

## Special Points of Interest

- March 3rd,  
10am first  
Mini Circuit  
of 2007 &  
2006 Hi  
Point  
Awards
- March 9th,  
6pm, BOD  
Meeting
- March 11th,  
10am,  
EVAHA trail  
ride at San  
Tan Mtns.
- March 24th,  
1pm, Begin-  
ners Trail  
Clinic

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## American Horse Council News

To: AHC Member Organizations  
From: Kerry Thompson  
Re: USDA-NAHSS Web Page Updated for Latest Disease Outbreaks  
Date: February 8, 2006

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Animal Health Surveillance System (NAHSS) is a network of many Federal and State government agencies integrated into a comprehensive and coordinated system of animal health monitoring and surveillance. The overall goal of the system is to collect, collate, and analyze animal health information and to promptly distribute this information. The program is intended to improve the protection of the national animal health and to increase the efficiency of existing animal health surveillance programs.

The NAHSS website contains information on all the major livestock groups, including an Equine Health Monitoring & Surveillance section. Two new web pages have been recently added to this section which can be found at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/nahss/equine/>.

The first new web page is on Equine Herpes Virus. An outbreak of neurologic Equine Herpes Virus type 1 (EHV-1) occurred in late 2006 and involved a group of 15 horses shipped from Germany that were subsequently shipped to eight states. There was a significant impact on the horse industry because of this outbreak, especially in Florida. The new website gives details and current information on this outbreak, as well as further information on the disease, and links to state websites with EHV-1 information.

The second of the new pages is on Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA). An outbreak of EVA occurred in Quarter Horses in 2006, with the virus confirmed on premises within six states (Kansas, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah, and Alabama). This outbreak had a devastating impact on the Quarter Horse breeding industry. The new web page gives detailed information on this EVA outbreak, along with background information on the disease and on its management and control.

Along with the new pages on EVA and EHV-1, you can find information on Vesicular Stomatitis, Equine Infectious Anemia, Eastern and Western Equine Encephalitis, West Nile Virus and more. The NAHSS Equine Health Monitoring & Surveillance website is an important and useful website to learn about current equine health and disease information.

## New Trail Challenge for 2007



\$100 Payout at the  
2007 Mini Circuit  
Shows for the New  
Trail Challenge!

EVAHA is proud to announce that along with the help of Connie Grippen of Northern Lights Performance Horses, we are offering a brand new class at the 2007 Mini Circuit Shows!

Introducing, the EVAHA Trail Challenge; you will face everyday obstacles that you will find in city neighborhoods and on the desert trail. There

will be a "suburban" theme to each of the challenges, which will get progressively harder at each show.

The cost to enter the Challenge is \$20 for each horse and rider. This course is designed for the experienced horse and rider. There will be a \$100 payout at the end of each show, so make sure you come prepared

to win! The course will be timed and after two refusals or tries on any one obstacle will be grounds for elimination.

Get ready, the first Trail Challenge is at the March 3rd Mini Circuit Show at P&M Arena. The show starts at 10am, registration begins at 9am. Questions, contact the Barb Patterson at (480) 987-3859.

## EVAHA Trail Ride

Sunday, March 11th at 10am EVAHA will be heading out for a great trail ride at the San Tan Mountains. All EVAHA members are invited to attend and bring a friend! Be sure to pack a sack lunch and water for you and your horse. It will be a great time for all who attend.

If you have never been out to the San Tan Mountains, you've got to come. The ride is fun, the company is great, you will definitely want to go back.

The easiest way to get to the Trail Head is from Ellsworth Road and Hunt Hwy in Queen Creek.

Head east on Hunt Hwy and turn on Thompson. Follow Thompson until you see the Trail Head. We'll see you there!

**Sunday, March 11th  
10am**

RSVP to Barb Patterson  
(480) 987-3859

### Beginners Trail Clinic

Saturday, March 24th,  
1pm - 3pm

18849 E. Chandler  
Heights Rd., Queen  
Creek, AZ

RSVP to  
Barb Patterson  
(480) 987-3859

Space is limited for riders.

## Beginners Trail Clinic

Saturday, March 24th at 1pm EVAHA along with Connie Grippen of Northern Lights Performance Horses will be holding a Beginners Trail Clinic in Queen Creek. The cost to ride your horse through the clinic is \$10. There will be a trail course set up and you

will be instructed the do's and don'ts while riding the course. You will receive tips on how to improve your trail course riding skills as well.

The location of the clinic will be at Northern Lights Performance Horses at 18849 E.

Chandler Heights Rd. in Queen Creek (Sossamon Rd. and Chandler Heights Rd.)

Space is limited for riders, please RSVP to Barb Patterson at (480) 987-3859. Again the cost to ride in the clinic is \$10, spectators are FREE.

