

April 2010

CMHC Newsletter

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2010 dates

- April 25 Open Barn, Hancock, NH
- April 25 CMHC general club meeting, Hancock, NH
- May 23 NMHC, location TBA
- May 30 CMHC "R" rated show, Hancock, NH
- June 12 Yankee Mini Horse Club non-rated show, Barnstead NH
- June 11-13 National Area 1 Show Syracuse, NY
- June 20 Equine Event Series, Camp Marshall, Spencer MA
- June 26-27 Maine Mini Horse Club A & R Rated Shows, ME
- July 3 NbarH Mini Horse Show non-rated, Barrington NH
- July 10 Yankee Mini Horse Show non-rated, Barnstead NH
- July 18 NMHC, Dighton, MA
- July 25 CMHC non rated show, Hancock, NH
- July 25 Equine Event Series, UNH Equine Facility, Durham NH
- Aug 2 ME Mini Horse Club show , non rated, Cumberland NH
- Aug 7 NbarH Mini Horse Show non-rated, Barrington NH
- Aug 8 Tiny Hooves Mini Horse Club show, Herman ME
- Aug 14 Yankee Mini Horse Show non-rated, Barnstead NH
- Aug 22 CMHC non rated show, Hancock, NH
- Sept 2-6 Hopkinton Fair Horse Show, Hopkinton NH
- Sept 12 Equine Events, Greene RI
- Sept 19 CMHC non rated show, Hancock, NH
- Sept 26-Oct 2 Cumberland Fair ME Mini Show, Cumberland NH
- Oct 10 ME Mini Horse Club Ribbons for Linda Best Fun Show, Cumberland ME

Open Barn

April 25, 2010
 Clear Brook Miniatures
 23 Middle Road
 Hancock

For more info contact
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CMHC club meeting

April 25, 2010
 Clear Brook Miniatures
 9am-10am
 just before the open barn

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RAZORING YOUR MINIATURE HORSE'S FACE

by: Laura Tennill – Ten-L Training Center

First of all I would like to say that there are several ways to razor a horse's face. This is the way I like to razor my show horse's face and I have written this article to help those that want to learn how to do this.

Razoring your horse's face can really enhance the overall finish on your show horse! It does take some practice and patience to do a really good job, so I would encourage you to practice razoring your horse a bit of time prior to your first show so that you will have one or two practice sessions in before the show.

Prior to razoring, you will need to clip your horse's head close to the day your horse will be showing. We normally clip the show horses' heads one to three days prior to their class with a #30 blade. The day before the horse shows, I use a #50 blade on all areas that need to be razored. Check closely to be sure you have all the hair off in these areas so that the razor will do a smoother job that way and it will also take less time which benefits both you and your horse.

You can blend the areas done with a #50 up into the areas clipped with a #30 blade with a #40 blade, using very light upwards strokes and you can do this after razoring if you want to do that, to make a smoother appearance between the razored areas and the actual haircoat.

Your horse will look best razored the day before he shows if possible, or as close to that as you can do it. The hair will grow out quickly and then the light oil, baby oil gel or face glow gel will not shine as much nor look as smooth if those areas are razored too early.

One of the main reasons we use a #50 blade on the horse's areas to be razored right before it is to avoid nicking them as much as possible. It also makes it much easier to razor a horse too with very little hair to take off.

Just before your razor each area of your horse, take a clean washcloth or small towel and dip it in very warm water, wringing the excess water out. Place the cloth over the top of the eyes or muzzle, whichever area you razor first and hold it there a minute. The warmth of the warm water really helps to prep the skin and hair for razoring and will help you do a neater job it.

source: L'il Beginnings, miniature horse info pages <http://www.lilbeginnings.com/>



Things to Remember Before Heading to Your First Show of the Season

Be sure to check out the health requirements for each show. Don't forget to schedule your appointment for Coggins tests and health checks.

No animal will be allowed to show at an approved ASPC/AMHR show unless the exhibitor can show the original registration or a photostatic copy of the same to the show management and/or steward. (No registration papers, no showing: plan ahead!)

When you go up to get your horse measured, remember the following: The animal should be free of "clothing" - no neck wraps, action chains, blankets, etc. Don't forget to take your registration info up when you get your animal measured.

ONLY measurements recorded by the official show steward at sanctioned ASPC/AMHR shows are recognized for competition purposes. (Authorized stewards can only officially measure animals at sanctioned ASPC/AMHR shows where they are contracted to steward.) (Note: Other rules apply related to Miniature inspections.)

Make sure your membership is up-to-date. Don't forget, you must have an amateur card to compete in amateur classes. Also, remember the new lease policy. Beginning in January 2010 all leases on horses used in amateur incentive classes must be recorded through the registry by January 1 of current show year.

Source: The Journal Feb/March 2010.

FEEDINGS TIPS

by Karen Briggs

April

Colic alert! Be careful when turning your horse out on pasture after a winter of hay - that sweet spring grass can be a shock to his system. Of particular concern are plant sugars called fructans, which accumulate in some species of grasses when temperatures are cool, but the skies are sunny. The concentrated sugars can be particularly dangerous to insulin-resistant horses, including most pony breeds.

Researcher Kathryn Watts, BS, whose Web site, www.sfgrass.org, is a great source for information about pasture management and fructan, suggests the safest time for horses to graze in spring is in the early morning, after nights when the temperature dropped no lower than 40 degrees F. The most dangerous time, she says, is in later afternoon or evening, especially when temperatures the previous night dipped below 40 degrees F.

Even if your horse is not insulin-resistant, it's important to recognize that spring grass represents a major change in diet. To avoid triggering a case of colic or laminitis, reintroduce him to spring grazing slowly. You might have to restrict horses and ponies that have previously foundered, or are at risk, from spring grazing entirely, or fit them with grazing muzzles.

April Job One is to get out the grazing muzzles and make sure they are clean and in good shape for those horses that need to wear one in the fight against colic, laminitis, and obesity.

Homemade Fly Traps

Cut a plastic 2-litres soda bottle 1/4 down from the top. Invert top portion into bottom portion. Punch 4 holes at top, tie string (twine) to hold both portions together and hang. Add hamburger or fly bait (I filled the trap with 1" of sugar water and added a piece of ham.). Most flies are too stupid to find their way out!

Homemade Fly Spray for Horses

Mix equal parts: Cider Vinegar - Dawn Blue Dishsoap - Water. Shake well and spray on horses.

Another Homemade Fly Spray for Horses

1oz bottle citronella oil, 2oz. Skin So Soft (Avon), 1 cup vinegar, and 1 cup water. Mix all together in spray bottle and shake well, tends to separate so you must always shake. Avoid the eyes.

Yet Another Homemade Fly Spray for Horses

four 16-ounce bottles Avon "Skin So Soft" - 40 cc (about 5 tablespoons) pure eucalyptus oil - enough white vinegar to make up one gallon

The biggest advantage to this spray is that it stays put, leaving a thin harmless film where the commercial stuff evaporates or sweats off. It smells good, too, and is economical. Unlike similar concoctions, it does not attract yellow jackets.

Homemade Fly Wipe for Horses

Mix equal parts: Peppermint Mouthwash - Baby Oil.

source: <http://www.lilbeginnings.com/info/misc/>

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