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Maelée Leonard arrived at GLO Day ready for a little magic, and the Ohio-based foundation, Girls Lifting Others, delivered it in the most heartfelt way. Created to give childhood cancer survivors a glamorous photo-shoot experience complete with professional hair and makeup, GLO Day is powered entirely by volunteers, including Angilouie Photography, whose stunning image appears on our cover. For Maelée, being surrounded by people who freely gave their time and talent made the day feel even more meaningful. As stylists shaped her curls and the camera captured her confidence, she wasn't defined by years of treatment but celebrated for her strength, spirit, and the bright future ahead. GLO Day offered her more than a makeover; it offered a moment of pure joy crafted by a community that chose to show up for her.

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Welcome to the 2026 issue of *Equestrian Directory - Ohio Edition!*

Equestrian Directory was created for YOU - owners, riders, professionals, and businesses of all disciplines - to help you connect within the local horse community. More than just a business directory, it also features content on trending topics, the best practices and innovators in the industry, plus tips from the pros.

It is with much gratitude that we present you with this 2026 issue.

Stories like Maelée Leonard's stay with you long after you turn the page. When we first met Maelée at a horse show in Columbus, her positive energy and quiet confidence left an immediate impression, and we knew her story was one worth sharing. Much of her childhood was spent inside Nationwide Children's Hospital, where she learned to walk, talk, and grow while enduring 42 rounds of cancer treatment. Now cancer-free, Maelée continues to navigate lingering challenges, yet finds remarkable calm and focus at the barn, where a spirited pony named Captain and a host of animals have become unlikely partners in her healing. Our feature article *From Hospitals to Horses - Maelée Leonard's Journey* beautifully captures a young girl's resilience and the profound role horses can play in helping a child finally find space to simply be herself.

We were equally inspired by Cheryl White's story, and for our Ohio readers, it feels especially meaningful as Cheryl is a native Ohioan. As one of the first Black female jockeys in American racing, she shattered barriers with talent, grit and determination. The Cheryl White Project, a non-profit initiative established recently by her family, honors and shares her legacy through educational outreach, storytelling, and archive preservation, ensuring her remarkable story isn't forgotten. Featuring her story *Cheryl White - The Legacy of a Barrier-Breaking Ohio Jockey* allows us to celebrate her incredible achievements while highlighting her courage and perseverance that continue to inspire us all.

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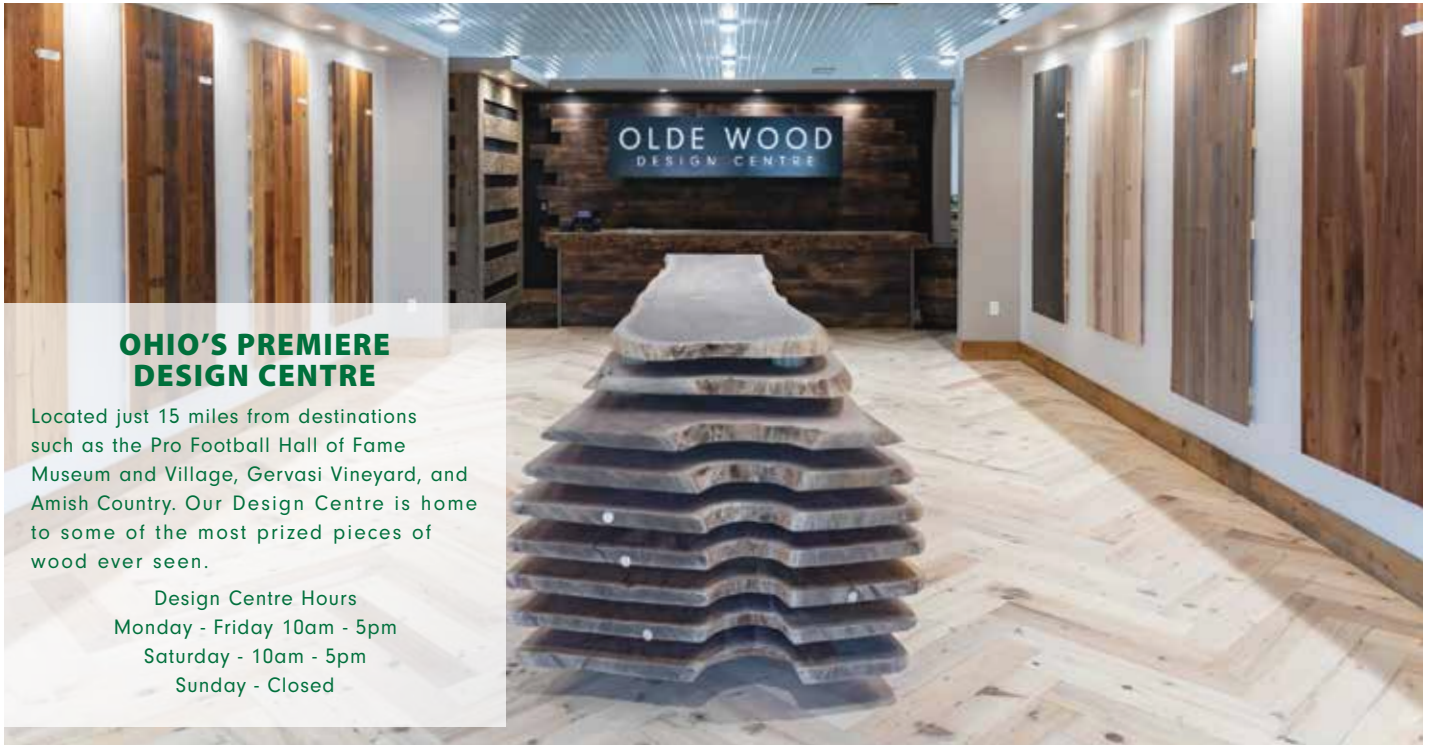
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Insurance in the Equine Industry: Why Proper Coverage Matters

by Pamela Nock

Insurance, or the practice of sharing risk, has existed for thousands of years, with evidence dating as far back as 3000 BC. Despite its long history and presence in nearly every adult's life, insurance remains one of the most misunderstood aspects of financial and risk management.

Many people presume that insurance is an investment that should generate a financial return. In truth, insurance is not designed to create wealth, but rather to protect it. The only time it produces a return is when a claim is paid—and even then, it is replacing a loss rather than generating profit.

