horse safe

buckets. Additionally, keep a generator; a portable AM/FM radio with spare batteries; handheld walkie-talkies and a handheld scanner with spare batteries; and masks, goggles, heavy working gloves and bandanas handy. Make sure fire extinguishers are mounted near barn entrances and around the stables for easy access.

- 🐾 Purchase cotton rope or leather halters for horses and livestock because nylon halters can melt when they heat up in a fire. This may lead to deep burn wounds on the animal.

- 🐾 Keep your horses' tetanus vaccinations current, and have your horses microchipped.

- 🐾 Before an emergency, make arrangements to shelter your animals at two different locations far apart from each other, and identify at least two exit routes.

- 🐾 Train horses to lead and trailer so they're comfortable with the process.

- 🐾 Keep your truck and trailer in safe, working condition, and keep your gas tank full. If you don't have a truck and/or trailer, make arrangements in advance to have someone evacuate your animals.

- 🐾 Network with neighbors prior to an emergency. Work together to help horse and pet owners on your street who don't have horse trailers or who aren't home during an emergency.

- 🐾 Post important addresses and telephone numbers by telephones in the house and the barn.

- 🐾 Prepare identification—including photos and papers—so it's easier to identify your horses if they're evacuated by someone else.

Wildfires: Mitigation Measures (FEMA)

- 🐾 Learn to recognize dangerous fire conditions and consult with your local fire department on how to improve the safety of your house and barns.

- 🐾 Use only fire-resistant materials on the exterior of your home or barn, including the roof, siding, decking, and trim.

- 🐾 Corrals should be built with metal pipe, not PVC or wood.

- 🐾 Use fire-resistant plants on your property. Check with local fire officials or a nursery about the best species for your area.

- 🐾 Clear leaves and other vegetation, including dead brush, from around your house or barn to serve as a fire break. The minimum distance for a fire break varies

based on types of trees, the surrounding landscape slope, and the construction of buildings. (Los Angeles County recommends 200 feet.) Consult with your local fire department to determine what is best for your property.

- 🐾 Install sprinkler systems for buildings on your property, and lawn sprinkler systems outdoors.

- 🐾 When constructing pools and ponds, make them accessible to fire equipment—they may serve as a source of water for fighting wildfires.

- 🐾 Have hoses that are long enough to reach all parts of your building.

- 🐾 Use fire carefully and wisely so that you do not cause a wildfire.

- 🐾 Keep chimneys clean and install a spark arrestor.

- 🐾 Avoid open burning during dry weather.

- 🐾 Store firewood away from your home and barns.

- 🐾 Store hay, sawdust, or straw in a building separate from where animals are housed. This is especially important during the summer when freshly cured hay can suddenly ignite from spontaneous combustion.

- 🐾 Store gas and other hazardous materials in separate buildings from animals.

- 🐾 Be extremely careful with open flame when shoeing horses or welding.

- 🐾 Teach all personnel working with animals where the fire extinguishers are and how to use them. Practice a fire drill every month throughout the fire season.

- 🐾 Implement and enforce no-smoking policies on your property.

Wildfires: Response Actions (FEMA)

- 🐾 Wet down roofs and other surfaces that might be damaged by fire. Be sure that your efforts do not jeopardize the water supply and pressure needed by firefighters.

- 🐾 Horses and other large animals should be evacuated as soon as an evacuation warning is issued. House pets should be leashed or crated and taken with you.

- 🐾 If you are evacuating horses when the fire is close, it may help to blindfold them. If there is time, place pieces of cloth around the horses' nostrils to reduce the inhalation of smoke; wet the horses' tails and manes; and remove blankets.

- 🐾 If someone is evacuating your horses for you, be sure to exchange phone numbers, California Drivers License numbers and other relevant information with him or her. Know where your horses will be taken.

Evacuation kit checklist

- ❑ Halters with identification tags and lead ropes for each horse.
- ❑ Vaccination and identification forms with current photos
- ❑ Food, feed buckets, medications for 7–10 days
- ❑ Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems and the name and number of your veterinarian in case you have to board your horse(s).
- ❑ First Aid kit with wraps, sharp knife, hoof pick
- ❑ Duct tape to write identification on horse halters
- ❑ Head lamp light (much better than flashlight when working with large animals)
- ❑ Water buckets
- ❑ Blanket or sheet
- ❑ Wire cutters
- ❑ Portable radio

