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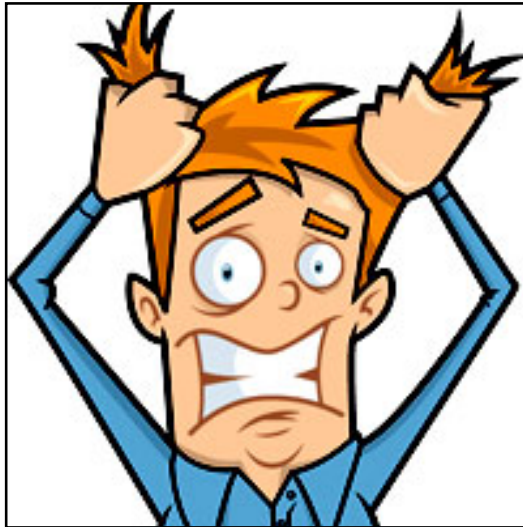
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Newsletter Madness



(iStock Photo Illustration)

As I am reminded almost every day...

I can now tell you in strictest secrecy that the Newsletter had a nervous breakdown and could hardly get out of bed...

let alone put out the Quarterly Newsletter!

But after much work from the psychiatric communities the newsletter told me in a much stronger voice..."Me all vevy, vevy much betta" (he still has problem with those pesky "r" sounds).

WELL....FOR WHAT ITS WORTH, HERE IT IS – THE NEWSLETTER.

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HERDA...The American Quarter Horse's Nightmare

The problem of Hereditary Equine Regional Dermal Asthenia, or HERDA affects many American Quarter Horse owners.

Research performed by the University of California at Davis, CA and Dr. Ann Rashmir-Raven at Michigan State's College of Veterinary Medicine have been instrumental in both discovering the disease's manifestations and what equine bloodlines contribute to the disease's spread.



The symptoms are characterized by severe lesions and scarring along the animals back typically at the age of two or generally when the horse is being broke to the saddle. There is no cure for the condition and horses with the disease are euthanized because they are unable to be ridden and, of course, are not suitable for breeding. Breeding with an infected horse have at lease a 25% chance of producing an infected foal.

Because other skin conditions can mimic the symptoms of HERDA, a DNA test for HERDA has been developed by genetics researchers at Cornell University and is now available to the public. . An additional DNA test is also available from UC Davis that aids the veterinarian in diagnosis. Breeding of carrier horses have a 25% chance of producing an infected animal. Mating between normal and carrier horses will not produce a HERDA foal although 50% of the foals may be carriers.

Dr Ann Rashmir-Raven at the University of Michigan State University's Animal Husbandry Research department have traced possible carriers back as far as the famous "POCO BUENO." There are probably some other famous stallions that may have been the initial carriers.

(Dr Ann Rashmir-Raven, DVM, may be reached at Michigan State's Clinical Sciences, Office of the Dean @ 517-355-1886. Her address is College of Veterinary Medicine, G209 Veterinary Medical Complex, East Lansing, MI 48824-1314. Dr Raven-Rashmir would be a wealth of the latest information plus she's a delight to talk to!)

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SPOTLIGHT On Brian Sosby, Editor & Publisher “Extrodinaire”



(Photo provided by Equestrian Magazine)

Born and raised in Paris, KY, Brian was surrounded by the horse world from birth.

From Thoroughbred racing to equestrian sport, he made good use of his surroundings and soaked in all he could learn.

Combining his love of horses and his educational goals, he became editor of equestrian magazine for the United States Equestrian Federation some seven-plus years ago, after serving as a supporting editor for two years.

Brian attended the University of Kentucky where he studied journalism and advertising, along with minor studies in fine art and marketing. He returned to college three years after receiving his Bachelors degrees and earned a Masters degree in fine art history and theory.

An award-winning writer based in Lexington, Kentucky, Brian has covered both U.S. and international events, including the 2008 Beijing Olympics Games, the 2004 Athens Olympic Games, the 2006 FEI World Equestrian Games from Aachen, Germany, the 2007 Rolex FEI World Cups for Dressage and Jumping from Las Vegas and the 2007 Pan American Games from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

His coverage of equestrian events and feature articles have been widely read by magazine and internet readers around the world. When not writing, editing or producing the Federation’s magazine, Brian finds lots of things to keep him busy. Music and art have been longtime passions of his and he holds a master’s degree in fine art. His other love is visiting his family and new “siblings” — Kodi (a one-year-old 90-pound Boxer/Beagle) and Bella (an eight-month-old 45-pound blonde Labrador).