Much like properly fitted tack is essential for the comfort and safety of a horse, properly structured insurance is essential for the financial stability of an individual or business. Being underinsured can expose you to devastating consequences, including being held personally liable for damages or losses. This scenario is not only financially damaging but can also jeopardize a person's livelihood. On the other hand, being overinsured is inefficient, much like over-biting a horse—paying premiums for coverage that does not fit the actual risk.

The key is ensuring that your policy addresses the specific risks you face. For example, a homeowner's policy does not extend coverage to farm operations. A personal auto policy will not cover the transportation of clients' horses. Even a

“The most important step any equine professional or enthusiast can take is to review their coverage with an agent who truly understands the unique risks of the equine world.”



basic farm policy will typically exclude activities such as lessons, training, or clinics unless specific endorsements are added. Without these, an equine professional could find themselves without coverage at the very moment they need it most.

Events such as shows, clinics, and camps introduce additional complexities. While many equine associations provide liability coverage as part of membership, this protection is offered on an excess basis. This means it only applies after the limits of a member's own primary policy have been exhausted. Unfortunately, this detail is widely misunderstood. Too often, members mistakenly believe the association's coverage is sufficient, only to discover during a claim that they are personally responsible until their own limits are met.

Equine mortality coverage is among the simplest forms of insurance in the industry. Most show horses carry individual life policies, providing financial protection in the event of death. Yet, it is surprising how many owners

fail to extend the same protection to themselves or their families.

Modern life insurance products offer far more than just a death benefit. Many include living benefits that can provide financial support during serious illness or disability, and in some cases, these benefits are tax-advantaged. For equine professionals, whose livelihoods may depend on their health and ability to work, such coverage can be invaluable.

Beyond mortality and liability policies, equine businesses often require specialized coverage.

Trainers, boarding barns, and instructors may need professional liability insurance. Farms with employees require workers' compensation coverage. Those who host events may need event-specific policies to address risks unique to competitions or clinics. Every operation is different, and no single policy can address all exposures. That is why consultation with a knowledgeable insurance professional is essential.

I have spent more than 35 years in the insurance industry and have been active in the horse industry since the 1970s. Over that time, I have seen both industries evolve, sometimes in positive ways and other times with added complexity. What has remained constant, however, is the need for individuals to take responsibility for understanding and managing their risks. In today's increasingly litigious environment, lawsuits and liability claims are more common than ever, making proper insurance coverage not optional, but essential.

The most important step any equine professional or enthusiast can take is to review their coverage with an agent who truly understands the unique risks of the equine world. A generalist may not be aware of exclusions or gaps that could leave you exposed. A specialist can identify coverage needs you may not have considered and ensure that your policy is tailored to your operations.

Insurance is not a subject many people enjoy discussing, but it is far better to have that conversation before a loss occurs than afterward. The right policy should fit your needs as comfortably and securely as a well-adjusted saddle. Taking the time to review and adjust your coverage now can spare you from significant hardship in the future.

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My Search for Deer Fly Solutions

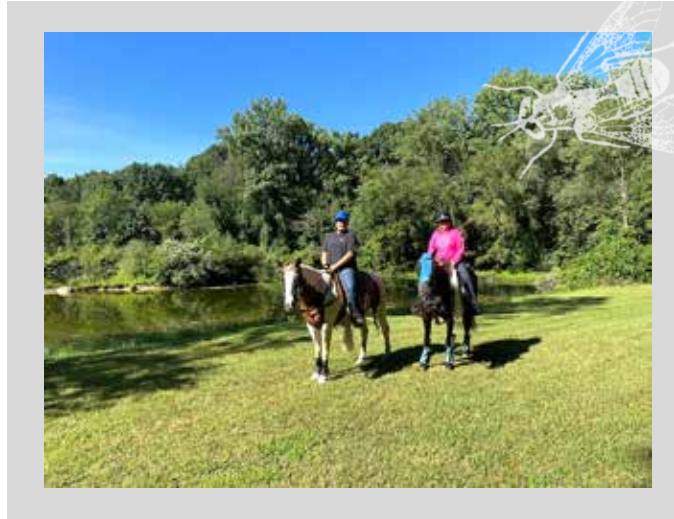
by Gina Fortunato

There is nothing more pleasurable than a cool morning trail ride through the woods, sun streaming through the trees, dew still on the fern leaves, and wildlife running around ...until – BUZZ! Pesky deer flies start to attack your horse's neck, face, and ears. Then you have an agitated horse throwing their head around, ruining the serene environment you hoped for.

This happened to me a few days ago, so I set out to learn more about deer flies and seek the best prevention so my Kentucky Mountain Horse riding buddy, Blue's Clues, can enjoy the ride as much as I do.

Fun facts about deer flies (Tabanidae):

- Deer flies prefer outdoor environments, are mostly pasture pests, and do not frequent barns and paddock areas.
- Deer flies prefer wooded areas, especially near wet soil, such as marshes, bogs or streams.
- Since they are attracted to moist areas, deer flies target horses' faces, mouths, ears, and eyes, and other areas that collect perspiration.
- Deer flies are aggressive biters, particularly in June and July. And sadly, for Blue's Clues, who is all black with one white sock, they prefer dark colors.
- It is estimated that deer flies cost our industry



about \$700,000 to \$1 million yearly.

Horse owner hacks:

- I find the horse community to be a close-knit group, and members are always willing to share what is on their minds... sometimes even when advice is not needed! Querying horse friends around the U.S. using social media, I asked them if they had any favorite hacks for preventing deer fly attacks. Here are three of the top recommendations:
- Lucky Braid shampoo – Several horse owners reported this shampoo also helped with tail rubbing and deterred bugs and flies.
 - Dragonfly clips – Because deer flies are known to avoid dragonflies, clipping a dragonfly in motion on the top of the bridle may scare away deer flies.
 - Bug balls – I've seen mixed reviews online for bug

balls, but a few horse owners say they work well. One provided a DIY approach that may help with the cost: either spray a beach ball black or put it in a black garbage bag (my favorite, as that seems easy!), cover it with Tanglefoot, and hang it in your pasture or on trails. One size does not fit all when it comes to horses. Sometimes multiple approaches may work best. In addition to what I'm doing (using a fly mask under the bridle and carrying a horse tail fly whisk), I'm looking forward to trying one (or all) of the above. After all, I want Blue's Clues to have a buzz-free ride as much as I do. Happy trails!

