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Submitted By Wendy Sewell, Manager of Coaching

This winter while we are sitting in our warm homes (or freezing in the barn!) is a good time to think about the big picture in our "horse world". There are so many concerns that we face now including the environment, horse welfare and bio security. Whatever happened to just making sure that you had enough hay and shavings in the barn to last for the winter?

As horse owners and enthusiasts we do owe our part to the planet and should use sound environmental practices in our care and management of horses. Composting manure is just one small part of what we can do. There are many other steps we can take to decrease our footprints on the planet. Recycling is one other practice that anyone can do. Feed bags and baling twine can be recycled. The plastic containers of coat spray and fly spray can be cleaned out and put in the recycling, just make sure that you dispose of any residue correctly first. Old horse blankets can be used as bedding at dog and cat shelters, and most appreciate the donations. When you go tack shopping, take a re-usable cloth bag with you instead of using plastic bags. If you purchase a new blanket or two this winter, the bags they come in have a lot of great storage uses, not to mention you could put the blanket back in them for storage over the summer. Old hay and straw can be used on gardens over the winter to protect plants and discourage weeds. There must be hundreds of other ways we can practice the concept of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. We would like to ask our readers and membership to send in your favorite Environment saving tips to HCBC and we will compile and publish them for everyone to benefit from. Please Email them to coaching@hcbc.ca

The HCBC bookstore has the Langley Environmental Partners publication "Land Management Guide for Horse Owners and Small Lot Farmers" which is \$3.95 plus postage and GST.

Bio-security is no longer a scientific term that applies only to laboratories, but one that we need to use in our daily lives. Putting aside the H1N1 flu, there are many viruses' that affect our horses. Some stables now have a big jug of hand sanitizers at the entrance and exits of their barns to attempt to lessen the spread of viruses. Some tips from our Biosecurity brochure regarding the use of disinfectants include:

Message



Reminder

To all Langley residents please do NOT leave any valuables unattended in your vehicles, as there has been a recent increase in the number of vehicle break-in's throughout the area.

Quick Links

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How to Disinfect

Surfaces must be clean to disinfectant to work. Brush off loose dirt and manure. If possible wash the item first with detergent and then use a disinfectant. Tack can be wiped with a disinfectant wipe or a disinfectant dampened cloth. Shoes can be brushed or scrubbed off and then sprayed with disinfectant.

Examples of Disinfectants

Mix $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of bleach per gallon of water or one part bleach to 10 parts water. If you use a spray disinfectant be sure the label says it kills bacteria and viruses. Hand sanitizers are good, but make sure you work the cleaner through your fingers and under the nails. Other commercial disinfectants should be mixed and used according to the label.

Industry Survey

Please take the time to fill in the HCBC Industry Survey. It is posted on our website www.hcbc.ca or we can email or fax it to you.

Horse Council BC in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture is embarking on a province wide horse industry study. The purpose of this study is to determine the current status of the horse industry and estimate its economic benefits and values to the provincial economy. This study will focus on the broad scope of all business and services in BC directly and indirectly related to the horse industry. The changing perspective of agriculture and livestock among the general public has a direct impact on issues such as environmental stability and animal welfare. These issues are important to all horse people and must be addressed through valid and acceptable strategies by the equine industry stakeholders.

2010 Coaching News

Equine Canada has not yet released the revised Coaching Certification programs for 2010. We hope to have them soon so that we can let everyone know what to expect and how to prepare for Equine Canada certification. We do know that the designations have changed, Coach 1 will now be Competition Coach, and Coach 2 will be Competition Coach Specialist. This is the same for English and Western Coaching. Although we do not have clarification on the requirements for each level, potential coach candidates may wish to begin to work on producing a "portfolio" which will most likely be part of the exam application process. A Portfolio would consist of the candidates coaching experience, the experience and competition results of their students, the candidate's competition experience, along with sample yearly training plans for horse and rider, lesson plans and emergency action plans. The portfolio could also include notable experiences, awards, education and other background relevant to coaching.

