

- Nov. 4th, Final
2006 Mini Circuit
Show at P&M
Arena in Apache
Junction
- Nov. 18th,
EVAHA Annual
Elections at
McDowell Mtn.
Park
- Dec. 7-10 at
WestWorld the
Saguaro Classic
All Arabian
Horse Show

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AHA President's Bulletin

Dear AHA Members,

When I begin to collect my thoughts to share information with you, I do so with the intentions of being brief. However, there is so much going on within our Association right now that I feel the need to share with you the progress we are making and the enthusiasm among our members. Just ahead of us we have two trips to Louisville for many of you - our U.S. National Show that kicks off October 12, and our Annual Convention that begins November 15. We've had an action-packed summer with shows, rides and various other activities. I will give you a brief summary of some of the exciting things that have happened and what is in store for our Association.

- **Convention 2006** promises to be one of the best ever. We anticipate having over 500 delegates and alternates gathering in Louisville. Regions 13 and 14 have gone all out to make sure all of you attending have a successful Convention mixed with business and pleasure. There are 25 resolutions to be considered and this will be done on the closing day of Convention. Our **financial picture** remains positive. Our year to date operating expenses are \$240,000 lower than budget. Our operating net income is \$229,500 higher than budgeted. We continue to see a cost savings from the reduction in staff and increased efficiencies. We are \$155,000 better than budgeted in staff expenses. Much of the savings is the result of the re-organization of our organizational chart and reducing Senior Management positions.
- The **Youth Nationals** continues to be a bright star in outreach to our youth. Not only did we have a record number of horses entered this year, but the financial results at this time indicate we beat budget by \$40,000. I understand that our AHYA Convention was the most successful ever held with a keynote speaker and workshops that the youth could attend. The **National Fun Trail Ride** held at Fort Robinson State Park near Crawford, Nebraska proved once again to be extremely popular with those who enjoy recreational riding. With Sheila Varian as clinician, the ride reached capacity at 100 riders and, there was a waiting list. The feedback I received indicates that the ride, with its beautiful scenery, expert clinician, and fantastic weather proved to be a fun-filled event and certainly responsive to member needs. We anticipate adding a new ride site soon, and it may be coming to a park near you.
- We have more positive steps from our AHA **Sweepstakes** Commission. For an incentive to nominate your stallion, which is already enrolled as a Breeding Entry, the Commission recently approved a significant cost reduction from \$2,500 to \$1,500. Also, the deadline for 2007 Breeding Entries has been extended to March 31, 2007.
- We finished our **Arabian Community Shows** season with well over the projected 50 Community Shows. At this point, we have ten Community Shows lined up for next year. Our goal for 2007 is to have 75 Community Shows.

Thank you, and God Bless!

Myron Krause

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EVAHA Annual Elections

Saturday, November 18th will be our annual EVAHA elections at McDowell Mountain Park. Bring your horse and your favorite chili to share as we will be having a trail ride and a chili cook-off.

Running this year again for president is Barb Patterson. Vicki Grady is throwing in her hat again for Vice President. Diane Lauterbach is running for Treasurer and Diana Vance is again running for Secretary.

There are two open Director positions available, Kristie Britt is running again for one of the positions. Any EVAHA member can run for director positions, in fact, we encourage you to run.

President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer positions are one year terms, where directors hold 2 year terms.

Commitment for being on the board of directors includes a

board meeting one night per month, volunteering at the horse shows, i.e. Mini Circuits, Beat the Heat and the Saguaro Classic. A majority of the Board members work Monday through Friday so if there are times where you cannot assist at a show, we understand.

We would love for our members to run for positions on the board, contact Kevin King to include your name on the EVAHA Ballot (480) 545-8099.

16th Annual Saguaro Classic Show

Get ready your horses and be prepared to have another great Saguaro Classic All Arabian Horse Show December 7th through the 10th at WestWorld, Scottsdale.

This is a fun four day A rated show for Arabians, Half-Arabians and Anglo Arabians. We have Hunter divisions, Sport Horse and Western divisions, driving, native cos-

tume, dressage and Hunter over jumps. Visit some of the exhibitor booths on site at WestWorld and do some Christmas shopping.

For those of you that have not seen the new website for Saguaro Classic, check it out at www.SaguaroClassic.com. This will have your prize lists, premiums and entry forms available for you to download.

Deadline for entry is November 16th so be sure to get your entries in early.

Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated, we couldn't make the show a success without your help. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Barb Patterson at 480-987-3859 or email us at volunteer@saguaroclassic.com

Word Search from Willoway Farm

<http://www.willowayfarminc.com/PartsoftheHorseWordSearch.html>

BARREL	CANNONBONE
CORONET	DOCK
FETLOCK	FORELOCK
GASKIN	HOCK
LOIN	PASTERN
SOLE	TENDONS
-BARS	WITHERS
CREST	WALL
FLANK	CHEEK
HIP	ELBOW
NOSTRIL	FROG
STIFLE	KNEE
SHOULDER	THROATLATCH

Parts of the Horse Word Search

O V X T X L K J T V S T C I G R X E F L
X N E K K Q G P I H X O E N G B M L A L
H K N D C B B V O O R U L V U L D C H U
L O T V O O F U S O W O B L E G Y G Q P
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Laminitis (Founder) by John Sparks, D.V.M.

This article can be found at
www.ArabianHorses.org

Laminitis, by definition, is the inflammation of the sensitive lamina of the hoof wall. The laminae of the hoof is the accordion like attachment that holds the insensitive hoof wall to the sensitive part of the coffin bone in the foot. Normally it has a great blood supply which supplies both the bone and sensitive lamina but also provides nourishment to the normal hoof wall at the coronet band.

Laminitis occurs in various degrees and severity from very acute, severe pain with a rotated coffin bone where the horse is barely able to walk or unable to stand to the subacute or chronic form where the horse has a few rings on his feet, the heel grows faster than normal, the coffin bone is slightly rotated, and the horse may have slight difficulty turning in small circles.

CAUSES

The causes of laminitis are many, but a number of common ones are:

1. Grain overload
2. Hauling stress
3. The affects of too much steroid therapy, especially at shows
4. Working horses on too hard a surface for long periods of time
5. Secondary to colic surgery or severe colic treatments
6. Secondary to hypothyroidism
7. Secondary to retained placenta in mares that don't pass a placenta for several hours.

Basically, whatever the initial cause it results in the animal's body releasing a large amount of hestamine. The hestamine causes a response of the blood vessels in the feet to constrict resulting in decreased blood, oxygen, and nutrients to the sensitive lamina of the feet. Swelling in the area occurs secondarily making things worse. Pain occurs causing the horse not to want to move around. This in itself results in more stagnation of blood flow and more of a decrease in oxygen and nutrients to the foot. If this goes on long enough, the sensitive lamina dies, the hoof detaches from the coffin bone resulting in a dropped sole, a sinker or complete rotation of the coffin bone.

A beginning symptom is usually a lameness in one foot. There is a slight pulse in that foot and the sole may or may not be sensitive to the hoof testers. It only takes a day

or two for this to change to both feet where there is a pulse in both feet and you have a horse with a stilted gait.

The treatment of this problem for me is to consider it as an emergency:

1. IV DMSO with phenylbutizone (Bute and Antihistamine - at least 3 days)
2. Set the horse up 4-6 degrees with 3 #3 wedge pads or tape large rolls of gauze over the frog to create pressure and elevate the heels.
3. Run a complete blood panel including thyroids.
4. Leave the horse in a well-bedded stall, put the horse on 356 gr. aspirin bales twice daily, 1 cc Ace Promazine twice daily and 20 tablesp. Isoripirnal twice daily.
5. If the horse has a low thyroid value, it is put on thyroid powder daily.
6. If there is evidence of an infection, I like to put the horse on antibiotics.
7. X-ray feet from the lateral side to achieve a baseline value as to the location and position of the coffin bone.
8. Once a treatment of 3-5 days has occurred, I may put the horse in heart bar shoes or I may just leave the 3 wedge pads on and begin to take one off every 3 weeks, or if I have just put gauze rolls on I may put the 3 wedge pads on or put them in a heart bar shoe depending on the case.

As soon as it is possible I try to remove the Bute as treatment because the longer you use Bute, if you don't have the coffin bone stabilized, the worse your horse will get. If they want to lie down then let them. The worst thing you can do is put them on 4 grams of Bute just to keep them up.

If the coffin bone continues to rotate causing a groove to form on the front of the foot resulting in shutting off the artery that goes around the top of the foot, just under the coronet band, I remove the hoof wall from the coronet band down with a dremal tool so the pressure of the rotated coffin bone won't shut off the blood supply.