The suggestions in this article are intended to provide information only based on horse owner experience. If you need scientific data on flies, please visit the AAEP website and download their

2024 External Parasite and Vector Control Guidelines. Here is the section specific to flies: <https://aaep.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Flies.pdf>

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Cheryl White: The Legacy of a Barrier-Breaking Ohio Jockey

She raced into history at 17,
then slid under the radar.
Today, Cheryl White is getting
recognition, and giving back.

by Kay Coyte

Raymond White Jr. sat in the Cleveland Marriott Downtown ballroom, an honored guest at the Greater Cleveland Sports Hall of Fame's annual induction ceremony in October 2024, as a video projected on a big screen introduced his sister, barrier-breaking jockey Cheryl White, to the audience. Posthumously, Cheryl was part of the Hall of Fame's 2024 class of inductees, and snapshots of her career – headlines when she became the first female African-American jockey, win pictures, and a video of her crossing the finish line first in her last race – illustrated her place in horse racing history. In file footage, Cheryl spoke, too: "Not being cocky, but I knew I was good and I knew I was capable and I could ride with or better

than a lot of the men."

Then it was Raymond's turn to speak, accepting the Hall of Fame honor for his sister, who died in 2019. And he admitted it was "pretty emotional for me."

Raymond and Cheryl grew up in a racing family; their father, Raymond White Sr., started as a jockey but turned to training and started two horses in Triple Crown races. Their mother was a pedigree expert. The family's racing operation was well-respected but mostly under the radar. And Cheryl's accomplishments, after making a splash as the first Black female jockey at their home base, Thistledown racetrack near Cleveland in 1971, were mostly unknown.

That started to change in recent years as the White family worked to create a foundation in Cheryl's name. In 2020, Cheryl was part of

the Kentucky Derby Museum's women jockeys exhibit, "Right to Ride," and her face and milestone graced a trading card the museum created.

"Cheryl White's story carries remarkable history and heritage at its heart," said Jessica Whitehead, senior curator of collections at the Derby Museum, which maintains a Cheryl White display. "At the Museum, we are proud to honor Cheryl's accomplishments as a trailblazing Black woman in the male-dominated sport of horse racing, and her career journey helps us understand the challenges female jockeys faced as they fought for their right to ride. Cheryl had to combat two types of prejudice—racial and sexual—while she was in the saddle, and nevertheless managed to garner 226 Thoroughbred wins, over \$700,000 in earnings, and the rare feat

of capturing five races in a single day."

In 2021, New York Times reporter, author, and equestrian, Sarah Maslin Nir, contacted Raymond, and that April joined the family at Mahoning Valley Race Course, in Youngstown, Ohio, for the Cheryl White Memorial Stakes. The result was Nir's New York Times feature, "How the First Black Female Jockey Rode Into Oblivion", and the seeds for a book project. The following year, Cheryl was celebrated at the Washington International Horse Show as one of six recipients of the first Ethos Award, which recognizes trailblazers who advance the engagement of people of color in the world of equestrian sports. Recognition continued into 2023 when White and Nir released *The Jockey and Her Horse*, a young adult historical fiction book. Breyer, the iconic



Participants in the 1972 Boots and Bows Handicap invitational in Atlantic City, N.J., included Cheryl White (3rd from right) with fellow female jockey pioneers Diane Crump and Mary Bacon (6th and 5th from right) and Barbara Jo Rubin (5th from left). Cheryl won the race on Heliamber, the longest shot in the field of 14.

equine model maker, offered a related collectible with Cheryl, in her father's red-and-white silks, and Jetolara, her first winning mount.

Cheryl now was emerging from oblivion, with her brother and Nir embarking on a whirlwind national book tour, television appearances, exposure to thousands of horse girls at Breyerfest, author talks at racing's esteemed Keeneland Library in Lexington, KY, and the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs, NY.

"She was just a pioneer," White told Robin Roberts in a *Good Morning America* interview that summer. "I mean, at 17, during the turbulence that we had going on in the early '70s, she was amazing, to go through everything she went through fighting for the right to ride and wanting to ride ... Everywhere I went as a kid everybody knew who Cheryl White was." Nir added: "She was the Serena and Venus Williams of her time and she has been erased from history."

The time also was right for

the White family to launch The Cheryl White Project, with the tagline: Preserving the Legacy of America's First Black Female Jockey. The nonprofit's mission is also to inspire Black children and teens to pursue horse racing or husbandry careers through education and mentorship.

"That's the goal—to expose kids that are in the inner city to that world, to show them these opportunities even exist," said Raymond White III, Cheryl's nephew. "Maybe we stumble across somebody who gets inspired, and we find the next Cheryl. Just to present kids with that option, it's a fulfilling thing, and I know Cheryl would be proud of it. ... We can't change the world, but if we can reach out and change a handful of lives, then it's worth it."

The Cheryl White Project also seeks to remind people everywhere about the rich tradition of African-American horsemen, starting with the champion jockeys and trainers of the 1800s and early 1900s—Hall of Famers such as Isaac Murphy,

Jimmy Winkfield and Ansel Williamson—but also those who continued to make their marks through the era of segregation and into modern times. Ohio racetracks are where some of the best made their names, such as multiple stakes-winning trainer Oscar

Dishman and owner/breeder Archie Donaldson, and longtime racing official Daryl Parker, whose son, DeShawn, led the national races-won list in 2010 and 2011 and is now No. 4 on the Equibase all-time active jockeys leaderboard.

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Photo by Kay Coyte

Memorabilia in the White family office in Akron, Ohio, family photos, top, and a picture of Cheryl White exhibiting perfect form as she works out a horse at Sacramento Fairgrounds in 1975.