The HCBC bookstore now has the 2009 Revised Stable Management in Canada manual in stock. The manual retails for \$35.00 plus postage and GST.

Online Learning

Now is a great time to have a look at the online learning opportunities at www.hcbc.ca. Some of the courses are free or at a reduced fee for HCBC members. To access the online learning members will need to log on to the website membership system and create a user name and log in. This is not the same as the forums user name and log in. Once done, you will be able to take advantage of the online learning member benefits.

Membership Renewals

The 2010 HCBC membership renewals have been mailed out and members should be receiving them soon. Our online membership system is working well and everyone is encouraged to try the system out. You can print a copy of your membership card straight away. Not only is this method quick, it saves a few trees as well.

Horse Council BC Members...Mark Your Calendars

This is your opportunity to speak with HCBC Zone Rep's that represent your area on the HCBC Board of Directors. You will have an opportunity to get information on Horse Council BC programs and available funding, give feedback and elect one (1) Zone delegate to the HCBC Board of Directors. Every senior HCBC member carries a vote at the meeting.

Zone Councils are established to encourage Zone and local activities of the Society in eight (8) geographical areas of the Province designated by the Ministry of Sport and Healthy Living.

Here is a listing of the eight Zones in the province:

- Zone 1 – Kootenays
- Zone 2 – Okanagan
- Zone 3 - Fraser Valley
- Zone 4 - Delta - Richmond – Burnaby
- Zone 5 - Vancouver – Squamish
- Zone 6 - Vancouver Island
- Zone 7 - North West
- Zone 8 - North East

HCBC Zone AGM's

Zone 2

February 6, 2010

Time: 12:30pm

Location: Ramada Inn, 2170 Harvey Street, Kelowna, BC

Coffee and snacks will be served

Zone 3

February 11, 2010

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Twin Creek Ranch, 26025 - 48th Avenue, Aldergrove, BC

Zone 4

January 13, 2010

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Crescent Stables

Agenda: Elections and Zone Funding

Zone 6

February 28, 2010

Time: 1pm

Location: Saanich Fairgrounds in the Poplar Room (upstairs)

Agenda: Applying for Funding; Equine Canada and HCBC; Elections

RVSP:

Susan Harrison by email: toddsusan@shaw.ca or call 250-416-0094

Dorothy Kirby by email: l-dkirby@shaw.ca or call 250-390-7577

Zone 7

February 3, 2010

Time : 7pm

Location: Hudson Bay Lodge, Smithers, BC

Please visit www.hcbc.ca under the Events Calendar for more details

Recreation News

Submitted By Ruth Donald, Recreation Coordinator

BC Equestrian Trails

Horse Council BC is excited to announce the establishment of a new BC Equestrian Trails Fund to help raise and distribute funds to member clubs for the construction and maintenance of equestrian trails and horse camps in British Columbia. Details on the fund will be available shortly. We have also created a new Yahoo Group called BC Equestrian Trails which will assemble resources for trail builders and users, as well as serve as a means of communicating with all stakeholders on issues surrounding BC's equestrian trails. The BC Equestrian Trails group site is still under construction, but feel free to visit the site and join the group by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BCEquestrianTrails> if you are involved in trail issues in your area.

BCHBC's Winter Warmer Event

The Aldergrove Happy Trails chapter of Back Country Horsemen is offering a series of Sunday sessions in January and February 2009 on the basics of trail riding and horse packing called The Winter Warmer Event. Sessions take place in Aldergrove at 494 256th Street, and hours are from 10 AM to 3 PM. Hot beverages provided, but bring a mug and your lunch.

For more information and to register, contact Mary Huntington, Education Chair of BCHBC, at rivergals@telus.net. (pre-registration required)

Dates and topics covered are:

Jan 17th - Level 1- Day Riding: horse sense and safety, group riding & trail etiquette, securing horses, knots, group first aid kit; Leave No Trace #1: Plan Ahead and Prepare

Jan 31st - Level 2- Overnight Horse Camping at Vehicles: trail skills and dealing with hazards, butterfly knot; Leave No Trace #2: Travel and Camp on durable surfaces

Feb 7th - Level 3- Packing: horse travel in wilderness, intro to hobbling, picketing, packing demo; Leave No Trace #3: Proper Disposal of Waste and Leave No Trace #4: Leave what you find

Feb 21st - Level 4 - Wilderness Trips: Trip planning; packing with Manty or Double Diamond; GPS/maps; hoof emergencies; gear, tack and equipment

For more information on Back Country Horsemen of BC, visit the Recreation section of our website at www.hcbc.ca

Happy Trails!

