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STROLLER

The Olympic Wonder Pony

Every little girl dreams of taking her very first pony to the Olympics, but for Marion Coakes Mould, it was no dream.

He was small. Just 14.1 hands high.

A pony in a world built for giants, where thoroughbreds and warmbloods ruled the rankings, the arenas, and the dreams of glory.

But Stroller didn't know that.

He jumped like he was born to fly.

He soared as if he were ten feet tall.

And nothing could stop him.

By his side was Marion Mould, a young British rider with determination in her eyes and a dream in her heart. Together, they were a pair that didn't fit the mold: too small, too light, too improbable to challenge the towering giants of world show jumping.

But sometimes, the improbable becomes legendary.

In 1968, at the Mexico City Olympic Games, Marion and Stroller were writing a fairy tale that would echo through history.

Against all odds, against all expectations, they won the individual silver medal in show jumping.

An achievement never seen before, never repeated: the only pony in Olympic history to stand on the podium.

The world fell in love.

With that bay gelding, ears pricked, eyes alert, and a heart too big to measure.

He leapt fences taller than himself as if they were nothing, as if he knew he was doing something extraordinary.

And maybe... he did.

But even fairy tales have shadows.

And even legends, sometimes, fall.

When it came time for the team event, the tension rose. The course was feared by all: higher, wider, more brutal than any before.

A mountain of obstacles.

Marion knew it would be a battle.

But she still believed.

And so did Stroller.

They started strong, clean, determined, brave.

Until they faced one towering jump... and disaster struck.

Stroller slipped.

And fell.

A stunned silence fell over the arena.

Britain's team hopes crashed to the ground.

They were disqualified.

Not for lack of talent.

Not for lack of heart.

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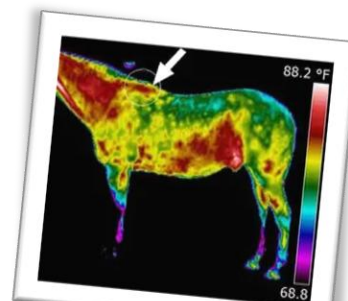
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The EquiOptimus horse inflammation detector is a handheld thermal imaging tool designed to help horse owners quickly identify areas of heat, strain or emerging inflammation. Using infrared technology, it captures real-time temperature differences across the horse's body., highlighting red hotspots where discomfort, soreness or swelling may be developing. The device isolates elevated heat zones, such as the flank and hindquarter region, to provide clarity on where your horse may be experiencing discomfort.

Built with equine use in mind, this device blends visible and infrared images to make readings easy to understand, even for first time users. The lightweight, ergonomic design makes scanning simple during grooming, warm-ups, cool downs, or routine barn checks. With a long-range temperature window and high-sensitivity sensor, it helps trainers and owners track changes over time and respond early – before issues escalate.



Key features

- 2.4 TFT Full-View Display shows high-contrast thermal images with easy-to-read color palettes, ideal for barn or clinic environments.
- Dual Image Fusion merges visible and infrared imaging so you can clearly match heat readings to the exact location on the horse's body.
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- Rechargeable Li-ion power provides cable free use around the barn with stable battery performance for multiple scans.
- 90-day money back guarantee

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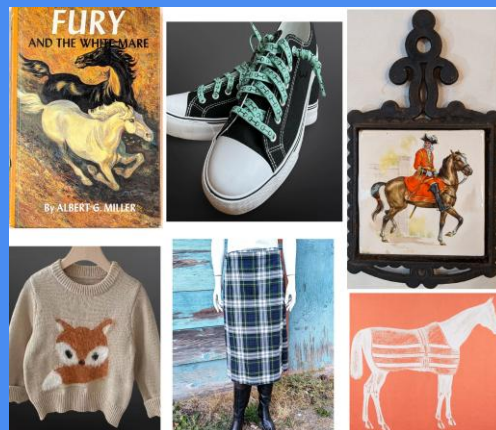


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New Items for January



**My husband and I
both have a cold.**

The only
difference is
I'm mucking the
stalls and he's
dying.

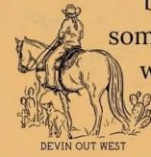
**“Running a farm
is like trying to run a
marathon... in quicksand...
while juggling some fairly
angry cats.”**

@borninthebarn

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BARN MATH

When you have four
horses and 47
blankets...
somehow all the
wrong size.