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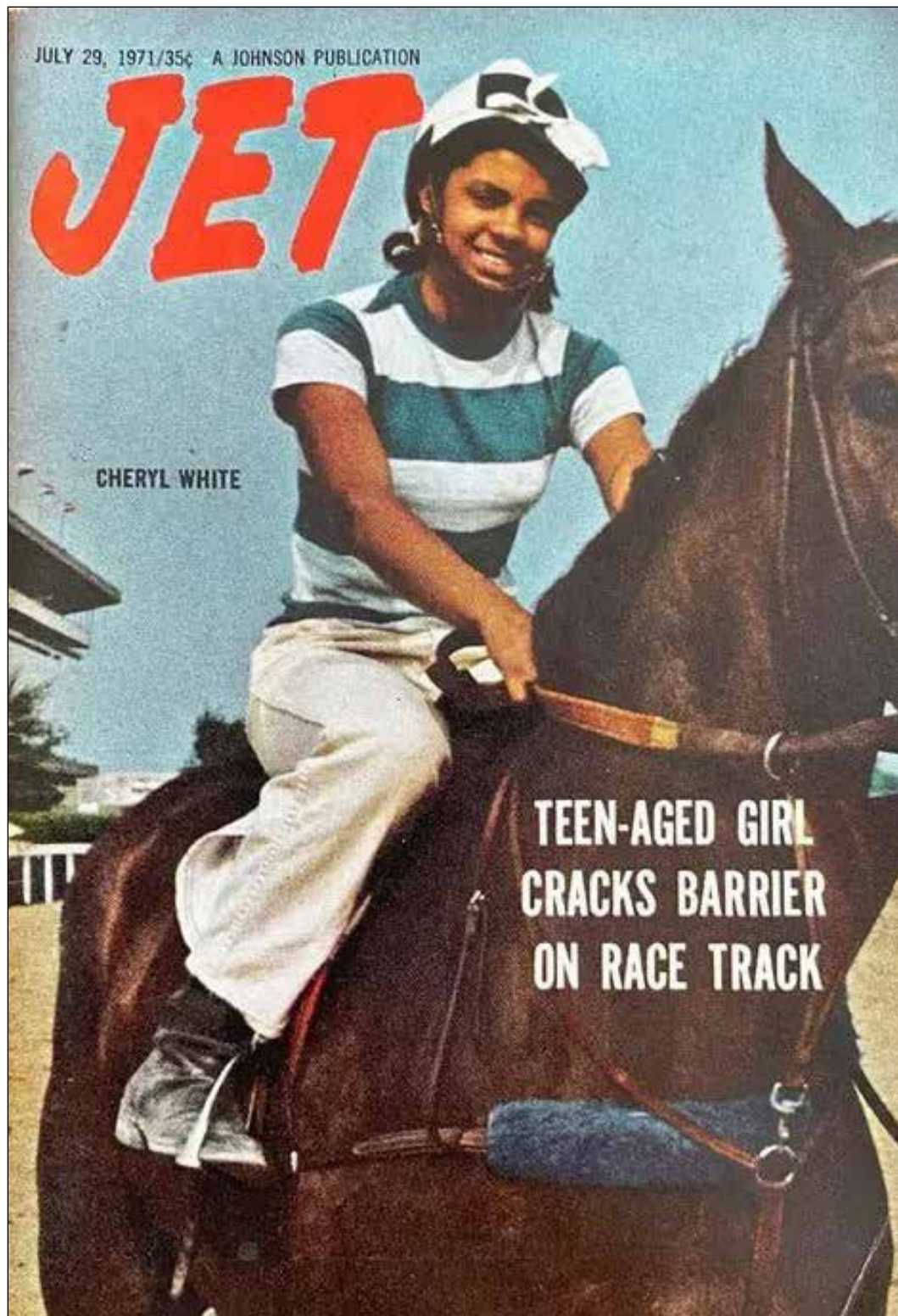
You could add Raymond White Sr. to that list as well. Cheryl's father, born in the Pittsburgh area, started his jockey career in the 1920s and rode in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and even Havana, Cuba. He took out a trainer's license in 1927 but continued to gallop his charges, even into his 80s. He started two horses in the Kentucky Derby—Crystal Prince in 1932 and American Eagle in 1944.

For that first Derby, grandson White marveled, "Here he was a 29-year-old Black man, after they had done everything they could to push everybody away. It's just remarkable to think about that."

The day before the 1947 Preakness, White Sr. worked his King Bay a half-mile in 48 1/5 seconds, a move so impressive that the "unheralded and unsung" but "handsome" colt went off as the bettors' fifth choice in the Pimlico classic. King Bay pressed the early pace but faded to last. In his next start, King Bay won the \$25,000 Peabody Memorial Handicap at Hawthorne, then the largest purse ever won by a Black trainer.

"My grandfather, he never told us any of this stuff," White III said. "Seventy-five to 80 percent of the stuff we're finding out, no one ever knew about. He was humble but hopeful."

Around 1950, White Sr. took a string of horses to the newly opened Hazel Park in Detroit. There he met Doris Gorske, described by her grandson as a "racetrack nut" who'd "written down all the results, times, taken pictures, kept detailed records—she had the bloodlines in her head." She was much younger, and Polish-American, but it was a partnership that worked.



Cheryl White on the cover of July 29, 1971 Jet magazine

"She kept her maiden name as an owner just to keep things separate and try to avoid any kind of stuff because it was what it was in the 50s," White III said. "They got married in Cook County (Illinois). Not sure if it was because they were racing

there or if they thought it was the best place to get it done and not have to worry about any backlash."

The family settled in northeast Ohio, eventually moving to a 400-acre farm in Rome, well-situated within a few hours' drive of tracks in

multiple states.

