KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER. NEWS FOR KANSAS AND THE EQUINE INDUSTRY.







August 2022 EDITION



News, announcements and events from around Kansas, regarding the Kansas equine industry.

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KHC Wishes Everyone a Fun and Safe School Year!!

NEW KHC Benefit in 2022 to add to the many other GREATS!

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2022 Upcoming Events and Calendar

For additional events throughout the year visit: <u>Calendar of Submitted Events</u>

Any questions regarding events, please call us at 785-776-0662

If interested in more information or to register for an event, please email us at director@kansashorsecouncil.com

Calendar of Upcoming Events!

KHC & Affiliate Groups

· September 9-18

· Horses @ Kansas State Fair!

• September 10

· KHC Region 1 High Plains Horseman's Day

October 1

- Region 3 Lake Scott Trail Ride
- Region 2 Onaga Trail Ride

October 8

• KHC & KSU Vet Med present Horse Care

October 15-16

 KHC Region 5 Liberty Clinic with Modern Day Horsemanship's Patrick Sullivan at Saddle & Sirloin Riding Club

December 3

 KHC at the Old Fashioned Parade in Lawrence & KHC Annual Meeting

If you have any questions regarding any upcoming events, please contact our office! Email: director@kansashorsecouncil.com
Phone:785-776-0662

"2021" Horse Care 101

Link for Sign In Instructions if needed:

Click the link here to watch the free webinar series!







Abscesses: A Hole Lot to Understand

Identifying Abscesses, Possible Causes, Pain Indicators, Lameness Eval & At-Home Treatment Options

When: October 8th, 2022

Schedule:

- 9am to II:30pm Lectures/Presentations
- 12pm to 12:30pm Lunch/Q&A
- 12:30pm to 2pm Lab Rotations

Presenters:

- · Dr. Chris Blevins
- Dr. Katie Delph Miller
- · Dr. Matt Wimer

Check out the NEW Boehringer Ingelheim Lecture Hall at K-State Vet Med!

Price & Rewards:

- KHC Member Adult: \$25
- KHC Rewards Points: 3.0 Hours
- Non KHC Member Adult: \$35
- Student & Youth: \$15

Come to HCIOI in the morning and then join us at K-State Animal Sciences Family and Friends Reunion at Stanley Stout Center at 4pm (pre-registration required)

KWHA State Show

Where: Lyons, KS When: September 2 - 4th, 2022

Don't miss your chance to participate! Visit their website for more information regarding the show!!



Best of America by Horseback Trail Ride



BEST OF AMERICA BY HORSEBACK

IS RIDING AT

PERRY LAKE

(Perry State Park Ozawkie, KS)

SEPTEMBER 9-11-2022

Del Shields invites you to come ride with him, and join in on the fun in this beautiful part of Kansas. This horse camp with 40+ miles of trails is a terrific place to spend a weekend making memories with your friends and your horse.

Camping spots are limited, so call in soon. We are excited to highlight this Kansas treasure on RFD TV and we'd love to have you there to be featured as well.

Lots of fun activities throughout the weekend, and Saturday night Dinner with entertainment.

Call 540-829-9555 For Info and Reservations

(Everyone riding with BOABH from June 1, till December 31, is <u>automatically</u>

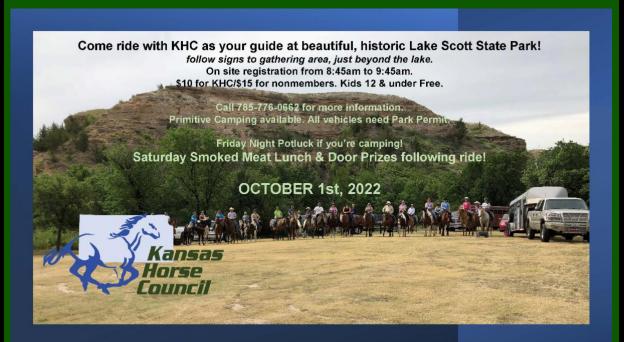
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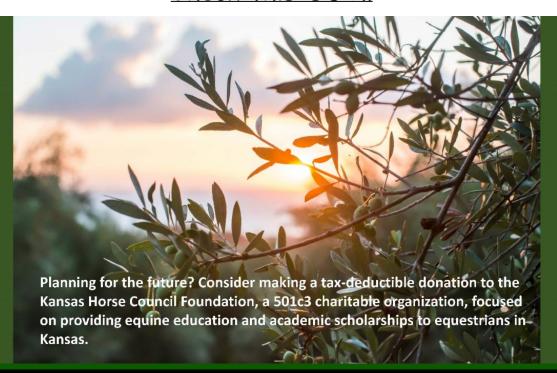
"AMERICA'S FAVORITE TRAIL RIDING SHOW"

Region 3 Trail Ride @ Lake Scott

If you are interested in riding, please click the link below to fill out a registration form. You can also access the registration form via our website. Once filled out, please send to Kansas Horse Council office via email or mail.