# Foaling Kit Essentials

*From Horse & Rider Magazine  
February 2007 issue.*

Talk to your vet about what you should have on-hand for your mare and foal. Here's a list to get your started. Stow these items neatly in a lidded container so they'll be clean and organized, well in advance of your mare's due date.

- Halter and lead for mare,
- Headlamp with fresh batteries (especially helpful if you don't have a light source in the stall),
- Cell phone with pre-programmed vet numbers,
- Directions to vet school or vet clinic,
- Copy of book on foaling (one to look for: Karen Hayes' Complete Book of Foaling),
- Stopwatch,
- Notebook/pen to keep track of events and symptoms (handy if you have to report to the vet),
- Tail wrap for mare,
- Obstetrical gloves and lubricant,
- Small hand towels (to provide grip if you have to grasp foal's legs and pull),
- Large towels for drying the foal,
- Stethoscope,
- Bulb syringe (for aspirating fluids from foal, if necessary),
- Serrated knife (for cutting a tough sac),
- Large trash bag for saving placenta (for vet's inspection after foaling),
- Disinfectant like iodine or Nolvasan and small jars, for dipping naval stump (it's much easier to just lift the jar to the stump than to turn the foal upside down to treat the naval),
- Fleet enema for foal if he's constipated (a foal should defecate in the first 12 hours after birth. If you see your foal straining, or don't see evidence the he's had a bowel movement, talk to your vet about giving your foal an enema,
- Dewormer for the mare (NOTE: I suggest deworming a mare the day after foaling. By the time the baby starts nibbling g on manure, you've eliminated parasite eggs. Pregnant mares should not be dewormed in the last month of pregnancy),
- Tetnus antitoxin (I give every foal a tetanus shot in the first few hours),
- While you'd need to ask your vet to administer it, I also include an IgG test. "IgG" is the type of immunoglobulin the foal receives from the mare's colostrum. It's not an expensive test, it's easy to run, and would tell you if the foal didn't have good passive transfer of immunities. (An IgG test is particularly important if a mare has lost a lot of colostrum, drip a lot of milk before foaling, or has lost a foal in the past),
- Clean bottles and the number for local colostrum bank or a farm. This involves a little homework well ahead of delivery. Find out from your vet who to call if you find yourself in need of colostrum. Having the contact information on-hand will save precious time if colostrum is needed.,
- Camera for taking pictures of your new arrival.

This article was written by Jackie Lee Jackson, with Debbie Moors for Horse and Rider Magazine.



## AHA at FBR Open

On a scale of 1-10 AHA's corporate sales event surrounding the FBR Open PGA Golf Tournament in Phoenix, Ariz., was a solid 10, both in terms of meaningful corporate contacts made and general awareness for AHA and breed promotion.

TV networks delivered their morning, mid-day and evening broadcasts directly next to the AHA tent and actually broadcasted a live cut-in, mentioning that they were

"reporting live from the Arabian Horse Association's corporate tent on the 18th green."

Proxy Partners, a company whose business it is to value corporate properties, set the AHA presence at the FBR conservatively at \$150,000 in terms of brand awareness exposure.

More than 350 new folks previously unknown to AHA attended evening Scottsdale Soiree parties at Brookville Arabians, Los

Cedros and North Arabians.

Potential corporate partners received a classy first-hand look at the magnificent Arabian horse. As a direct result of AHA's presence at FBR, 25 new corporate contacts (25 new companies) were made.



## Modern Arabian Horse

MODERN  
arabian  
horse

The April/May issue will be the inaugural issue of *Modern Arabian Horse*. It's your perfect opportunity to promote your Scottsdale winners. With extensive coverage of the 2007 racing season and Darley Awards, this issue provides the best and most cost-effective way to market your racing stallions and contenders. Remember that mares still need to be booked for the 2007 breeding season, so let your stallion be

showcased in the magazine that everyone is waiting for, *Modern Arabian Horse*.

Don't miss out on this exciting issue.

Breeders and trainers, call now to take advantage of special advertising rates just for you. Contact Jim Sullivan at (303) 696-4584 or at [advertising@arabianhorses.org](mailto:advertising@arabianhorses.org).

The advertising reservation deadline for the April/May issue of *Modern Arabian Horse* is **Friday, March 16, 2007.**



# Sport Horse Nationals - Patron Alert

The Sport Horse Nationals is offering a special on becoming a Patron if you purchase it before Scottsdale. Increased pricing of \$900 goes into effect March 1st, 2007. If you purchase a Patron package now, it will cost only \$750. Be sure to book your Patron package before March 1st, 2007. The Sport Horse Nationals will be held at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, Va., a beautiful pastoral setting that attracted 100 more horses than originally forecasted the last time the show was held in Lexington in

'05. Contact Eri Hook at [eri.hook@arabianhorses.org](mailto:eri.hook@arabianhorses.org) or call 303-696-4553.