"My mom was the owner-breeder, the one who picked what studs we bred horses to," Raymond Jr. recalled in an interview recorded at Keeneland Library. "My father was the trainer, and we'd swap horses in and out at the

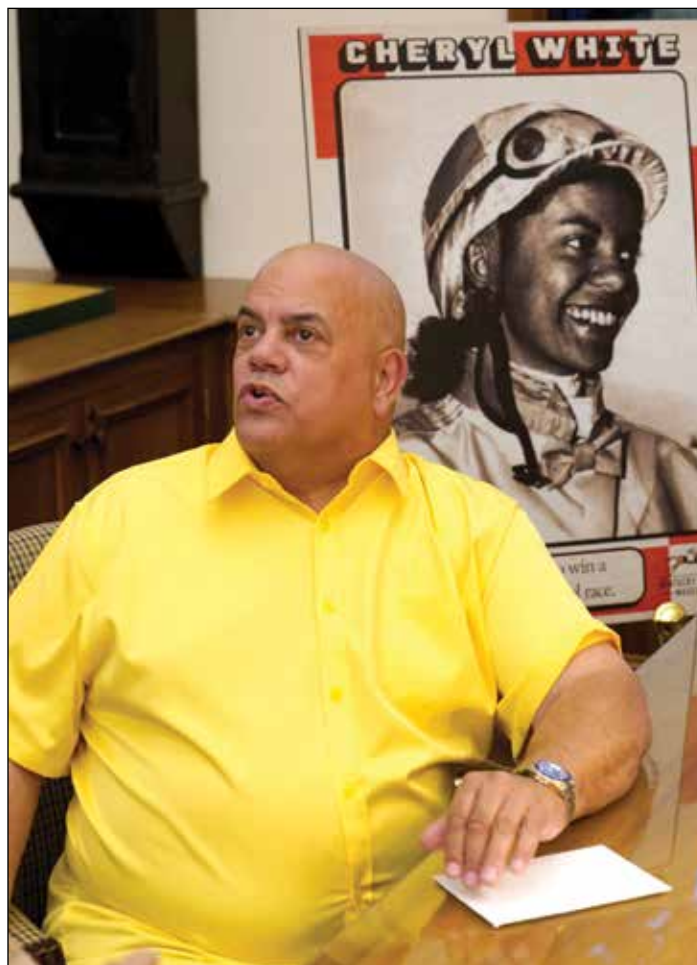
farm.” That’s where Cheryl, as a kid, and her younger brother, Raymond, were schooled in horsemanship, from feeding to foaling. The joke was that Cheryl learned to ride before she could walk. By her early teens, she began galloping horses for her father at the track.

The White family believed in education, too, and Cheryl also excelled there. She was a math whiz and, as she was working toward her jockey’s license, she represented Grand Valley High School on the *It’s Academic* student quiz show. She earned a scholarship to attend Bowling Green State University in Ohio and was planning on becoming an algebra teacher.

But women fighting for the right to race-ride was in the news. Penny Ann Early got a license in 1968, but three times male jockeys at Churchill Downs boycotted races she entered. In 1969, Diane Crump became the first female jockey to ride in a pari-mutuel race when she rode Bridle ‘n Bit on Feb. 7 at Hialeah Park near Miami. Later that month, Barbara Jo Rubin became the first woman to reach the winner’s circle, at Charles Town in West Virginia. Kim Sawyer got her license in 1970 and rode for two years at Thistledown. Watching her friend compete, Cheryl saw the possibilities.

But her father didn’t approve, first insisting she finish high school (she did), then refusing to put her on a horse to get the necessary “gate card”—approval from track officials that she could swiftly and safely break a horse from the starting gate. She solved that by securing a borrowed mount for the gate test, and passing.

Like most new riders, who aren’t allowed to carry a whip in their first start,



Raymond White Jr. with his sister, jockey Cheryl White on the trading card poster in the background, the trading card and poster were created by the Kentucky Derby Museum for its 2020 exhibit, “Right to Ride.”

Cheryl finished last in her June 5, 1971, debut. The next month she was the cover girl for *Jet* magazine, with the headline: Teen-Aged Girl Cracks Barrier on Race Track.” She won her first race on Sept. 2 at Waterford Park (now Mountaineer) in West Virginia. That same month, she became the first female rider to win two races on the same day in two states, scoring in the last race at Thistledown, then under the lights at Waterford.

In a 2017 Horse Racing Radio Network interview with former jockey Kristina McManigell, Cheryl White recalled, “My dad was an old-timer, he didn’t believe in women riders. ... But after I started, and I did really

well for him, it changed his mind.” Even after that first race, her father declared in *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*: “My girl is the best boy around this track.”

Cheryl told McManigell she ignored most of the “stuff” around her at races, and, as a “backside brat,” she felt comfortable competing with the jockey colony there. “I had been licensed as an exercise person a few years before then. ... I grew up at Thistledown, so everybody there knew me.”

By the following year, Cheryl was becoming known outside Ohio. She competed in the all-women Boots and Bows Handicap invitational in Atlantic City, N.J., alongside fellow pioneers Crump,

Rubin, Mary Bacon, Patti Barton, and Sandy Schleiffers. Cheryl won the Aug. 28 stakes on Heliamber, the longest shot in the field of 14.

Still, few trainers outside her family hired her to ride. “I’ve read a lot of different articles, heard stories, how trainers were toward female jockeys then,” White III said. “We noticed an odd thing. When she first started, in interviews when she’s talking about having trouble getting mounts, she said, ‘I don’t know if it’s because I’m Black or I’m a woman.’ Then she stopped. We don’t know if my grandfather said, ‘Hey, we know that, but you can’t say that, if you want to get mounts.’ It’s like she heard, hey, don’t talk about that.”

That was easy enough for Cheryl, who was not one for self-promotion. She also seemed to have inherited her father’s tendency to be humble.

In 1974, Cheryl went to California to visit ex-jockey friends, galloped a few horses and moved her tack West. She primarily rode on the fair circuit, where races for Appaloosas, Quarter-Horses and Arabians are carded along with Thoroughbreds. “I enjoyed riding winners, and I did good,” she said in 2017. “I was very good out of the gate and that helped Quarter Horse and Appaloosa people navigate to me because they’re shorter distances. It was a natural thing—I think I’m part horse. I’m also very relaxed ... and in tune with the horse.”

White Sr. put it this way: “She was fearless.”

Cheryl was the first woman to win the Appaloosa Horse Club’s Jockey of the Year award in 1977 and repeated from 1983-1985 (she entered its Hall of Fame in 2011). In 1981 and 1982, she rode her

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mother's Appaloosa, Mr. Slic, to equal or better track records at Vallejo. On October 19, 1983, she made history again, winning five races in one day at Fresno Fair.

Injuries slowed her but accolades kept coming. In 1990, White received an Award of Merit from the African American Sports Hall of Fame in Sacramento, as well as the Sports Award and Award of Merit from the California Legislature.

Cheryl went out in style, winning the Arabian Jockey Club's Derby West stakes aboard in Los Alamitos at NBR Seykret Cache on July 25, 1992. After that, she retired from racing with more than 750 career wins, often saying she wanted to quit before becoming a has-been.