Check this OUT!!



Beware of Rattlesnakes!

Many people are unaware of the rattlesnake population that resides in Kansas. As horse owners, lovers, and enthusiasts, it is important to know what to do if ever bitten!

Breah Ungaro, of Durham, KS, was bit on July 23rd. The rattlesnake had bit her 3 times on the leg and within minutes, her leg started to swell. She was rushed to Hillsboro's ER for

antivenom, but was later taken to Wichita for treatments. Breah is currently home, but still has some healing to do!

Here is the link to the full story:

https://fox4kc.com/news/warning-after-durham-woman-bit-by-rattlesnake/

There is a fundraiser going on to help the family with medical expenses and much more! If you would like to donate, click on this link:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/breahs-ride-to-recovery?utm_campaign=p_cp+sharesheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer



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veterinarians are
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Here's how
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EASE THE
STRAIN:



OBSERVE BUSINESS HOURS

Only contact your veterinarian after business hours for true emergencies, not as a matter of convenience.



REVIEWS GO BOTH WAYS

How would you rate yourself as a client? Being a good client creates opportunities for your veterinary team to serve you and your horse better. Things you can do include being receptive and welcoming to veterinarians who are not your regular practitioner — be it the veterinarian on call or a new, young veterinarian. If possible, utilize the same clinic for emergencies and for routine work.



RESPECT YOUR VET'S SMALL BUSINESS

Prompt payment of services rendered is critical to ensure your equine veterinarian's small business remains sustainable.



TELL THEM YOU APPRECIATE THEM

A smile and a thank you go a long way when it comes to letting your veterinarian know how much you appreciate your partnership with them.

BE READY FOR THE VET

Have your horse in from the field and cleaned before your veterinarian arrives. To help keep everyone safe, train your horse to have good ground manners.



NEW- Joint membership with KHC & BCH-KS for you!







NEW FOR 2022 JOINT MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE IN BOTH ORGANIZATIONS

Individual: \$80 (\$15 to BCHA/\$15 to BCH-KS/\$15 to BCH-KS Chapter of Choice/\$20 for insurance/\$15 to KHC)
Family: \$100 (\$20 to BCHA/\$10 to BCH-KS/\$15 to BCH-KS Chapter of Choice/\$40 for insurance/\$15 to KHC)
Message Us to Enroll for 2022!

Trails Advocate Level Individual: \$80 Trails Advocate Level Family: \$100

One enrollment to support two organizations!
Simple and makes sense!

Kansas equestrians deserve a big pat on the back for another impressive year of volunteer work on public trails! Our public land managers and other trail organizations continue to be impressed by the dedication of equestrians to taking care of the trails we love to ride.

BCHKS volunteers reported the following for 2021 - 3,783 hours, with a value of \$259,326 in labor and supplies.

Since BCHKS started keeping track in 2014, equestrian volunteers in Kansas have contributed - 23,000 hours, with a value of \$1,250,943 in labor and supplies!

We do make a difference!

Professional Bull Rider Turned... Eventer?

Check out this amazing story about Travis Atkinson, from Lehi, Utah. He spent 10 years as a professional bull rider until one day, met his dream horse and started eventing!

Click the link below to read his full story!!





SUNFLOWER SLIDE

SEPTEMBER 16, 17 & 18 Domer Arena, Stormont Vail Events Center, Topeka, KS

> <u>sunflowerslidekrha@gmail.com</u> kansasreining.org

Win a \$6,000 Superior Saddlery saddle!!!

Tickets will be limited to increase your chance to win. \$50/ticket.

Contact TJ Bryan 405-808-1125 or Susan Tullock 913-515-4683 to buy tickets.

You can also use PayPal to purchase with the QR code.