BC Summer Games Sport Chair Up-date

Horse Council BC would like to take this opportunity to announce that the 2010 BC Summer Games Sport Chair for the Equestrian division is Debbie Rogal. Debbie joins us with a solid background in equestrian sport and we are pleased she has agreed to take on the position.

Debbie has graciously agreed to take up the reins from former Sport Chair Wendy Christoff, as Wendy is working hard to qualify for 2010 World Equestrian Games in Kentucky. Horse Council BC's Board of Directors and staff would like to thank Wendy for her previous support and hard work on behalf of our organization. We wish Wendy and her horse Pfalstaff all the best in this exciting endeavour!

BC Rider Carries 2010 Olympic Torch

Hawley Bennett, former representative of the Canadian Equestrian Team in Athens, Greece in 2004, will realize another dream and that is to carry the 2010 Olympic Torch. On February 8, 2010 Hawley and several other individuals will run with the Olympic torch in-hand through the streets of Richmond, BC.

If you would like to come out and support Hawley here are the event details:

Date: February 8, 2010

Approximate Time: 6:58pm

Route: Starts along River Road at a "No Stopping" sign and ends at the Richmond Olympic Oval sign also on river Road.

Torchbearer # OTR 103-209

All torchbearer numbers will be visibly displayed on a bright orange route marker placed at the starting point of each segment.

Local Man Wins "Horse Person of the Year"

Originally published by 100 Mile Free Press

Written by Arlene Jongbloets



A 103 Mile cowboy was named "Horse Person of the Year" by Horse Council of BC (HCBC).

Randy Brodoway, a South Cariboo resident, received his award November 21st, 2009 at the Annual HCBC Awards Banquet held at Hazelmere

Country Club in Surrey, BC.

According to Brodoway, friends from the local horse community kept the award a secret until the presentation.

"All they told me was that we were going to a party. It was a big surprise. I never expected anything like it and I'm still shocked."

Brodoway has been working with horses since the age of 12, and at 14, he was already offering free riding lessons to people in his hometown of Mission. It's something he's continued to do all his life and until recently, he was giving free instruction to more than two dozen people and their horses weekly at the local Agriplex. That came to an end with the recent closure of the facility.

"That's the way I was taught and that's what I hand off to other people. The more people you get involved with horses, the better it is for the whole community."

His passion runs deep and even a heart attack he suffered in August held him back for only a week.

"If I'm going to die, I'm going to die having fun and doing what I love doing."

According to Laura Sperling, one of the people involved in his award nomination, Brodoway has made riding more enjoyable for many horses and their owners through his knowledge and patience, she says, and all at no cost.

"He's brought lots of horse and owner pairs back together from non-riding to having fun again. He's a good motivator and loves when people want to learn."

The Cariboo Cowgirls drill team also benefits from his coaching, as do 4-H clubs that he donates his handmade leatherwork for fundraising projects and awards.



Canada Finishes 4th at FEI World Reining Masters

Lisa Coulter of Princeton, BC, finished in a three-way tie for 4th place at the FEI World Reining Masters, held in Oklahoma City, OK, USA on December 3, 2009.

Competitors from 17 different countries, including the United States, Canada, the Dominican Republic, Spain, Switzerland, Belgium, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Czech Republic, France, Great Britain, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Holland and Poland gathered to battle for the title of FEI World Reining Masters Champion.

Coulter, drew the first entry with Hollywood Aces, Bob Thompson's six-year-old Quarter Horse gelding, and posted a final score of 217.5.