Cheryl had passed the California Horse Racing Board steward examination in 1991 and began working as a racing official—cracking another glass ceiling for women—while still galloping horses, at various tracks.

"She was a racetracker, she'd tell you that," White Jr. said. "She said that she grew up on a racetrack and there was no retiring, you just transitioned into another job."

Cheryl did answer one more call to ride, competing in Lady Legends for the Cure at Pimlico in 201—the first pari-mutuel race showcasing retired female jockeys. At age 60, in her final Lady Legends race in 2014, Cheryl finished seventh on Macho Spaces, saying afterward it "felt great to ride. I've ridden in every one of these. This is a great event."

She returned to Ohio that year to work in the racing office at the newly opened Mahoning Valley track and her circle was completed when she became a racing



Photo courtesy of the Kentucky Derby Museum

official at JACK Thistledown Racino in 2019.

Later that year, Cheryl had an asthma attack that led to heart failure. She died on September 20, 2019; she was 65. In a tribute, former northern California jockey Dara Hanrahan reminisced about the initially "intimidating" patrol judge: "Every day I sat in there (reviewing films) with her ... I'd get a very blunt dose of reality and tons of valuable knowledge. Days, months and years passed, the outer walls of her tough exterior quickly broke down. She became a friend, neighbor, confidant and mentor."

This is the kind of legacy the White family works to keep alive. Last year, they partnered with the Delaware

African American Heritage Council to present Cheryl's story to elementary students who may be more familiar with the Ohio city's famed Little Brown Jug classic pace for standardbreds.

A separate program delved into the early history of African-American horsemen. Old Hillside Bourbon Co. released a Trifecta whiskey blend in bottles that commemorate White, Sylvia Bishop (first licensed Black female trainer), and Eliza Carpenter, who was born into slavery but died a successful racing stable owner (and sometimes jockey) in Oklahoma. A portion of the proceeds goes to The Cheryl White Project.

Perhaps most exciting is that Emmy-winning actress-

comedian-author Tiffany Haddish and her She Ready Production company have optioned *The Jockey and Her Horse* for film, tapping Jane Barr (*The 1619 Project*) to write the screenplay. "We're billing it as *Hidden Figures* with horses," said Nir, "and we hope it inspires a generation of horsewomen, horsemen, and children to do more than just ride, to do anything they set their hearts to, just like Cheryl did."

If there's a red carpet in the White family's future, you can bet they'll also arrange to speak with local youth. White III said he'd also like to organize more programs that bring kids to the racetrack, starting in Ohio then replicating them nationally, or to establish a scholarship in his aunt's name. The Cheryl White Project "definitely has been a lot of work, but of everything that we do, this is the most passionate thing that I have," he said.

As his father told the Hall of Fame ceremony audience, "We've done a lot and we're not done, so that's the whole thing. We're not done, we're not done, we're not done."

For more information about The Cheryl White Project, check out their website at: <https://www.thecherylwhiteproject.com/>

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Why Would I Need an Equine Appraisal?

By Sara Ballinger

A certified equine appraisal can provide an unbiased report for a variety of purposes. An equine appraisal establishes the monetary value of a horse for a specific purpose. Each appraisal is different, and each appraisal has different valuation factors to consider. Equine appraisals can be used for a multitude of purposes as diverse as divorce settlements, litigation cases, IRS nonprofit tax deductions, horse sales, bankruptcies, estate settlements, insurance cases, establishment of business partnerships, contract disputes, and bank collateral. Each requires substantial research.

Equine appraisers gather information on the subject horse such as pictures, videos, pedigree paperwork, registration paperwork, passports, show records, bills of sale, training records, and vet records. Onsite inspections of the horse are often necessary as well. In each circumstance, appraisers must find comparable horses that have sold with closely matching criteria to that of the subject horse. Moreover, the purchase price of the subject horse is also taken into consideration, along with time and money invested during its ownership.

After considering what criteria is most important to each equine appraisal, certified appraisers create a grid system to compare the subject horse to carefully selected sold comparable horses. Calculations will determine value for each specific area that is adjudged to be the most important for each appraisal report. An equine appraiser is trained in what criteria is most appropriate and how to calculate an overall value. With over thirty years of experience in the sport horse industry, I determine what criteria is most



important for each specific discipline.

Since becoming a certified equine appraiser in 2012, I am aware of the specifics in the wide variety of their uses. Equine appraisals can be used for IRS tax deduction purposes to nonprofits such as colleges, therapy barns, mounted police units, and to hospitals for research purposes. I have also provided numerous equine appraisal reports for litigation purposes involving veterinary malpractice, pharmaceutical company representation, trailer accidents, and crime scenes involving horses. Appraisals are also utilized to settle bankruptcy filings, divorces, and large estate settlements. An equine appraisal for an estate can be used for several reasons. The owner of an estate may have passed away, and

the appraisal is used to either sell the horses or divide the assets among family members. Estate appraisals also cover one family member transferring horses to another family member per IRS guidelines. Further, an equine appraisal report may be needed for more basic matters such as valuing a horse for sales or insurance valuations.

Not only are equine appraisals used for a multitude of reasons, but each appraisal also has its own specific set of focal points depending on the purpose. For example, a high-level jumper may be stepping down to a lower jump height as it gets older, and its value may be affected. Sold comparable horses would need to be found that are similar in age, gender, breed, health, soundness, and competition history. In another appraisal, litigation over a stallion that passes away in a trailer accident necessitates a different set of focal points. The breeding history and pedigree may be more of a factor in this case versus the information needed for the high-level competition horse. In yet another example, an older trail horse may be involved in a divorce case. In this situation, the pedigree and gender of the horse may not be as important as it was for the other equine appraisal reports.

Each equine appraisal has its own set of circumstances, and each requires a certified equine appraiser who takes the time to research and determine value. In the ever-changing world of equine ownership, precise appraisals are a priority for both professional horse people and business professionals alike who need accurate assessments of their assets. Attention to detail is of utmost importance.

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Flying High – The Science and Skill Behind International Equine Export

by **Jen Roytz**

Have you ever wondered what it takes to ship horses overseas and internationally? How do they handle the experience, and what goes into making it safe and efficient?