Please note your name and indicate raffle ticket in the note.





EDCC Equine Health Survey

Click the button below to take the survey!!



HORSE OWNERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EDCC BIOSECURITY SURVEY

There is always a risk that your horse(s) will become ill due to an infectious disease. Because diseases caused by bacteria and viruses (such as Strangles and Equine Herpesvirus) are prevalent in the horse population, they can have a severe impact on a horse's health and welfare. Although vaccination and current medical therapies can decrease illness, using biosecurity knowledge and techniques is the most effective way to prevent infectious disease and spread. With the support of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Equine Disease Communication Center (learn more about the EDCC) is completing a study to determine the awareness and knowledge of biosecurity in the horse industry. We need your help to determine knowledge and use of biosecurity for your horse(s).

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes with responses collected and tabulated by The Matrix Group, a professional firm with experience conducting qualitative and quantitative research in the equine industry. All the information from this survey will be strictly confidential. The summarized information will be shared with all parts of the horse industry and used to create educational information. The EDCC will use the information to make resources which help owners protect their horses. Please help by participating in the survey (Use this link to take the survey)

Definitions:

Horse: Defined as any equid (horses, ponies, donkeys, mules)

Non-Resident horse: A horse on the property for less than 30 days

Infectious disease: Infectious diseases are disorders caused by organisms such as bacteria, viruses, fungi or parasites. Infectious diseases can be passed from horse to horse, transmitted by insects or caused by consuming contaminated food or water or being exposed to organisms in the environment.

Biosecurity: A set of management and physical measures designed to reduce the risk of introduction, establishment and spread of animal diseases, infections or infestations to, from and within an animal population.

Isolation or Isolate: Horses separated from other horses with no opportunity for direct contact.

Disease outbreak: A disease outbreak is the occurrence of disease cases in excess of what is normally expected.

Kansas Horse Council Specialty License Plate

Kansas Horse Council license plates are available at your local County Treasurer's office. You don't have to be a member to sport one, on your car, truck or trailer! Show your love of horses with this colorful statement plate!

KHC License Plate Info





Mongol Derby - Support the Kansas Contestants!

Julie Wolfert, of Chaps Equestrian Center in Kansas City, and Renee Senter are currently competing in Mongolia for a chance at the title of Champion in the Mongol Derby. This eventing race is as tough as they come! Currently on Day 7, Julie is a powerhouse within the race.

Click the link below to read the full article and follow the progress of these two ladies!!





BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF KANSAS

What's the best way to stay informed of BCHKansas news and activities?

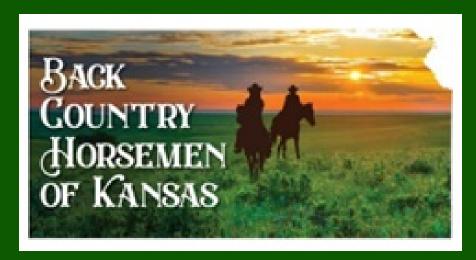
Follow Facebook.

There are several Facebook pages set up to keep BCHKansas members and all equestrians up-to-date on activities on several of our public trails. Here's a list:

Back Country Horsemen of America Kansas Chapter Sunflower Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Kansas Saddle Ridge Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Kansas Tuttle Creek Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Kansas Saddle Ridge Chapter Big Hill Lake Riders Friends of Randolph State Park Friends of Rockhaven Park Let's Ride—Perry Lake Kanza Rail Trails Conservancy

Receive notifications of workdays or see reports on trails-maintenance or campground improvements. Join in on workdays whenever possible!

Follow the <u>www.bchkansas.com</u> website.
Encourage a new member to join BCHKS and be entered into an end-of-year drawing.





Ag Summit Evaluates Growth For Kansas Equine Sector By Frank J. Buchman

Horses are an important part of the animal industry in Kansas. Thus, the 2022 Kansas Ag Summit dedicated

one program to the Kansas Equine Sector. The public program was sponsored by the Kansas Department of Agriculture in Manhattan, where Sammy Gleason introduced the session. "Historically, horses were a significant part of the original cattle ranching infrastructure in Kansas," Gleason said. "Although no data completely identifies the number of horses in Kansas, horses remain an important part of the state's animal industry."