"I drew first and felt that was my biggest challenge. My horse ran hard and tried hard, and I knew the competitors and their horses and how tough the top duos would be. I realized I would have to fight hard to get on the podium and that my horse may be capable of a solid bronze finish. I was very close, so I am pleased with my run and efforts at the Masters this year," said Coulter, who recently placed first at the 2009 CRI* Monterrey in Monterrey, MEX, with Hollywood Aces.

Complete results of the 2009 FEI World Reining Masters may be found at <http://nrhafuturity.com/results.php>.

Dressage Canada Announces Southern Training Centres

Dressage Canada is pleased to announce that Arlene 'Tuny' Page, owner of Stillpoint Farm in Wellington, FL, and Flo Brown, owner of Dove Hollow Farm in Olivenhain, CA, have graciously allowed the Canadian Dressage Team to use their facilities for training sessions throughout the season. Both locations will be the official southern training centres for Canada's World Equestrian Games (WEG) hopefuls to work with Technical Coach Advisor, Robert Dover.

Spanning five acres, Dove Hollow boasts three dressage arenas, a 200' x 75' covered indoor and two regulation size dressage arenas both with mirrors and excellent sand footing.



Stillpoint Farm is situated on 10 acres with full-size indoor and outdoor training arenas.

The first official training session for Canadian WEG declared riders has been scheduled for January 16-17, 2010.

Health Alert! Drug Recall

Health Canada is warning veterinarians, livestock producers and pet owners that one lot of the prescription veterinary drug Longisil is being recalled due to an unusually high number of adverse reactions in animals treated with this lot.

The recalled lot comes packaged in three different vial sizes:

Lot #9224 (9224-01) - 100 ml vial

Lot #9224 (9224-02) - 250 ml vial

Lot #9224 (9224-03) - 500 ml vial

Longisil is a form of penicillin that is administered by injection and used to treat various infections. While mainly used to treat large animals such as cattle, sheep, pigs and horses, this drug is also sometimes used in cats and dogs.

Longisil is available only by prescription from a veterinarian. It is distributed in Canada by Vétoquinol N.-A. Inc.

Vétoquinol N.-A. Inc. is recalling Lot # 9224 after receiving an abnormally high number of reports of allergic reactions in animals following use of product from this lot. The reports involved 14 dogs and possibly one cat that developed swelling and hives within minutes or hours of receiving an injection. All animals were treated immediately and fully recovered.

Livestock producers and pet owners whose animals are being treated with Longsil should contact their veterinarian immediately if they notice any symptoms of an allergic reaction following use of this drug. Symptoms of an allergic reaction range from mild to serious and can include skin rashes, swelling, and difficulty breathing and/or swallowing.

Consumers requiring more information about this advisory can contact Health Canada's public enquiries line at (613) 957-2991, or toll free at 1-866-225-0709.

Import Suspension Announced For Horses Entering Canada From New Mexico

The Breeds & Industry Division of Equine Canada would like to inform all stakeholders that due to the outbreak of equine piroplasmosis in the state of New Mexico, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is implementing the following import restrictions effective January 11, 2010:

A) For horses from New Mexico for all end-uses (including Canadian horses returning to Canada) the following import conditions will be required:

Import permit; and

Additional US certification stating:

The horse(s) were inspected by a veterinarian within fifteen (15) days preceding the date of importation;

The horses were inspected for ticks and treated for ticks, if necessary, at the time of the inspection;

The horse(s) have not been on a premises where equine piroplasmosis (clinical or serology) has occurred during the 60 days immediately preceding exportation to Canada, nor has this disease occurred on any adjoining premises during the same period of time; and

They must have tested negative to Equine piroplasmosis using a cELISA test, during the fifteen (15) days prior to the date of importation into Canada.

B) For horses for all end-uses from other states (including Canadian horses returning to Canada) the following requirement applies:

"During the previous twenty-one (21) days, the animal(s) in this shipment has/have not been in the state of New Mexico or Texas"

The CFIA has confirmed that the import restriction only applies to live horse, donkey or mule imports and not to equine semen or equine embryo imports.

