



**“The Roundup”
Orange County Horse Council**

**Orange County Horse Council’s First Scholarship Winner:
Rachel Samuels Barrel Racing Champ!**

Orange County Horse Council is pleased to announce that their first scholarship winner is Minisink Valley High School student Rachel Samuels. Rachael was surprised to see Debbie Botbyl, Scholarship Chair and Mark Gisselbrecht, OCHC President there to present her with a \$500 check at the Awards Ceremony at her school on June 8th.

Another special moment for Rachael and her family was that at the same Awards Ceremony G&M Riding Club asked her father Dave Samuels, President of G&M to assist Kathy Croak in presenting Rachel with the Henry Tuthill Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000.

Rachael is a Barrel Racing State Champion as well as an High Honors Student! She has also won she has a scholarship to barrel race at Northwest Oklahoma State University this fall. She is third generation horsewoman from a Rodeo loving family. Rachael was front page news in the Times Herald Record on April 19th this year with her horse Goldie. CONGRATULATIONS RACHEL!



The OCHC wishes to encourage other students to apply next year for the scholarship. All information is linked on our webpage.

Orange County Horse Council Meeting Dates for 2011

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
July 5th
September 6th
October 4th
November 1st
December Holiday Party (TBA)



Optimum Drinking by: Madalyn Ward, DVM

Everyone has heard the saying, "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink." We must ask ourselves why the horse won't drink, and in some cases ask the opposite: why do they drink so much?

First, the problem of not drinking enough. Some horses will not drink water simply because they do not like or are not used to the taste. If you have one of these guys, find a flavor such as Gatorade or apple cider vinegar and add it to the water to encourage drinking. Many people add salt or electrolytes to feed to encourage drinking - and this works well in some horses - but I will explain why it is not a good idea for all horses. Some horses do not drink well because of internal dampness, which is associated with the spleen and is characterized by heaviness, stickiness and edema. If your horse has a tendency to stock up in his legs, have puffiness under the eyes, swelling or thick coating on his tongue or susceptibility to moist skin eruptions, he may have internal dampness. Salt or electrolytes may actually worsen his condition by creating more moisture in his system. Bitter foods such as alfalfa or blue-green algae tend to be drying and are excellent for the damp horse to help with water balance. Too much fat in the diet may also contribute to dampness.

Some horses prefer drinking from a trough over a bucket or automatic waterer. If your horse is like this but must live in a stall, consider using one of those large plastic muck buckets set on the floor in one corner. If your horse has sore teeth he will back off on water drinking especially if the water is cold.

If you can't get your horse to drink, cut out his grain and cut back on his hay until you solve the problem. Offer fresh grass, bran mashes and moisture rich treats such as carrots, apples or watermelon.

If your horse drinks well above his normal 8-10 gallons, it could indicate a serious health problem such as kidney failure or Cushing's disease. Blood tests can be used to determine if these conditions exist. If your horse's blood work looks normal, consider the protein levels in the diet. If your horse is receiving more protein than he needs he will have to drink more water to excrete the extra protein in the urine. If this is the cause the urine will be thick with a strong odor of ammonia.

If your horse drinks excessively and his urine is clear and odorless he may be drinking out of boredom. Horses that spend long hours idle in a small pen or stall will get stir-crazy. The obvious solution to this is actually prevention. Keep hay in front of your horse or provide some form of entertainment. If your horse consumes large amounts of salt, provide it only in daily turnout or only at dinner time.

If your horse has been drinking large amounts for a long time he may have lost his ability to concentrate his urine. Before limiting his access to water have your vet check him carefully for dehydration and monitor his condition carefully as you very slowly limit his water consumption. You may want to offer some water with electrolytes added to help him replace the electrolytes he has flushed out of his system. If your horse continues to drain his water buckets you may want to look at acupuncture or homeopathic treatment to address extreme thirst as well as any other chronic disease symptoms.

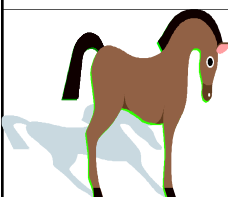
**You see things; and
you say, 'Why?'**

**But I dream things
that never were; and I
say, "Why not?"**

George Bernard Shaw

RINGWORM

Ringworm, although the name suggests otherwise, really has nothing to do with worms. Rather ringworm refers to the circular lesions you get from it. Which probably won't make you feel any better about it. You can get ringworm from your cat, or from your horse, or any other furry pet. That's one of the unpleasant things about ringworm. The good thing about ringworm on horses is that is easily treatable.