Justine Staten, executive director of the Kansas Horse Council, served as moderator for the Kansas Ag Summit Equine Sector panel. "Opportunity exists to significantly expand support for the horse industry in Kansas," Staten emphasized. Horses serve many purposes across the state from pleasure and competition to work uses. "To fully realize the horse industry's potential requires increased focus on the challenges that currently prevent growth," Staten said. "Many challenges can be overcome with input and discussion among key partners committed to long-term strategic growth," Staten continued.

Keith Kleine, American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) official, also heads the Foundation for the Horse. "Supporting education, research, and benevolence, the Foundation for the Horse wants every horse, everywhere, cared for and respected," Kleine said. "We are dedicated to improving horse health and well-being, relying on expertise of world-renowned caregivers and researchers in identifying needs." Horses are suffering in the war-torn Ukraine, according to Kleine. "The Foundation is working to provide feed, veterinary services, and equipment for Ukrainian horses," he said. "Most of the 2,000 horses are stabled with accessibility quite difficult

although safety is utmost concern for horses and services. "Please join us as we bring our vision of improving the welfare of horses to life," Kline encouraged. Billy Smith representing U.S. Livestock Genetics Exports (USLGE) briefly discussed opportunities for equine genetics exports. "Our mission is to better serve world markets with superior horse genetics from leading, progressive horse breeders," Smith said. "We represent international marketing interests of the horse breeding industry." Members include the embryo and semen industries, livestock export sector, and Departments of Agriculture. "We match international producers with sources in the United States that offer genetics with superior credentials," Smith

said. "This unique broad-based team offers you more sources for superior

performance-oriented genetics than any other group in the world." Amateur status of horse show exhibitors has become a controversial issue among all horse breed associations. Smith joined Ward Stutz, American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), and Tom O'Mara, United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), discussing the problem. Briefly, Smith pointed out, "Youth ages 6 to 10 decide their lifetime sports and athletic interest. Horses are one option, but there is a shortage of knowledgeable horse people to guide youth in that direction." AQHA's Stutz said, "There is a shortage of lesson givers. Those competing in amateur competition are not allowed to be compensated for helping this younger generation." USEF's O'Mara pointed out prospective rule changes allowing amateurs to provide introductory horsemanship lessons to youth and adults. "There has been rebuttal among horse professionals," O'Mara admitted. "But exactly what is or who is a professional, a trainer, a judge, and/or a horse show secretary? "Horse associations must modify their definition of amateur, so we don't lose horse enthusiasts for the future," O'Mara demanded. "Amateurs helping create more involvement in showing horses will be an asset to professional trainers rather than a deterrent. They will have more customers in the long run."

Kansas State Fair General Manager, Bryan Schulz, discussed the newest facility upgrades finished at the fairgrounds in Hutchinson. "Our Expo Center, that's our equestrian center," Schulz said. "We did about a \$1.3 million renovation on that building. New roof, new heat, new side panels, new insulation, new lighting. "I mean, it looks fantastic in there," Schulz boasted. "Obviously, there are little things that we need that weren't in the budget. We're going to be working on them in the next couple of years. A new sound system should be going in there shortly."

An equine unit and ag competition complex to be identified as the K-State Animal Sciences Gateway is planned at Manhattan. Kerry Wefald, K-State Foundation; Michael Day, Animal Sciences Department head; and Justin Janssen, Livestock & Meat Industry Council, briefed the blueprint. "This will be a two-part, 100-percent philanthropically-funded facility enhancement project," Wefald verified. "It will feature a multi-species arena as well as a modern horse unit," Day clarified. "They will support teaching, research, youth and Extension efforts in equine and livestock sciences." Janssen insisted: "The Animal Sciences Gateway is to serve as a recruitment showcase for K-State. It will be an economic boost for Manhattan and the Flint Hills region."

Ross Peddicord, Maryland Horse Industry Board, and Anne Litz, Maryland Department of Agriculture, talked about that state's Horse Discovery Centers. Their program is considered a model for growth of the Kansas horse industry. "The Maryland Horse Industry Board launched a statewide network of 35 Horse Discovery Centers in 15 counties during April 2015," Peddicord said. "It has grown each year and now has 42 Horse Discovery Centers in 18 counties." According to Litz, "These centers are part of a volunteer, certified program of already existing licensed stables. They welcome the general public of all ages and experience to learn about horses in a knowledgeable and friendly environment." Breadth and diversity of the stables in the Discovery Center network is wide and deep, Peddicord emphasized. "They range from trail riding centers to Western riding and English equitation to horse rescues and stables offering summer camps."