Answers to Equine IQ quiz on Page 4

1) Pick three: bareback bronc riding, steer wrestling, tie-down roping, saddle bronc riding, barrel racing, bull riding. 2) Strangles. 3) Quarter Horse. 4) Front legs. 5) Pick three: alfalfa, oat, barley, timothy, orchard grass, Bermuda grass. 6) 100-101 degrees. 7) Dam. 8) Hand. 9) Teeth. 10) A filly. 11) four inches. 12) Pinching his skin to see how long it takes to return to normal. 13) 9-12 months. 14) True. 15) Anger/threatening/aggression. 16) Stallion. 17) 11 months. 18) Cribbing. 19) Jan. 1. 20) Human wrist. 21) Tennessee walker. 22) 2-3 hours. 23) Left side. 24) False, they are herbivores. 25) Wolf teeth. 26) Right side. 27) Colic. 28) Gelding. 29) Floating. 30) Palomino. 31) Wood chewing, weaving, pacing, kicking, cribbing (wind sucking). 32) Reining. 33) Directly in front and directly behind. 34) Sire. 35) Top of head, just behind the ears. U

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🐾 If you are unable to take livestock with you, let them out of the barn and close all the doors; however, don't turn animals loose. A loose horse may run back into a burning barn if it gets frightened. Loose horses may also cause serious problems for first responders. If possible, turn horses out in an arena with sufficient brush and tree clearance and a metal fence.

🐾 Turn off the power and gas, and disconnect any electrical fences.

Wildfires: Recovery Tips

🐾 Monitor all animals exposed to fire for smoke inhalation pneumonia, the most common cause of fire-related death. Consult a veterinarian for any burn injuries. Additionally, you may wish to have a veterinarian check your horse for smoke inhalation, signs of stress and colic.

🐾 Check any areas where animals and people will be for dangerous debris. Galvanized metal heated during a fire may be coated with toxic residues. If this occurs to your pasture fences, they need to be cleaned before any animals come in contact with them.

🐾 Don't allow animals into areas where there may be ash pits (root systems that have burned underground).

🐾 Take care when re-entering burned areas. There may be hot spots that could flare up without warning. Partially burned structures and trees can be very unstable, and may suddenly fall over.

🐾 Do not tie animals to burned trees.

🐾 Consult with your insurance agent and have damages assessed as soon as possible. Take pictures or a video of damages.

It's also good to prepare an equine disaster kit. See the list in the gray box on the left for items you may wish to include in your disaster kit.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control has an Emergency Response Program that includes animal control officers and volunteers who are trained to deal with small and large animals—including horses—during an emergency. Part of the Emergency Response Program is the Equine Response Team, which is a group of qualified, trained and certified volunteers who help evacuate horses and other livestock from places in danger, whether through a natural disaster or other emergency under the Department of Animal Care and Control.

The ERT has 122 volunteers based throughout Los Angeles County, including in the South Bay. These volunteers are trained and certified to operate with other county response units. U

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Dapplegray Lanes Horse Show

Playday & Gymkhana

Sunday, August 26, 2012

Registration 9:30 AM **** Show start 10:00 AM

DLPOA Arena @ end of Buckskin Lane

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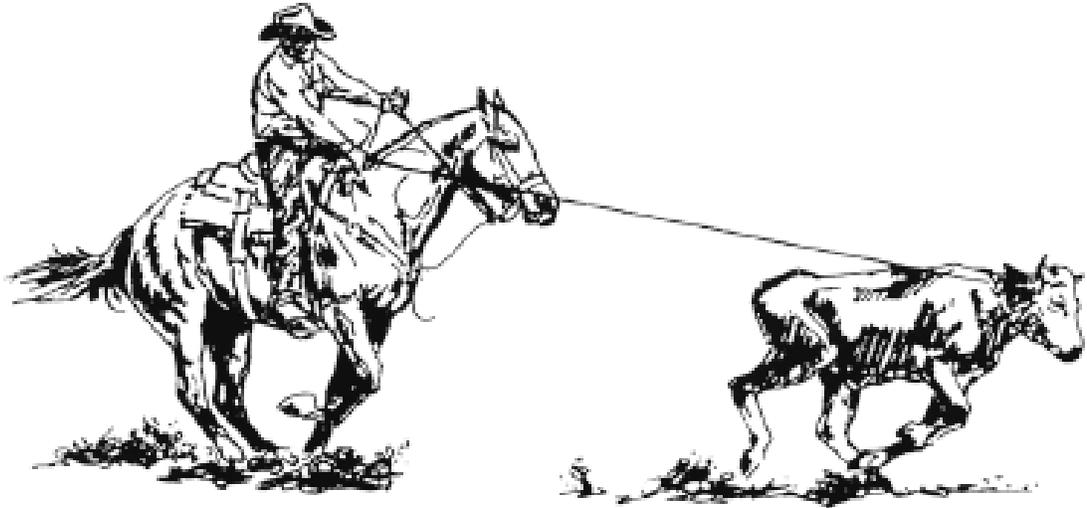
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