- Ringworm is caused by fungi and is very contagious. It is possible to get ringworm if you've handled a horse (or other pet) with the condition.
- Ringworm appears as round red patches that are scruffy and itchy.

• Mange is a skin condition caused by small mites that burrow under the skin. Horses can get two types of mange; one that burrows into the skin and one that lives on the surface. The mites can bite humans, causing an itchy weal. Lice are sometimes seen in poorly kept crowded conditions. Humans are not hosts for the lice that affect horses although you could get bitten. If you suspect your horse has mange or lice, call your veterinarian for recommendations. With all parasite and skin conditions be scrupulous about your own hygiene and ask your vet about precautions you can take to prevent human transfer. Wash your hands after grooming, hoof-picking, or mucking out.

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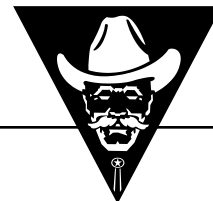
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OCHC is embracing local equine businesses. During the year OCHC will promote our events, newsletters, and other flyers. So that we are air to all our local industry. The ads listed above are \$15 an issue, and help to defray our costs. I will be seeking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

Contact Debbie at: DebbieSchiraldi@hvc.rr.com



Just For Laughs! Join us...

A mean school principal who rides on weekends went into a tack store and asked for one spur.

"One spur?" said the store owner, "Surely you mean two spurs?"

"No," said the principal,

"Just one will do. If I can get one side of the horse to go, the other side is bound to come with it."

Two stupid men bought a bunch of horses at an auction, paying one hundred dollars apiece for them.

Then they drove to another auction, and sold all their horses for the same price they'd paid for them. After counting their money at the end of the day, they realize they'd ended up with no more money than they'd started with.

"See!" said one.

"I told you we shoulda bought more horses!"

G&M Riding Club 2011 Show & Playday Dates

OPEN ALL BREED SHOWS

Summer Show/ Sunday, July 24, 2011 &
Fall Show /Sunday, October 2, 2011 - 8:00 a.m.

PLAYDAYS

Sunday, August 28, 2011
Sunday, September 11, 2011 - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, October 16, 2011 - 9:00 a.m.

Events held at Orange County Park in Montgomery, NY.
Please visit: GandMRidingClub.com for info & Prize List!

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

Hello everyone! Hopefully the beginning of show season has been treating you well. As a side note, as we have gone from issue to issue, I have stated at the end of the articles to feel free to email me any ideas you have for future articles (my email address is Anthony@congelositrailer-sales.com). We would love to hear your ideas! Anyway, let's go on with our newest topic: keeping your horse cool in the summer.

Certain things that will help keep your trailer cooler have to do with the construction of the different types of trailers. In a straight load trailer, there is often the option of having flow-thru windows in the trailer. This means having windows in the front of the trailer, in the dressing room wall (if applicable), and in the rear curtain doors. This allows air to flow during trailering, keeping your horses as cool as possible. In a slant load trailer, the drop down windows on the head side can be opened with the window grates closed so that the horses can not stick their heads out. There will also be windows on the butt side for some flowing air, and roof vents above each stall for additional help. Finally, a stock trailer will give you the most constant air flow in the summer. As we have discussed previously, not everyone likes the idea of a stock trailer, but their open air style allows a moving trailer to be as cool as possible.

There also some auxiliary options in addition to the construction options. These options are more helpful when the trailer has arrived at its destination, whether it is at a show, a trail ride location, etc. One of the most common is fan installation. Small fans can be installed in each stall of the trailer, and they will run off of the auxiliary power on your vehicle (the same way your trailer interior lights run.) If the fans are not enough, an air conditioner can be installed. The air conditioners must run off of power supplied by electricity at a site or a generator, so they aren't as simple as the fans but provide much more cooling power. In order to keep your horses hydrated, there are now automatic watering systems that allow the horses to fill their own bowl whenever they need a drink. It seems complicated, but doesn't take much training for the horses to figure it out!

Hopefully this information will make your summer adventures even more enjoyable.
Remember, email me at Anthony@congelositrailer-sales.com with any new ideas you have for future articles.
Happy trailering!