**Ponyowners be
like...**



Winter is hard.
You should probably get horses
and make it even harder.



sometimes I look at my
horses and shove ulcer
meds in my own mouth



EVERYONE POSTING HOLIDAY PICS...



**...SO HERE'S MY CARIBBEAN CRUISE
EATING MY COLORADO SKI TRIP.**



I know exactly you're thinking !
That fence could do with a paint

JUMPING HORSE FOR SALE

@horsestupid



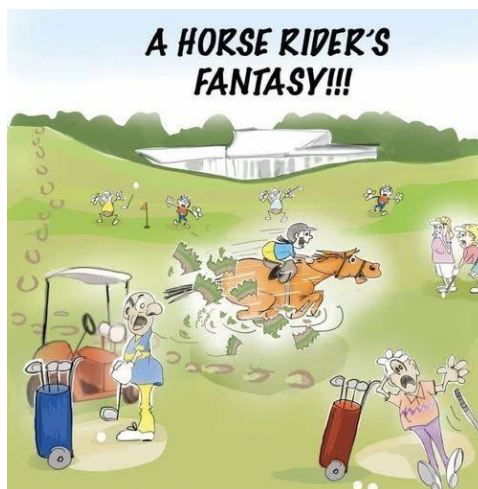
**NOT BROKE, BUT JUMPED OUR
PASTURE FENCE ONCE AND CLEARED IT**

If I don't come back,
tell my horse I loved
them... but not their field.



JUST HORSE
RIDERS

**A HORSE RIDER'S
FANTASY!!!**



**YOU CAN ONLY CHOOSE
2 SMELLS**

- 1: Opening a new bag of grain
- 2: Horse sweat
- 3: Fresh shavings
- 4: Clean leather tack
- 5: Freshly cut alfalfa in the field
- 6: Just before a rainstorm
- 7: Groomed arena dirt
- 8: A bag of peppermints
- 9: Citronella fly spray
- 10: Bathing conditioner
- 11: Pine on a mountain trail ride

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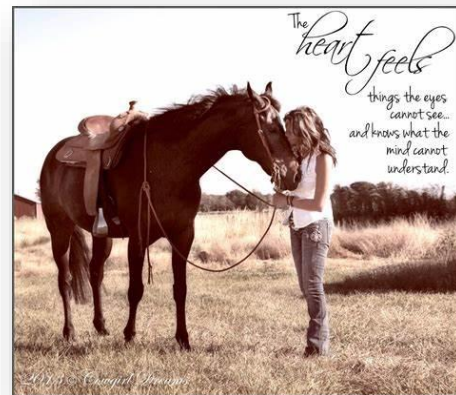
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Summary for 11/01/2025 - 11/30/2025

69 alerts posted reporting on 79 confirmed cases

Ordered by State:

Disease	State	Confirmed
Equine Herpesvirus-1/Neurologic	Alabama	2
	Arizona	1
	Colorado	1
	Louisiana	1
	Maryland	1
	New Mexico	1
	Oklahoma	5
	Pennsylvania	2
	South Dakota	1
	Texas	18
Equine Herpesvirus-1/Respiratory	Arizona	1
	Colorado	1
	Ohio	1
	Oklahoma	1
	Pennsylvania	1
	Texas	5
	Washington	2
Equine Infectious Anemia	Alabama	1
	North Dakota	1
	Texas	1
Equine Influenza	Nebraska	1
	North Dakota	1
	Ohio	1

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<http://equinediscomcc.org>

Equine Parvovirus	Virginia	1
Pigeon Fever	Idaho	1
Strangles	Alabama	1
	Maryland	1
	Michigan	1
	Ontario	1
West Nile Virus	Idaho	1
	Oklahoma	4
	Tennessee	2
	Texas	2

For the current status on CEM, please see:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/keyword-poultry-disease/equine/contagious-equine-metritis>

Nutrition Corner

Feeding Horses with Special Needs

Many studies have proven a direct link between diet and disease in horses. Moreover, research shows many maladies have a nutritional component, meaning adjusting the diet can improve the condition. Here we'll describe feeding practices that can help—or hinder—horses with some common diseases.