The U.S. Nationals has announced they will accept only 120 Patrons this year, so be sure to book before they sell out. Remember, this is the last time the U.S. Nationals will be held in Albuquerque, so don't miss out on great seating and all the privileges that go along with becoming a U.S. Nationals Patron. Contact Eri Hook at [eri.hook@arabianhorses.org](mailto:eri.hook@arabianhorses.org) or call 303-696-4553.

**Sport Horse Nationals,  
Arabian and Half-Arabian  
Championship Horse Show**

**September 26-30, 2007  
Virginia Horse Center  
Lexington, VA**



## The Family Tree

Here is a mini-quiz for Arabian aficionados. Match the name of each famous Arabian stallion to that of his sire and dam (answers will be provided in the next issue).

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|--------------|------------------------|
| 1. Raffles   | A. Raktha x Serafina   |
| 2. Khemosabi | B. Nureddin x Lalage   |
| 3. *Bask     | C. Errabi x Angyl      |
| 4. *Morafic  | D. Witraz x Balalajka  |
| 5. Abu Farwa | E. Skowronek x *Rifala |
| 6. Ferzon    | F. Amerigo x Jurneeka  |
| 7. *Padron   | G. Nazeer x Mabrouka   |
| 8. *Aladdinn | H. Rabiya x *Rissletta |
| 9. Bay-Abi   | I. Patron x *Odessa    |
| 10. *Serafix | J. Ferneyn x Fersara   |



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**Educate, Encourage and Promote**

**Mark Your Calendars:**  
**EVAHA BOD**  
**Meeting**  
**March 9th, 6pm**

## Upcoming 2007 AHA Dates and Deadlines

- **March 9-10** - Board of Directors Meeting, Aurora, CO
- **March 9-11** - AHYA Board of Directors Meeting, Aurora, CO
- **March 23-25** - Judges Seminar, Renaissance Denver Hotel, Denver, CO
- **March 26-27** - NRHA Judges Seminar co-sponsored by AHA, Renaissance Hotel, Denver, CO (TENTATIVE)
- **March 31** - Halter Futurities (re-nominations only) due with \$100 late fee per horse, per country
- **March 31** - Sweepstakes Breeding Entries and Halter Futurity entries (in utero) accepted either electronically or postmarked - THIS YEAR ONLY
- **April 12-15** - Equine Affaire, Ohio Expo Center, Columbus, OH
- **April 20-22** - Midwest Horse Fair, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI
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- **April 20-22** - Midwest Horse Fair, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI
- **May 1** - Regional Youth Team Tournament entries due
- **May 18-19** - Board of Directors Meeting, Aurora, CO

## Arabian Horse History and Heritage

America was built by utilizing horse power and colonists were quick to realize the value of Arabian bloodstock. Nathan Harrison of Virginia imported the first Arabian stallion in 1725. This horse reportedly sired 300 foals from grade mares. Our first President, George Washington, rode an Arabian horse. The first breeder of consequence, however, was A. Keene Richard. He journeyed into the desert in 1853 and 1856, subsequently importing several stallions and two mares. However, his breeding program fell victim to the Civil War and nothing survived.

In 1877, General Ulysses S. Grant visited Abdul Hamid II, His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey. There, he was presented with two stallions from the Sultan's stable, Leopard and Lindentree. Leopard was later given to Randolph Huntington who subsequently imported two mares and two stallions in 1888 from England. This

program, limited as it was, must be considered as the first purebred Arabian breeding program in the United States.

One of the most significant importations occurred in 1906, when Homer Davenport received permission from the Sultan of Turkey to export Arabian horses. Davenport, with the backing of then President Theodore Roosevelt, imported 27 horses which became the foundation of "Davenport Arabians." The Davenport importation of Arabian horses direct from the desert excited the few Arabian breeders in this country. This group of breeders decided that the time was right to form a registry to promote the horse and encourage the importation of new blood. In 1908, the Arabian Horse Club of America was formed (today known as the Arabian Horse Association) and the first stud book published. Seventy-one purebred Arabians

were registered at that point.

Another significant importation occurred in the 1920s, when the Kellogg Ranch, founded by W.K. Kellogg, brought in 17 select horses from the Crabbet stud farm in 1926 and 1927. Soon after, Roger Selby established the Selby Stud with 20 horses imported from Crabbet between 1928 and 1933. The Albert Harris importation consisted of two horses from England in 1924 and five from the Hejaz and Nejd desert regions in 1930 and 1931. Joseph Draper brought Spanish Arabians into the American picture when he imported five horses from Spain in 1934. J.M. Dickinson's Traveler's Rest Arabian Stud was established between 1934-1937 on an imported mare from Egypt and one from Brazil as well as seven mares from Poland. Henry B. Babson sent people to Egypt in 1932 who brought over two stallions and five mares. This farm still preserves the same bloodlines today.