The process of exporting horses and other live animals—from domesticated animals like cattle and pigs to more exotic ones such as rhinoceroses and giraffes—is markedly different from how humans travel overseas, and not just because they get to skip the TSA line and keep their shoes on.

Live animal export involves not only scrupulous documentation, inspections, and the following of regulations through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and their Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

based on the traveler's destination country, but also careful attention to biosecurity, efficiency, and overall safety and stress management of the animals leading up to and during transit.

In short, it's an arduous task.

That's why it's important to work with people who are well versed in the process and a facility designed with the safety, health, and stress management of the animals at the forefront. Luckily, one of the country's leading USDA certified Export Inspection Facilities and Ports of Embarkation is closer than you might think.

History Meets Progress

Located in Columbus, Ohio, Rickenbacker International Airport originally opened in 1942 as Lockbourne Army

Airfield and served as a training facility for the Army Air Corps, including the training of Women Airport Service Pilots, who learned to fly B-17 bombers there. The aviation facility also served as the post-World War II home of the Tuskegee Airmen, the nation's first African American fighter wing.

As the Cold War neared an end, the base was renamed after Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, a Columbus native and America's preeminent World War I flying ace. Rickenbacker was a prominent aviator and statesman of his era, going on to serve as the head of Eastern Airlines for three decades (fun fact: Captain Eddie was also the inspiration for Snoopy's character in the Snoopy and the Red Baron saga!).

Today, Rickenbacker International Airport is

mainly a cargo-focused airport, though it still has strong military ties as the home base for the Ohio Air National Guard 121st Air Refueling Wing. In addition, Rickenbacker offers commercial flights for Allegiant Air to destinations throughout the United States.

Rickenbacker Airport (airport code LCK, named after the village of Lockbourne, the base's original namesake) is one of three airports under the purview of the Columbus Regional Airport Authority (the others being John Glenn International Airport (CMH) and Bolton Field (TZR), a corporate and recreationally focused regional airport).

One of the more recent features of Rickenbacker's cargo services is a unique terminal dedicated exclusively to the care and

management of horses and other animals awaiting international export. Centrally located within a one-day truck/trailer drive from the largest concentration of the United States and Canada's population, Rickenbacker offers not only advanced animal export facilities, but also a knowledgeable staff and animal-friendly culture—providing a higher caliber, lower stress transport experience for every animal that passes through their care.

Heading up the logistics for Rickenbacker's animal exports is Bryan Schreiber, who manages air cargo and foreign trade zone administration for the airport.

"I'd say 50% of the stress of transport for any type of animal is just the loading and unloading."

—Larry Baker

"Being centrally located within a day drive by tractor-trailer to such a significant amount of the North American population and the majority of its equine and livestock markets makes Columbus an ideal choice for a USDA Port of Embarkation," said Schreiber. "That being said, shipping animals presents some very unique challenges as opposed to other types of cargo—some obvious

and some less obvious—so the decision to venture into that aspect of service included a lot of careful thought and planning."

Rickenbacker opened a conditional USDA-certified loading facility at the end of 2014, and soon after they managed their first animal transport flight.

"That first live animal transport flight took place on March 23, 2015," said

Schreiber. "We sent 178 pregnant dairy cows on a Singapore Airlines 747 to Bangkok, Thailand to start a herd there."

Soon after, the airport announced plans to create a state-of-the-art equine and livestock terminal.

"One thing Rickenbacker does not lack is space. We remodeled a large aircraft maintenance hangar, putting the safety, biosecurity, and well-being of the animals in mind, and the project was completed and certified by the USDA in 2018," said Schreiber.

Safety and Stress Reduction

A key figure in the design of Rickenbacker's equine and livestock terminal, as well as their protocols, staffing,

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and current day-to-day management is Larry Baker of Baker Livestock and Horse Transport. Baker, a farmer by trade who, at the time, specialized in buying and selling hogs internationally, saw much promise in what Rickenbacker could provide.

“Larry was instrumental in the development of this facility,” said Schreiber. “He told us, ‘If you run a cargo facility, why not include animals?’ and his expertise made a huge difference.”

Baker has traveled with various types of animals to more than 35 countries, navigating each country’s import and export regulations. He also works both at home and abroad to help develop and strengthen protocols for international animal import and export.

He explained that one of the biggest differences in Rickenbacker’s facilities as compared to other airports that import and export animals is how quiet and calm it is.

“We have rubber flooring, which is not only easy to disinfect and easy on animals’ hooves, but it is quieter,” said Baker.

The facility has 12 stalls for animals to rest comfortably and safely and be inspected by USDA veterinarians prior to travel, and staff can also erect temporary pens to accommodate larger animals or those traveling in bonded groups.

“The entire building is completely enclosed and semi-climate controlled, so the animals aren’t exposed to extreme temperatures or the constant loud noise of things like plane engines, heavy equipment and whatnot. Noise and activity like that is very stressful for animals,”



Inspections before the flight

Photo courtesy of Rickenbacker International Airport

said Baker. “I’d say 50% of the stress of transport for any type of animal is just the loading and unloading.”

Baker explained that all employees working in the facility receive specialized training on large animal handling, as well as how to work in the facility and around the animals as quietly, efficiently, and safely as possible.

“I’ve worked around animals all my life, and I can tell you that when they are out of their natural element, how calm and quiet their surroundings are, as well as the people working with them, makes all the difference in how they handle the experience and how safe it is for those interacting with them,” he said.

Horses are typically shipped in groups on chartered flights without other types of animals traveling with them due to quarantine protocols. Based on their destination country, they are quarantined at an approved USDA-licensed farm and inspected by USDA APHIS-certified veterinarians at the quarantine facility

before shipping to Rickenbacker, where a USDA APHIS-certified veterinarian is present until they depart.

During their stay at Rickenbacker, strict biosecurity measures are taken to ensure the health of all animals that pass through their care.

“You have to wear coveralls and boots that stay in our facility, and everyone that comes in or out has to walk through a foot dip to ensure they aren’t bringing in or taking out any germs or communicable diseases,” explained Baker.

Baker’s team prepares hay nets, water jugs, and shavings for each horse traveling and have height-adjustable chutes to allow the horses to easily transition from the trailers they arrived on to their portable jet stall if they aren’t being offloaded to one of the permanent holding stalls. Once settled in their jet stall, the stall is carefully loaded onto and secured in the aircraft.