1. Gastric Ulcers Unlike humans, horses continuously secrete digestive enzymes and acidic juices in the stomach, including hydrochloric acid—a compound corrosive to eyes, skin, and mucous membranes. Horses have evolved to consume small amounts of fiber-based feeds around the clock, justifying this constant gastric fluid production. Offering free-choice forage helps prevent ulcers because fiber helps buffer the acidity. Otherwise, in the absence of feedstuffs to digest, gastric juices have nothing but the stomach lining itself to break down, leaving it inflamed, eroded, and ulcerated.

Alfalfa This and other legume hays are valuable sources of protein and calcium, making them particularly effective at buffering the stomach from its own acidic contents. Researchers have shown feeding alfalfa can help prevent and manage gastric ulcers

What not to feed: Feeds high in NSC (Non-structural carbs) increase VFA (volatile fatty acids) which can damage the mucus lining on the gut; Low fiber diets; Straw.

2. Respiratory Problems certain dietary adjustments can also help horses breathe easier. **What to feed: Fresh Grass** One of the advantages of fresh pasture is it generally contains high levels of two important antioxidants: beta-carotene (a vitamin A precursor) and vitamin E, which is known to prevent inflammation. Soaked or Steamed Hay is beneficial as well.

What not to feed: Round Bales, which are notorious for being dusty in the middle; Hay directly on the dirt ground which increases dust inhalation; Pro-inflammatory ingredients, diets that are high in some types of fat may be high in omega-6 fatty acids that are more pro-inflammatory than omega-3 fatty acids. Cereal grains such as corn and oats contain much higher levels of omega-6 than omega-3, a ratio conducive to inflammation. In a horse with inflamed airways, it's vital to ensure the diet contains more antioxidants than pro-inflammatory agents.

If the horse is consuming plenty of fresh grass and receiving concentrates, his antioxidant status is probably good. However, if hay is his main forage source, adding a ration balancer fortified with trace minerals or a vitamin supplement that provides at 500 to 1,000 IU of vitamin E per day might be beneficial for antioxidant intake.

WILDWOOD FARM AND TRIPLE CROWN FEEDS.

Our partnership with Triple Crown began in 2014 through a promotion with the USEF encouraging farm members to compare their current feeding programs with Triple Crown products. We have found the TC products to be superior to other products primarily because of the EquiMix technology and the research support of a leading-edge team including independent representatives of Equine Universities, Medical clinics and top-level riders and trainers

MEET GRANDANCER

In January of 2014, we were contacted by a local small boarding facility that there were a couple of school horses available from an owner who had to move out of state.

The two horses were a 23yr old Morgan gelding with the simple name "Morgan" and a 22-yr old Appaloosa mare they called Dancer. Both had experience being used in children's programs and used on trails. Morgan was about 14.1 and a cute little bay; Dancer was 15.2 hands and a strawberry roan.

When we went to go and look at these horses, we took one of our more experienced students with us so we could see how they responded to children, albeit an experienced one. Honestly, we really wanted a gelding as we found they were much easier to manage and weren't nearly as moody. But we kept our options open because every horse is different.

The stable we were going to did not have a big arena but had a flat, grassy area we could use to put the horses through their paces. We started with Morgan:



Very cute and bouncy, but a little needy and did not like to be away from the other horses, even though they were just in the next paddock. This can usually be fixed with time and routine, but he did not make the best first impression.

When it came to Dancer, however, she was a solid citizen. She could have cared less what all the other horses were doing, she was the matriarch and she knew it. Right then and there we decided her name was Grandma, or Grandancer to be official. She had more training than most of our school horses and she was kind; she had a great work ethic and intuitiveness with the rider. She was respectful and patient. She was a little stiff, but really in great condition for her age. The decision was simple: Grandma was coming home with us! She proved to be an amazing lesson horse though she slowed down quite a bit when she hit 25. She has students that loved her for the rest of her life, she passed at age 29.

