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STREAMING VIDEOS TO BE OFFERED ON THE NAES WEB SITE

Videos will be provided free of charge on the NAES web site beginning first part of the fourth quarter, 2008. Three topics will be offered initially.

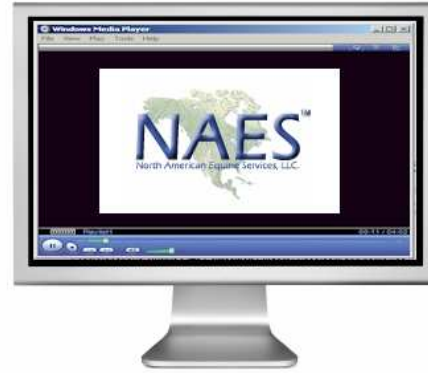
The need for information on horses and related problems has dictated the many areas we'll visually address.

Covered topics will be much broader than our customary "Tips of the Month." NAES welcomes your input on areas that need to be addressed.

The first video will focus on Agister's liens and will aid the stable owner in collecting overdue boarding payments.

The second video will analyze the important steps in filing a lawsuit; (from my non-lawyer experience).

The third video will talk about taking your horse to a show and being aware of the drugs and medication requirements of rating groups, especially the USEF.



REGISTRATION PAPERS

Why Registration Papers for Non-Breeding Horses



Buying a horse for your enjoyment can be lots of fun when done with the help of knowledgeable friends or trainers.

Often, however, the horse purchaser does not realize the importance of registration papers. Always make sure that registration papers are signed over to you by the owner. The papers are critical even in the non-breeding animal.

Should you decide to show your new horse at a breed-specific show, you'll need the signed-over documents in order to be allowed to participate.

In addition, when its time to sell your horse it will be easier to sell with the proper registrations.

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PRE-PURCHASE EXAMS

Why It's not the Job of the Vet to Know the Price

Getting a pre-purchase exam on your new purchase is, of course, absolutely mandatory. It may seem silly to sometimes pay more for the pre-purchase exam than the cost of the animal but in the end you'll appreciate knowing more about the condition of your purchase.

Obviously, your trainer or savvy friend has helped to determine if the horse and you "fit" and the price is right. It's not necessary that the veterinarian know the horse's price since he or she is not your trainer.



The price of the horse should never be a motivating factor in the depth of examination of the subject horse. In other words, if the practitioner has specific concerns then you need to be consulted in order to authorize more and perhaps costly procedures no matter what the base cost is.

SPOTLIGHT ON RAY PAULICK



(Photo courtesy
The Bloodhorse magazine)

One of the most ethical horseman I know is the former Editor-in-Chief, (for 15 years), of the well known magazine, *"The Bloodhorse."*

Ray now has his own website and I would encourage you to sign up for his frequent thoughts on the Thoroughbred racing industry; Ray always "tells it like it is."

Please register to receive his and other prominent horsemen and women's comments at <http://www.paulickreport.com/>

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ICY'S COLUMN

ICY's decided to have me describe the Paws to Read program that has been established throughout the US.

As shown in the picture, the dogs are brought in to school situations where the students read to them. Obviously the dogs don't really understand the youngster's words but they act like they do.



(Viognier and her Navajo student - Picture provided by Pat Policastro)

“VIOGNIER,” the Doberman in this picture, is also a certified Delta Society therapy dog and despite her serious cancer condition, eagerly gets to know and give comfort to the kids and adults.



(VINNY and her friends in Flagstaff, AZ - Picture by Pat Policastro)

In addition, **“VINNY,”** as she's known, goes regularly to the native American Hozhoni Foundation to see the severely handicapped adults. She seemed to know those with the most need and snuggles up to them.



(VINNY and her friend, Chico - Picture provided by Pat Policastro)

Recently, one of her **“patients,”** Chico suffered a fatal seizure; VINNY was visibly upset when she could not find her former friend.

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About Dave Johnson



(Photo by NAES)

Dave started NAES more than 15 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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