(Editor’s note: Brian is much too modest but is editor of “Equestrian,” the official publication of The USEF. The Federation is so very fortunate to have such a talented person at the helm of arguably one of the best horse magazines in the world)

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Dave Johnson Appointed Chairman of State Equine Committee

Phoenix, AZ – Maricopa County's Farm Bureau announced Dave Johnson's appointment as Committee Chairman of Arizona State's Equine Advisory Committee.

The committee represents the state's horse and related interests to the American Farm Bureau Association. He was appointed on January 15th, 2009.



(David D. Johnson, with "Who's That" photo by John Beckett)

Mr. Johnson is President of North American Equine Services and has an extensive background, specializing in numerous horse disciplines, breeds and businesses.

During the past 40 years he and NAES have reviewed polo, fox hunting, horse showing in several divisions, horse show managing, stallion and barn management, appraising literally thousands of horses in over 38 separate breeds and disciplines and preparing or testifying in over 500 legal cases; Mr. Johnson is one of the United State's busiest equine litigation specialists.

Johnson will be attending Farm Bureau's National Advisory Commodity conference to be held this year in San Antonio, TX, February 14 through the 20th, 2010. The National Meeting focuses on creating a national agenda to be adopted by Farm Bureau's Board of Directors.

NAES' Web Site Revised



(Home Page Screen Capture courtesy MPI)

Taking advantage of so many new computer assisted systems has aided NAES viewers and clients in knowing more about the horse business.

NAES has been in the forefront of the development of broadly informative web site.

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Now with the creative talent supplied by internationally known MEDIA PEOPLE INTERNATIONAL the site has taken on a much more informative and attractive look.

Every month NAES receives thousands of information requests for state Equine Liability Statutes, state feed lien (often referred to as "Agister") laws, legal contracts (supplied by US Legal Forms). New resources have been added to the Professional Directory:

- Breed Registries and Associations
- Educational Organizations
- Equine Veterinary Schools
- Equine Welfare Organizations
- General Interest Organizations
- Health and Research Organizations
- Libraries and Museums
- Racing Organizations
- Rodeo Organizations
- Show and Sport Organizations
- State Horse Councils
- Trail Organizations

In addition, the site now offers several informative videos and a news feed from the USEF. Updates are made on a monthly basis and we invite you to [visit the NAES site](#) often.

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Dave -

You are correct in stating that it is of extreme importance to receive registration papers whenever you acquire a horse.



(Photo provided by Gail Haskins, Esq. on her dressage horse, Monfort)

In fact, I always add a clause to my client's purchase agreements requiring the seller to execute and deliver the papers to the buyer as part of the purchase/sale transaction as it is not always clear in the law of each state whether purchase of a horse automatically includes the registration papers.

Sincerely,
Gail Haskins, Esq.
Chicago, Illinois

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(Icy - Photo by NAES)

I've been helping Dave fix the goofy Newsletter which has not been easy since it doesn't understand "dog talk"...

(Dave just barely gets it when I think real hard about going outside, dog food, bones and stuff like that).



(Mr. arthur Boy - Photo by NAES)

I have been second around here to the senior bow wow, Mr. Arthur Boy.

He doesn't care much for me but come to think of it he really doesn't care much about anybody but Dave & Kathy.

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About Dave Johnson



(Photo Courtesy NAES)

Dave started NAES more than 17 years ago with an eye to making sure all horse owners and those interested in horses could depend on NAES for the straight scoop on horses and prices.

In addition, Dave is one of the busiest horse activity experts in North America.

Because of his long history of working with so many breeds and disciplines he's called upon to give his opinion in literally hundreds of legal cases and horse appraisals.

Dave is still an active horse show judge and, when time permits, continues teaching at his wife's nationally known stable, Willoway Farm, Inc., in Phoenix, Arizona.

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