Horse Word Search

Name: Date:

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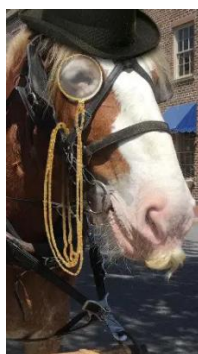
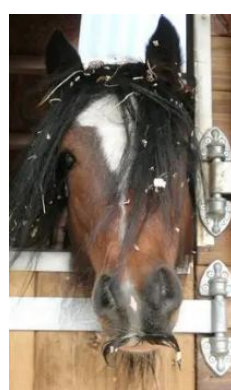
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Cool	Funny	Beautiful	Pretty	Walk	Gallop
Dressage	Jewel	Merlin	Horses	Free	Filly
Hay	Rear	Foal	Riding	Hoof	Gold
Tail	Eat	Mane	Pony	Flowers	Wild
Buck	Trot	Grass	Tack	Coat	Manure

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We celebrate these Birthdays in January!

Dave Van Kampen January 13th, Robin Foster January 26th, Richard
 Chong January 28th, Mia January 1st, Mara January 26th

MOST FABULOUS HORSE MUSTACHES!



Florence, Arizona

Tom Mix Monument

At an isolated roadside rest area stands a monument marking where famous Western star Tom Mix died in 1940.



Situated midway between Florence and Oracle Junction, Arizona, deep in the heart of the Sonoran Desert, is a remote roadside park containing a monument to cowboy, actor, and Western star Tom Mix.

About a 100 yards or so to the south of the marker, on October 12, 1940, Mix wrecked his Cord automobile in the nearby wash while driving at a high speed. The crash cost him his life, though accounts from the time vary as to the exact cause of his death.

Mix's fans were heartbroken and decided to erect a monument to their beloved star. Ever since this monument has caught the eye of motorists passing by on Arizona State Highway 79; there's even a geocache placed at the site in the Western star's honor.

One of the covered picnic tables next to the monument displays memorabilia about Mix, copies of newspaper accounts of his death, and a register for guests to sign. Just down the road (to the south), the desert wash where Mr. Mix died is aptly named Tom Mix Wash.

Know Before You Go

The monument and roadside park is located on the west side of Arizona State Highway 79 (a.k.a. Pinal Pioneer Parkway) between mile markers 115 and 116.

The Abyssinian Horse



The Abyssinian horse has its roots in the ancient kingdom of Abyssinia, now modern-day Ethiopia. This breed is believed to have been developed from horses brought to Africa by traders and invaders from the Middle East and Europe. Historically, Abyssinian horses were highly valued for their agility and endurance, often used in warfare and as symbols of status among Ethiopian royalty. They were exported to other countries, including England, in the 19th century, where they gained popularity. The Abyssinian horses wandered along the mountainous, as well as, in other parts of Ethiopia, Africa for hundreds of decades. Another name for the Abyssinian horse is Gala, Ethiopian, or an Oromo horse. This breed or type of horse is found mainly in the northern region of Ethiopia. They are spotted in the Amhara Region, in Gondar, and also in the Semien Mountains. The breed is heavy in its belly, sway-backed, and poorly conformed. It is also regarded as one of the oldest horse breeds in the world.

The horse's tail and mane are sparse. The coat of this horse is usually harsh and short; it is unique as it features a ridges and rosettes pattern. Its coat expands in swirls and points in various directions. As such, it is not an easy task to keep it clean, groomed, and brushed properly. Several breeders in the United Kingdom have tried to improve this uncommon pattern. These horses are also renowned for a tuft of hair or mustache around their noses. Also, green eyes are common in an Abyssinian because of their rare genes. The average height is 14 hands.

The Abyssinian breed has spread from the African country of Ethiopia along the Red Sea's coastline. Today, you can find them in all areas around the Red Sea. Although its bloodline has been diluted with various other horse breeds, they still continue to have certain Abyssinian traits. This breed of horse is an animal that can easily live and work in hot weather. These horses are also comfortable working in mountainous areas. They are used for different types of activities; these include pleasure riding and show jumping among others. The beauty of these horses is that they are equipped to work for longer durations and even with minimum food. These horses are known to have a very strong and calm mindset for working. It is their willingness to slog for longer durations that makes them truly unique.

Abyssinians are known to exhibit several beautiful traits such as willingness to work hard, agility, endurance, and strength. As such, they are regarded as good horses even for beginners.

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But because fate, at times, is cruel, even to those who deserve the stars.

