



## “The Roundup” Orange County Horse Council

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### Orange County Horse Council Spring Fling 2012

The Orange County Horse Council is sponsoring an Equine **Spring Fling** to end your winter blues. It will be held at the Goshen Harness Racing Museum on March 10, 2012 from 10AM - 4PM. We would like you or your organization to be represented. We plan to have a tack swap, art's and crafts, fashion show by Whinnies & Knickers, refreshments available by 4-Hers, information booths, door prizes, 50/50 and anything else you want to promote. Free registration to the first five not-for-profit organizations. Twenty dollars for everyone else to reserve your space, and fee will include table and chairs.

For further information please call or e-mail Debbie Botbyl at (845)-537-0200 or [dbotbyl@hotmail.com](mailto:dbotbyl@hotmail.com).

### OCHC Guest Speakers & Meeting Dates for 2012

Orange County Horse Council is excited to inform members and the public of some up coming events in 2012. We will host Guest Speakers: Dr. Maria Laurendeau, DVM who will give a presentation about Horse Emergency First Aid– Dos & Don'ts, Truck & Trailer Event at Congelosi Trailer Sales, Bob Jeffreys & Suzanne Sheppard– Teaching Two as One Horsemanship, and Cornell Cooperative Extension Equine & Livestock Educator, Audrey Reith. More to be announced.

**January 3rd- Guest Speaker Dr. Maria Laurendeau, DVM– Horse Emergency First Aid**

**February 7th– Truck & Trailer Event Congelosi Trailer Sales 7pm**

**March 6th– Audrey Reith, CCE Equine & Livestock Educator**

**April 3th– Bob Jeffreys & Suzanne Sheppard**

**May 1st**

**June 5th**

**July 10th**

**September 4th**

**October 2th**

**November 13th**

**December Holiday Party– TBA**

Meetings are the first Tuesday of the Month:

All meetings start at 7:30 pm and are held in the Hamptonburg Town Hall  
Community Room, 18 Bull Road, Campbell Hall, NY 10916



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## Winter Weather - What about the Horse? By Jim Hamilton, DVM

There are several "extra" considerations when it comes to your horse's well being/survival during very cold winter weather. It is important to take special precautions because it is much easier (and cheaper) to think ahead than react after the fact. The age of the horse, does he normally live in or out, has he been clipped, are there automatic waterers or buckets... all factor into the winter equation.

When you go to feed the horse on that ever-so-cold day, keep in mind that a large portion of the energy that is consumed will go to heating the body so, a higher dietary energy content is important. Another consideration is adequate water consumption. Studies have shown that if the water is warmed up, the amount consumed by the horse is much higher. Therefore, work several water changes into the schedule to promote more drinking. Any horse vet will tell you that most colics during the winter are impaction/constipation colics which, in large part, are due to poor water intake - a little extra labor now is much cheaper than the vet bill later!

If your horse lives out a lot, then construction of a run-in shed (wind break) should be top priority. During heavy snow, the shed provides the only dry place in which to sleep - make sure to find a level spot in the field and face the opening to the south for maximum sun. The shed is a good place to feed and, if designed with a gate across the open side, you can close the animal in on the worst of days.

There are many horse owners who boast of their animal's "thick skin", their amazing tolerance of a frigid environment. One can only wonder how that judgment is made. Hopefully the criteria is something other than survival!

**There are only two emotions that belong in the saddle; one is a sense of humor, and the other is patience.**

- John Lyons

### How to Make Bucket Licking Mash Bran!

#### Materials:

- 8 cup of Bran**
- 1 cup Rolled Oats**
- 1/4 cup Molasses**
- 1 & 1/2 Cup Hot Water**
- 1 Carrot Sliced**
- 1 Apple Sliced**

**Mix bran and oats with hot water, then add your oil and molasses. This type of mash is drier than others, so you can add more water if you want it soupier. After that you can add the carrot and apple pieces. When all of the ingredients have been added you can cover it and wait until it is cool enough for your horse to eat.**



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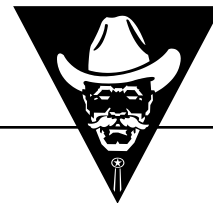
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**Attention Current Equine Businesses!**

OCHC is embracing local equine businesses. During the year OCHC will promote our events, newsletters, and other flyers. So that we are air to all our local industry. The ads listed above are \$15 an issue, and help to defray our costs. I will be seeking out future stories, jokes, and light articles of interest. So, please drop me a line.

