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September 2017 Newsletter

Don't Miss HorseCare 101, October 7th! **SAVE THE DATE** for a day full of educational activities and workshops sponsored by the Kansas Horse Council and the KSU College of Veterinary Medicine! Registration materials are available under the Events Tab-HC 101



We'd like to thank our friends at Better Horses for helping to connect the equine industry with important news in a timely manner. Ernie and Dawn are great hosts and have allowed time on the podcast and radio show to present the facts on Equine Infectious Anemia in KS. Ernie invited from the KS Division of Animal Health, Dr. Justin Smith, Animal Health Commissioner and Dr. Sara McReynolds, Assistant Animal Health Commissioner to come on the show and speak about the prevention and current issues with Equine Infectious Anemia. Here are some Points for Prevention and Control of EIA:

There is no approved vaccine for EIA in the United States. In order to prevent infection, follow these guidelines:

- * Practice good fly control by regular mucking of stalls, proper disposal of manure away from horse stabling areas and use of fly sprays or natural predators to minimize fly presence.
- * Use a sterile needle and syringe for all injections or treatments.
- * Disinfect any surgical or dental equipment thoroughly between horses. Remove all debris and blood with soap and water before disinfection.
- * Only administer commercially licensed blood products.
- * Use a sterile needle each time when puncturing a multi-dose medication bottle. Consult a veterinarian to demonstrate how to use sterile technique when drawing up medications.
- * Require proof of a recent negative Coggins test at time of purchase or for new horses entering the premises. Require an EIA test for horses which have spent time at a premises where EIA-positive horses have been identified.
- * Only participate in events that require evidence of a negative Coggins test for every horse entering the event to prevent disease introduction and spread.
- * Separate horses with fevers, reduced feed intake and/or lethargy from your other horses and contact your veterinarian.

Additionally, here are some Q&A's from discussions about Coggins requirements:

FAQs and TALKING POINTS:

Q) Why should Coggins testing be done if we are just going down the road to a local show or exhibition with my friends. We've had our horses around each other all the time and nobody has gotten sick.

A) Requiring horses to have a negative Coggins ensures that all horses arriving at the show and being in close proximity of each other are indeed negative. Keep in mind that infected horses may not even show clinical signs.

Q) If I require proof of negative Coggins for our event, do I have to hire a veterinarian to check paperwork?

A) No. A veterinarian is not required to check the paperwork. However, whoever is assigned to check the paperwork needs to have an appreciation for the information contained within the document to insure that the Coggins is valid.

Q) The chance of my horse getting infected is minimal, I am vigil about feeding good food, I use fly spray and de-wormer regularly and I don't go very many places with other horses. I might just go out on a trail every now and then. Why should I spend the money for Coggins testing?

A) Indeed the chance of your horse getting infected is minimal. Unfortunately, close proximity to any horse does allow for potential spread of the disease should one be positive.

Q) What if I require Coggins for our small show and nobody has theirs done, A, they don't have time to get it done or B, they don't want to spend money on one because they've spent so much on other expenses related to showing and trailering, so then the turnout is poor because it is now required?

A) Requiring all horses at an exhibition to be negative for Coggins ensures that no equine at that location is positive and therefore putting other horses at risk. I would look at this as protecting my own horse.

Any horse arriving out of state is required to be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and a negative Coggins within the last 12 months. The decision to require a negative Coggins test for intrastate horses arriving at the show is dependent upon show authorities.

Q) Who cares? Why is it even an issue? Are we creating crisis where there is nothing critical to be concerned with?

A) The chance of your horse becoming infected is extremely low. Unfortunately, should your horse become infected- no cure exists. Clinical signs can be severe to nonexistent. By regularly testing horses we are ensuring EIA doesn't become established in the population.

Q) My horse is just a backyard buddy. Do I need to have a Coggins test done?

A) If your horse never leaves your property, there are no horses moving on or off the

premises and no horses are residing within 200 yards, then testing would not be a priority.

For more information, go to www.agriculture.ks.gov/EIA

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- Explaining the issue through presentations at industry gatherings, including horse association meetings, conferences, symposiums, and horse fairs

Operation Gelding Clinic at Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue November 11, 2017 Sedan, KS





Saddle & Sirloin welcomes the Kansas Horse Council for a Fall Trail Ride October 28, 2017

- 1 pm Be saddled up and ready to ride Saddle & Sirloin’s trails through rolling hills, woods, streams, and meadows. Horseshoes or hoof boots recommended.
- 4:45pm Halloween Parade—prizes for best horse & rider costumes; followed by Hot Dog Roast with all the fixins’ (and s’mores!). Door Prizes!!

Saddle & Sirloin, 14401 Holmes Rd, KC, MO 64145

(Follow signs to parking area; primitive overnight camping available - pens \$15)



**\$10/KHC Members;
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Contact the KHC Office for registration form:

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KANSAS NEWS

Noose Release (get it?) From Ron Wilson, Poet Lariat

Kansas Horse Council member will host new television show featuring western performers.

A new television show featuring Kansas western musicians and cowboy history will be hosted by Ron Wilson, a Riley County rancher and Kansas Horse Council member.

"I'm honored to highlight these talented musicians and cowboy poets whose work celebrates the values and spirit of the west in rural America," Wilson said.

The show is titled *Cowboy Up*, a celebration of the American Cowboy. Each week the show will feature western musicians, cowboy poets, and western history.

The half-hour show will be broadcast at 12 noon each Sunday on Cox cable television systems across Kansas, plus selected independent cable television systems, subject to local programming changes. Cox viewers should check their program guides for details. The show begins in September and will be shown weekly. The show is estimated to be available to 180,000 households across the state.

The show is produced by a Topeka video production company named Farming Unlimited/Trinity Marketing Group, which also produces *Doc Talk*, *AG am* in Kansas, and other television shows.

"It is important to honor and share the western heritage of rural Kansas," Wilson said.

For questions, call Ron Wilson, Poet Lariat, at 785-532-8092 or email at

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Seeking a Foundation Chairperson to take the reins! After 5 years, our esteemed Chair, Theresa Peddicord is "retiring". If you are energetic, organized, and have a philanthropic heart, we need YOU. This is a volunteer position responsible for overseeing and managing the Silent Auction at Equifest which is the primary fundraiser for the Kansas Horse Council Scholarships Program, providing \$14,000 this past year to applicants who are going into their first year of college and some who are returning to college. Cumulatively over the years, the KHC Scholarships Program has awarded over \$108,000 to qualifying applicants. The Scholarships are presented at the annual awards banquet in June. If you are interested in more information, please contact: Justine Staten, director@kansashorsecouncil.com or by phone, 785-776-0662.

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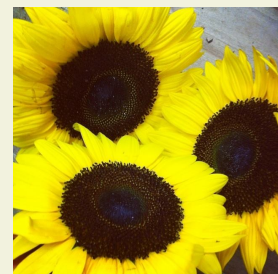
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