The objects of the treatment are:

1. Stop the throbbing pulse
2. Stop or control pain
3. Stop or prevent coffin bone rotation.
4. Maintain blood supply to the feet.

5. If all of the above occurs, you are in good shape except you can't do much with the horse for a few months until the foot grows down some and some new healthy attachment develops.

The horses that go on and rotate are a long term problem that requires varied, continued care, medical, mechanical, and possibly surgical intervention. These cases are not very rewarding and take a year to a year and a half to resolve, if then.

PREVENTION

Any horses that are hauled and shown a lot are on high grain rations and are subject to a lot of stress. They are most vulnerable.

1. Keep stress to minimum heat, especially use fans, electrolytes daily, electrolyte pastes to haul, walk horses after hauling. Don't let horses stand in stalls after a show. If horses are on Bute or Banamine to be shown, keep it up a day or two after showing is complete and hand walk them.
2. Oil horses that are hauled long distances.
3. Any of your overweight, cresty necked horses should have thyroid production checked. If low, put them on thyroid powder. This is especially true with saddlebreds.
4. Don't get carried away with Azium powder, Deumethozone injections, and other steroids in the face of on going stress.
5. Mares that don't pass placentas should be treated by a veterinarian if the placenta has been in the mare 2-3 hours.
6. Horses that are on heavy grain should be shipped on tymothen hay and no grain.
7. Don't hose a hot horse off with very cold water. That generally is not a problem in the summer but it is in the winter.

Youth Nationals and U.S. Nationals is where I see most of the show type laminitis cases. The hot summers in Scottsdale also cause a lot of marginal horses to cross the line and become acute laminitis cases once the temperature reaches 110° or so.



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Upcoming 2006 AHA Dates and Deadlines

November 15 - Board of Directors meeting, Louisville, KY

November 15-19 - AHA Annual Convention, Marriott Downtown, Louisville, KY

November 17 - Regional subcommittee chairs for national ballots due from regional directors

November 19 - Application deadline, dates for regional shows

November 30 - Regional Youth Team Tournament points/results close

December 15 - Regional Youth Team Tournament results due to AHA

December 31 - Breeders Sweepstakes: Breeding Entries, Nominated Sires and Mares entry deadline

December 31 - Halter Futurities for new and re-nominated horses entry deadline



Annual Chili Cookoff and Elections Nov. 18th at McDowell Mtn. Park

Arabian Horse History and Heritage

www.ArabianHorses.org

Somewhere in the inhospitable deserts of the Middle East, centuries ago, a breed of horse came into being that would influence the equine world beyond all imagination.

The very nature of the breed, its shape as well as its color, was influenced by religious belief, superstition and tradition. It was believed that the bulging forehead held the blessings of Allah. Therefore the greater the "Jibbah" the greater the blessings carried by the horse.

The Arabian horse was primarily an instrument of war, as were horses in general in most societies of the time. Mares were the best mounts for raiding parties, as they would not nicker to the enemy tribe's horses, warning of their approach. The best war mares exhibited great courage in battle, taking the charges and the spear thrusts without giving ground. Speed and endurance were essen-

tial as well, for the raids were often carried out far from the home camp, family and children.

Races were held with the winner taking the best of the losers herd as their prize. No greater gift could be given than an Arabian mare.

The Bedouin valued pure in strain horses above all others, and many tribes owned only one main strain of horse. The five basic families of the breed, known as "Al Khamsa", include Kehilan, Seglawi, Abeyan, Hamdani and Hadban. Other, less "choice" strains include Maneghi, Jilfan, Shuwayman, and Dahman. Substrains developed in each main strain, named after a celebrated mare or Sheik that formed a substantial branch within the main strain.

While the Bedouin bred their horses in great obscurity, the highly war

like people of the East rode their Barbs and Turks into Europe, bringing havoc with them and leaving waste in their wake. Though few Arabian horses accompanied the Turks and Vandals on their forays into Europe, their hardy Barb and Turkish mountain horses were no less impressive to their victims.

Europe had developed horses through the Dark Ages to carry a knight and his armor. Their lighter horses were from the pony breeds. They had nothing to compare with the small, fast horses upon which the invaders were mounted. Europeans of means, primarily Royalty, went to great lengths to acquire these fabled horses.

Today the Arabian horse exists in far greater numbers outside of its land of origin than it ever did in the Great Desert.

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