Current import requirements for horses entering Canada may be found using the CFIA Automated Import Reference System (AIRS) at <http://airs-sari.inspection.gc.ca>. To determine specific import requirements for each horse, specific parameters that refer to each horse's circumstances will need to be entered and customized import requirements will be provided. Equine piroplasmiasis (EP) is caused by two parasitic organisms, Babesia equi and Babesia caballi. It is primarily transmitted to equidae by ticks but this bloodborne disease can be spread mechanically from animal to animal by contaminated needles or surgical instruments. Once infected, an equine can take 7 to 22 days to show signs of illness. Mild forms of the disease cause equines to appear weak and show lack of appetite. More acute cases can occur where EP is not common and the animals have not built up a resistance to the disease. Signs of the acute phase include fever, anemia, jaundiced mucous membranes, a swollen abdomen, laboured breathing, central nervous system disturbances, roughened-hair coats, constipation, colic, and hemoglobinuria-a condition which gives urine a red color. In some cases, death may occur. Equidae that survive the acute phase of infection may continue to carry the parasites for long periods of time. These animals are potential sources of infection to others through tick-borne transmission or mechanical transfer by needles or surgical instruments.

EP is not endemic to the United States or Canada and some other countries but it is present in the Caribbean, South and Central America, Eastern and Southern Europe, Africa and the Middle East. The greatest risk for introduction of this disease is through the trading of animals or international equestrian sports where infected and non-infected animals are in contact. If an outbreak of EP occurs in a country such as the USA, the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) must be notified and made aware of the steps that will be taken to eradicate the disease.



January 28 - 30, 2010

AbbotsfordTradex Centre

8th Annual Agri-Food Gala

Wednesday, January 27th

Ramada Plaza & Conference Centre, Abbotsford, BC

Dr. Art Hister, a well-known health advocate, is the keynote speaker at the Gala sponsored by BC Agriculture Council. The "Outstanding Young Farmers for 2010" will be selected and awards presented to outstanding members of the farming industry. The much anticipated silent auction is back as well with proceeds supporting the Abbotsford Food Bank.

Farm Tours Wednesday, January 27th

This "self-tour" is from 10am to 3pm and includes the following farms: Starlane Dairy, Autumn Dairy, ADITM Farms, Alderview Dairy, U & D Meier Dairy, Marlena Farms and Emans Dairy. Visitors are reminded that bio-security procedures are in place on all farms, therefore, plastic boots MUST be worn.

Dairy Expo Thursday, January 28th

Keynote speaker Dr. Sandra Godden from the University of Minnesota will focus on Colostrum, the lifeblood of every newborn calf.

Local Veterinarian, Dr. Dan McDermot from Greenbelt Veterinary Services Ltd., will explain how his idea of a demonstration dairy farm came into existence.

Horticulture Show Friday, January 29th

At 10am keynote speaker Robert Keijzezer from Kubo Greenhouse Projects in the Netherlands will outline how his form recently installed an energy neutral Ultra-Clima greenhouse for Houweling Nurseries in California.

Then at 11am the President and CEO of Naturipe Foods, Bruce Peterson, will discuss a wide variety of industry issues surrounding farm business management.

Enjoy over 220 trade exhibitors, petting zoo, and much more!

For more information visit the Pacific Agriculture Show website at www.agricultureshow.net

Up Coming Events

Two equine related classes are **NOW** being offered at the University College of the Fraser Valley (UFV).

First-time Horse Owner Introduction

Starts February 23 at the Chilliwack Campus

3 sessions, Tues and Thurs, 6:30-9:30pm, \$125

Introduction to Horse Ownership

Starts March 9 at the Chilliwack Campus

3 sessions, Tues and Thurs, 6:30-9:30pm, \$495

For more information or to register go to www.ufv.ca/cs

About Horse Council BC

Horse Council BC is a member service organization committed to working together on behalf of the equine interests of our members. Representing horse enthusiasts in BC, we collaborate with individuals, businesses, industry professionals, and government to strengthen communication, education, and safety. We strive to preserve and enhance equestrian use of public lands and to promote and foster participation in all varieties of equine activity.

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