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**Just For Laughs! Join us...**

A blonde decides to try horseback riding, even though she has had no lessons or prior experience. She mounts the horse unassisted and the horse immediately springs into motion. It gallops along at a steady and rhythmic pace, but the blonde begins to slip from the saddle. In terror, she grabs for the horse's mane, but cannot seem to get a firm grip. She tries to throw her arms around the horse's neck, but she slides down the side of the horse anyway. The horse gallops along, seemingly impervious to its slipping rider. Finally, giving up her frail grip, she leaps away from the horse to try and throw herself to safety. Unfortunately, her foot has become entangled in the stirrup, she is now at the mercy of the horse's pounding hooves as her head is struck against the ground over and over. As her head is battered against the ground, she is mere moments away from unconsciousness when to her great fortune... the Wal-Mart manager sees her and shuts the horse off.

*The G&M Riding Club is offering this large 1950's Hunt Scene Fine Art Palate Knife Oil Painting by J. Glotzer for a Silent Auction. Please email for a picture file or call for a viewing. The winner will be announced at the Windy Hollow Hunt Ball in March 2012. All inquieres & bids can be sent to [DebbieSchiraldi@yahoo.com](mailto:DebbieSchiraldi@yahoo.com). Reserve of \$500.*

**Are YOU a Worker Bee?**

Orange County Horse Council is a great networking resource...and I know everyone is strapped for time. In an economy where dollars are short for some— time is an important asset! Volunteering is a great venue to meet others and network, talk about similar topics, have your pulse on what's happenings in the area, etc.

OCHC is proud of what we contribute to the equine community, but we could achieve so much more...please think about becoming an active participant in our community. Sadly the people in the business aspect of our local horse community are not seen in our forum unless a crisis is in our mist. Our key core member group is small at monthly meetings and we would love to see more local barns, trainers, vets, tradesman in our network on a regular basis. Please consider your time to our Council...We Invite YOU! Call me for info. 845-496-6754  
Thank you, Debbie Schiraldi OCHC Membership Chair



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renew your NYSHC Membership!  
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## **Learn What Works For You!      By Anthony Congelosi, Paul Congelosi Trailer Sales**

Being prepared for potentially dangerous weather is always a concern for everyone. Over the last few months, we have experienced record level rain falls in Orange County. Hopefully we all have been well prepared, and have been able to recover from the dangerous conditions. As winter approaches, being prepared for inclement weather again becomes a priority in our lives.

There are some necessary steps to take when preparing for winter to ensure that your horse trailer will be ready for use in the spring. First, you should make sure that all windows are closed and latched properly on the trailer. Drop down head windows should be tested to make sure they will not come crashing down if there is a strong wind. If they are all closed, then water will not get inside the trailer. Similarly, all vents in the dressing room and horse area should be closed. If any of them are broken, make sure to get them fixed or cover them. You do not want any of your things inside the trailer to get damaged.

When parking the trailer for the winter, the best places would be either a paved driveway or a concrete pad. This will keep grass and moisture from getting underneath the trailer. Being left in moist conditions will eventually cause you to have frame and floor issues. If it is not possible for you to park in one of these areas, then make sure the grass under the trailer is mowed down very late in the season. If it does not have time to grow back before the cold weather comes, then it will not grow up into the bottom of the trailer. Also, park the tires of the trailer on wooden blocks. This will help prevent the tires from sitting in moisture all winter.

The end of the season is also a good time of year to have your trailer serviced. Whether the servicing is done at a facility such as ours, or done by yourself, it is nice to take care of any nagging problems you might have with your trailer before it sits for the whole winter. Brakes, hinges, and any other moving parts that have been well lubricated will work much better after sitting for a long period than ones that do not have fresh lubrication.

We wish you the best in your endeavors this winter! If you have any questions about this topic or others, feel free to e-mail me at [Anthony@CongelosiTrailerSales.com](mailto:Anthony@CongelosiTrailerSales.com). Additionally, we would love to know what other topics you would like us to cover, so contact us with that information as well. Happy Trailing!