



The BEA Hub Summer News Edition



BEA Event Success

Tractor Supply Equine Day—October 24, 2009

Despite drizzling and sometimes pouring rain, the turnout for the Equine Day at Tractor Supply was quite a success. Shayne Lee, the Manager at Tractor Supply, was a great support and had everything set up for our horses when we arrived early on Saturday morning. We had a great day with a lot of folks coming by to visit and feed the horses. Throughout the day we had several demos that included grooming for the show ring and harnessing. We also had a great demo by the 14th Cavalry Rockbridge Dragoons that shared with us some of

the techniques they use to bomb proof horses for Civil War Re-enactments. We would like to thank the following people for hosting our clinics:

Lameness, Rehab and Rescue—Jo Ann Miller, Grooming—Dedi Spradlin, 14th VA Cavalry, Rockbridge Dragoons—Sandy Lucas, Harnessing—Geryl Wade and Steve Foutz

Also, a special thanks to everyone that brought their horses for display.

Richard and Jodie Toms—Paint, QH, and Arabian

Mike and Michelle Laughlin—Percheron, Pinto, and Mustang

Sandy Sanderson & Shelby

Cross -Haflingers

Geryl & Missy Wade—Shire and North American Spotted Draft

Steve Foutz—Belgians

Dedi Spradlin—Percheron/Thoroughbred Cross and Shire/Paint Cross

Genny Huber—Welsh Mountain Pony

Amy Carter—Norwegian Fjord

Sandy Lucas—TN Walker & Morgan/QH Cross

This type of event is what our organization is all about and bringing our equine friends to the community is a great service.

Thank you to all that helped

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Home Made Horse Treats—great stocking stuffers for your pony

1 cup margarine
 1 cup flour
 1 cup brown sugar
 1 cup bran
 1 cup diced carrots
 1 cup apples
 1 tsp baking soda
 2 cups quick cooking dry oatmeal

2 eggs
 Cream margarine and sugar until light and fluffy
 Beat in eggs
 Combine flour, bran and baking soda
 Blend into a creamed mixture
 Stir in oats, carrots and ap-

ples
 Drop by spoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheet
 Bake @ 350 10—12 min until lightly browned



Breed Spotlight—The Percheron

The Percheron developed in the LePerche region in Normandy in 732 A.D. when Barb horses were left by marauding Moors after their defeat in the Battle of Tours. Massive Flemish horses were crossed with the Barbs to give the Percheron its substance. Arabian blood was also added in the 1800s. The French government began breeding Percherons for cavalry purposes at the famed La Pin National Stud in Le Haras du Pins in Normandy, which still exists today. Although work is what these heavy

horses do best, they are also valued riding horses and are beginning to make their mark in dressage. Percherons are crossed with other breeds such as Thoroughbreds, Warmbloods and Spanish breeds to create the popular Sporthorse. Percherons range in height from 15–19 hands high. French Percherons are born black and turn gray by age 3. American and



PERCHERON

British Percherons are gray or black. Legs are without feathers. Percherons are said to be more energetic than other draft breeds. The French prized the horses as coach horses and called them Diligence horses (the French word for stagecoach). These horses had to pull a load quickly and with elegance, which is why Percherons also have the reputation as lovely movers.

Horse Owner's Lament

There's lots that's been written 'bout horses and such, and to all of those words I'll not add very much. But there's something I just have to get off my chest, while discussin these creatures with whom we are blessed. They'll eat all the feed you put in their stall, then stand on your foot till it near makes you bawl. You can brush them and curry them till it makes them shine. Then they'll roll in the mud while you

'bout blow your mind. We build them a place and call it their stall, and they thank us by eatin' the boards off the wall. Now I ain't no expert on how their minds work, and I know we all got our own little quirks, but if I had my druthers and had it my way, I think they'd clean the barn while I ate the hay.

Sam Hemmingsen



Teamwork

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Upcoming Events

Bedford Christmas Parade, December 5th. The BEA plans to enter a float in this year's Bedford and Big Island parades. The theme this year is "It's A Wonderful Life" and we plan to have a nice horse-drawn float thanks to Marshall Cofer and one of his great team of horses. Please make sure you come out and support the BEA at the parades. We're hoping for good weather and a lot of helping hands!

BEA T-shirts and Window Decals

Please make sure, if you have not already purchased a t-shirt or a window decal, you stop by the BEA booth at an upcoming event and show your support.

Each new joining member of the BEA receives one window decal for free, 2 if it's a family membership.

Board Member Elections

During our November meeting we will hold elections for the 3 upcoming open board positions.

Christmas Gathering

Our Christmas social will be held on December 15th this year in conjunction with our regular monthly meeting. Please bring your favorite goodie to share with the group. The BEA will provide cups, plates and drinks. We will meet briefly then enjoy social time!



Tractor Supply Equine Day

BEA Technology Update

Our BEA Facebook page now has 33 members and continues to grow. This has turned out to be a great resource for sharing pictures and information about equine related activities in our area. If you have not already joined Facebook please come check us out. We encourage everyone that has news or photos of their equine family to please share with us.

Our website is still under construction

but is coming along quite nice. We are working through the list of requests that was generated back in the summer for items that our members would like to see included on our web site. We are steadily populating as much information as we can. We've created a comprehensive list of area veterinarians, state, local and national equine organizations and continue to add new info daily. We should be public next month.

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Handy Links for Future Reference

US Equestrian Federation
www.usef.org

US Dressage Federation
www.usdf.org

American Quarter Horse Assoc
www.aqha.com

National Racking Horse Assoc.
www.nrhaweb.com

American Paint Horse Assoc.
www.apha.com

US Trotting Assoc.
www.ustrotting.com

American Miniature Horse Assoc.
www.amha.org

American Driving Society
www.americandrivingsociety.org