A summary of the 2021 Kansas Equine Impact Economic Study was reviewed by Staten with complex details available at www.kansashorsecouncil.com.

An equine sector poll conducted last year indicated these six priorities in order. Adding/Improving Equine Expo Infrastructure. Appointing Kansas Equine Extension

Specialist. Restoring Federal Appropriations For USDA. Defining Horses As Livestock For All State Departments; Providing Trail Support In The Flint Hills To Dickinson County. Establish An Equine Checkoff Program.





2021 Equine Sector Poll Results	
Adding/Improving Equine Expo Infrastructure	1st Place
Appointing Kansas Equine Extension Specialist	2nd Place
Restoring Federal Appropriations for USDA	3rd Place
Defining Horses as Livestock for ALL State Departments	4th Place
Providing Trail Support - Flint Hills to Dickinson County	5th Place
Est. an Equine Checkoff Program	6th Place
Other ideas:	7th Place

Kansas Horse Council Rewards Programs

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To link & register your rewards card click here: Dillons Rewards Link and log into your existing account. Search for Kansas Horse Council or enter our NPO number, KS920 and click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a *Rewards Card. *You must have a registered Dillons Food Stores rewards card account to link the Community Rewards program to Kansas Horse Council. (Cards are available for FREE at any Dillon's customer service desk.) SHOP: Purchases will not count towards rebates for KHC until you register your rewards card and link to Kansas Horse Council here: DILLON'S REWARDS LINK Registered Rewards Cards must be swiped at checkout or use your phone number registered with your Rewards Card when shopping for purchases to count. This program does not affect your Fuel Points balance. Points will still accumulate for your personal use. Rebate program is based on purchases at Dillon's stores payable to Kansas Horse Council as a Non-Profit Organization. Thank you for your continued support to the voice of equine enthusiasts in Kansas!

AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM:

Kansas Horse Council Foundation (Scholarship Fund) is also now enrolled in

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New Answers About the Assateague's Horses

Most every one within the horse industry has read, heard, or seen the movie about "Misty of Chincoteague". These horses, also known as Assateague's Horses, arrived mysteriously on an island just off the shores of Maryland. No one has any idea what happened or how they got there... until now. Scientists now have new evidence to support their theories of how the horses came to this island.

All they needed was a tooth...

To read the full story about these amazing animals, click the links below!

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Healthy Broodmares Can Raise Foals Every Year

By Frank J. Buchman

"Is it advisable to breed a mare year after year?" Most horse breeders continue to breed their mares every year because foals pay the bills. Yet, there are some who consider that stressful even harmful to the mare, claimed Dr. Katherine Joos, equine reproductive specialist.

"I find no reason not to breed a mare back year after year," said Dr. Joos of Gainesville, Texas. "That is as long as the mare is able to maintain a healthy weight while nursing a foal," she clarified.

Whether a mare carries a foal every year or every other year does not affect the foal's quality, the veterinarian insisted. "In my experience, mares tend to cycle more consistently and normally when bred every year," Dr. Joos said. Therefore, with no uterine trauma or other health problem, she prefers that a mare be bred to carry every year. "In fact, I recommend that embryo donor mares carry a foal every three to four years," Dr. Joos said. "It helps them maintain normal cervical function."

In that regard, the American Association of Equine Practitioners leader recommended embryo transfers for old mares. "It is easier on a 20-year-old mare than carrying a foal," she said. "At this age, likelihood the mare develops placental insufficiency is much higher," said Dr. Joos from North Texas Equine Veterinary

Service. However, many mares carry foals into their twenties with no problems. "In my opinion, it is more important to consider the overall health of the mare," Dr. Joos continued. "That's more important rather than just her age when deciding whether or not to allow her to carry a foal."





Visit our Kansas Equestrian Parks! RIDE Kansas!



Saddle Up and RIDE Kansas! Visit our Kansas Department of Wildlife and U.S. Corps. of Engineers equestrian facilities. Visiting and riding or camping shows support of our parks, and keeps them open for future use and possible funding of improvements. Always leave only hoofprints behind. Share our multi-use trails. Call before you haul if in doubt before your visit. KDWP State Parks info.



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Trail info is also available online here:
Public Trails in
Kansas