Marion rushed to his side.

Stroller stood back up. Shaken, but unharmed.

The medal was not meant to be.

But the legacy?

Unshakable.

Because heroes aren't measured only by victories.

They're measured by how high they soar and how bravely they rise after the fall.

Stroller wasn't built to win silver.

He was built for something greater:

To inspire.

To move hearts.

To remind us all that limits are made to be broken and that greatness comes in all shapes, all heights, all hooves.

To the little pony who touched the sky, and to the girl who believed he could.

Mexico may remember the medals.

But the world, the world remembers Stroller.



Nearly lost to the blurry black and white memories of another era, Stroller lives on for many as the go-to answer whenever anyone asks, "How tall does my horse need to be to move up the levels as a jumper?" At just 14.2 hands, Stroller was positively born to defy the odds.

Marion and Stroller met in 1960, when she was 13 and he was 10. She had been raised in a family rabid for jumping (her two older brothers were already members of the British junior show jumping team) but had to first prove her pluck as a 3-year-old on the family's smaller ponies and go up from there. Her first regular partner was a pony named Music, with whom she regularly won all the 13.2 and 14.2 junior pony classes. It was at the Wembley Finals, in fact, where she was showing and winning her classes with Music handily, that she and her father first came upon Stroller.

According to Marion's memoir of her early days with Stroller, her father Ralph was anxious about seeing his daughter disappear behind giant solid fences, and only seeing her and the 13.1 Music when they reappeared safely on the other side of the fence. Perhaps she was ready for something just one hand taller. Ralph thought Stroller's good breeding (Thoroughbred/Connemara cross) and small but lovely frame had the makings of a nice junior jumper pony for his daughter, but Marion had the last say. She couldn't say no to Stroller.

"He hadn't achieved anything outstanding but was such a lovely pony, plucky and handsome with the look of a real winner."

Right away, the two were a ferociously brave match, and a force to be reckoned with around the British junior show circuit. When Marion turned 16 in 1963, her father thought it was high time to get his rising star daughter a bigger horse. Marion did have some good success with a "promising bay" named Summer Shandy and her older brother's horse, Little Fellow, but Marion wouldn't hear of turning over Stroller to another junior rider, and his scope and talent continued to produce wins. The matter of ending her ride on Stroller was dropped.

In the senior division, the pair didn't slow down a bit; Marion and Stroller won the Queen Elizabeth II Cup at the Royal International Horse Show and three Nations Cup events in her second year in the senior division. They then tackled the Hickstead Derby, one of the most grueling, imposing, and legendary show jumping courses in the world. The mighty little pair won their Derby Trial round and then placed second to Seamus Hayes in the Derby final. Great Britain — and soon the world — wouldn't be able to dismiss the girl and her pony for much longer.

In 1965, Marion rode Stroller to a gold medal in the Ladies World Championship, and two years later came back and claimed her rightful spot atop the Hickstead Derby throne.

She had the nation's attention, and in 1968, represented Great Britain on the show jumping team and as an individual at the Olympics in Mexico City.

It was a bizarre year for all the equestrians at the Olympics, as many horses had a difficult time adjusting to the high altitude and moody climate of the Games' location. Moreover, it was going to be a grueling challenge for the show jumpers: The initial round had 17 efforts in a vast arena to be covered in a blazing 96 seconds, and only four of those initial 87 rounds were within the time. The second course was intended to be more like a puissance, and the imposing central fence was 1.70 meters high and 2.20 meters wide. At 14.2, it's probable that Stroller could have traversed under it as easily as over it.

But over it he went, and after the two grueling rounds and a jump-off that pitted the pair against the legendary Bill Streinkraus and Snowbound, Marion and Stroller took home the individual Silver Medal.

Great Britain's favorite little pair continued to clean up, and according to retired broadcaster and announcer Frank Waters, Marion became the first woman and Stroller the only pony (so far!) to ever win the Hamburg Derby, that in 1970 when Stroller was 20 years old.

Stroller got his well-deserved retirement the following year, which he enjoyed for a glorious 15 years before his death at the ripe old age of 36. Marion went on to win more awards with other full-size horses, but it is with her childhood pony that she is forever enshrined in the history books of show jumping.

Go Stroller.