For animals that are larger or smaller than can comfortably fit in a traditional

jet stall, Baker’s team can build custom travel crates to accommodate either single animals or small groups (hogs, for example, travel more quietly if crated in small groups rather than alone).

In addition to the hands-on management of the animals, Baker and the team at Rickenbacker also provide logistical services, including coordination of animal testing, isolation, and flight booking.

“Most people go through an agency specializing in animal import and export to manage their animals’ travel arrangements and protocols, which helps to ensure all rules and regulations are followed,” said Schreiber.

Making Travel Plans

Rickenbacker has had nearly 1,000 horses pass through its facility since its inception, which includes everything from Thoroughbred racing and breeding stock to Standardbreds, Quarter Horses, Arabians, and more—not to mention everything from internationally competitive show horses to

beloved family pets.

When it comes to planning a trip, Baker says they usually try to put together a charter for a group of horses to travel together to the same destination.

"If you have a charter, you price it out per position based on estimated weight and volume to identify the price per position," said Baker. "Most animal cargo flights stop in Anchorage, Alaska, so they load the aircraft full, along with enough fuel based on weight and volume to make the trip to Anchorage, then refuel and refill water tanks for the animals there."

The types of planes Baker

and his team work with most to transport animals overseas are Boeing 747 and 777 aircraft, and some of the most common destinations for Rickenbacker's live animal cargo include Europe, China, India, South America, and the Middle East.

While horses are a common sight at the Rickenbacker live animal terminal, there is a nearly endless amount of other species Baker and his team have worked with over the years. Hogs are one of the more common species to pass through their doors, with upwards of 600 to 700 traveling on a single cargo plane. Cattle are often

exported in large numbers as well, but there are also some less traditional species they see. In addition, they often get tasked with the international export of exotic animals for zoos, sanctuaries, and breeding programs.

"We've transported everything from porcupines, skunks, and groundhogs to giraffes, camels, and antelope," said Baker. "In a few weeks we're transporting a load of 40 kangaroos to Malaysia, and not long ago we sent a bunch of white-tailed deer to Russia."

Regardless of the type of animal, Baker and his team take great care in their

handling and transport, and a USDA APHIS veterinary inspector monitors all activities from the moment the animals arrive to when the doors of the aircraft shut and the plane takes off.

"What we do is not just loading boxes or crates. We're being entrusted with lives, and we take that responsibility very seriously," said Baker. "Shipping animals overseas is a delicate and complicated process, and as long as I've been doing this, I can say with full confidence that the experience Rickenbacker offers to the animals in its care, and their owners, is second to none."

Just another day on the job...

In 2015, just as Schreiber and Baker were embarking on their plan to expand Rickenbacker Airport's live animal offerings and accommodations, Schreiber and Baker received a rather unique request from the Cincinnati Zoo. The Sumatran rhinoceros was becoming critically endangered, and the zoo, which had the last living Sumatran rhinoceros living outside of Southeast Asia, had agreed to send their beloved resident, a male named Harapan, to Indonesia for a conservation breeding program at the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary at Way Kambas National Park in Sumatra.

"We worked with an exotic animal broker who was knowledgeable about the import/export process," said Baker. "His zookeeper had been with him since he was born and stayed with him through the process. It was apparent to everyone the connection the two had—he was like a big pet, and we could all see how hard it was for him to say goodbye."

Rickenbacker worked with the Hong Kong-based carrier Cathay Pacific to transport Harapan the 53-hour, 10,253-mile journey.

Harapan arrived safely at his destination and since then has made a significant contribution to the survival of his species by siring his first calf, a male, in late 2023. Harapan, the calf's mother (Delilah) and this calf are three of roughly 80 Sumatran rhinoceroses left in existence.

"We got to see a video of Harapan happily settled in his new environment and have enjoyed receiving updates,"



Sumatran rhinoceros

Photo by Kathy Newton

said Baker. "It was really meaningful and special to be part of that."

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Composting Solutions that Pay for Themselves While Helping the Environment

Horse manure management and disposal is often costly, time-consuming and odorous for equestrian facilities. Many facilities are spending more than \$50 per ton for manure disposal.

However, with appropriate on-site composting infrastructure, equestrian properties can turn this costly waste stream into a valuable resource. Properly composted horse manure can be sold as a high-value soil amendment. A growing number of equestrian facilities are selling their composted manure for more than \$50 per ton, instead of spending \$50+ per ton for disposal.

What are the top challenges and best practices for on-site composting of horse manure?

Odor Management

Equestrian facilities generally prioritize composting solutions that minimize odors. The good news is that there are several proven methods to reduce or eliminate odors with well-designed composting systems, including enclosed systems, aeration control systems, and biofilters.

Mixing

Horse "poo nuggets" are encased in a mucus membrane. If left in a pile, these mucus membranes will hold the nuggets together for months, giving you an uneven and low-value compost product. The best composting solutions include effective mixing, grinding, and aeration of the material to effectively break it down into high-value compost.

Pathogen Destruction

It is of particular importance to destroy pathogens at equestrian facilities to prevent the spread of disease. If you're aiming to sell a premium-priced compost product, you will want to track the data that proves time and temperature requirements have been met prior to selling the compost. Controlled aeration systems with data capture technologies can be used to automatically optimize the composting process while logging data in simple spreadsheet files for each batch of compost produced.

Labor and Fuel Costs

Composting horse manure can be expensive in terms of equipment, fuel, and



labor. However, many proven solutions are easy to operate and maintain, requiring minimal effort beyond what is done already for disposal.

Used bedding as compost bulking agent

High nitrogen materials like manure need to have a minimum amount of high carbon material, aka "bulking agent," mixed in before the composting process begins. Most equestrian facilities already use wood shavings or other similar materials as bedding, which means that stall cleanout materials already have a suitable ratio of high carbon material with the manure. Equestrian properties that use Airlite pelletized cardboard bedding from Green Horse Brands (www.greenhorsebrands.com) have even better results with composting, because Airlite bedding enables enhanced aeration and moisture absorption during composting, which speeds up the composting process.

Proven Solutions That Pay For Themselves

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- Nathan Bundy, Greenhouse Horticulturist and Compost Manager for Greenacres

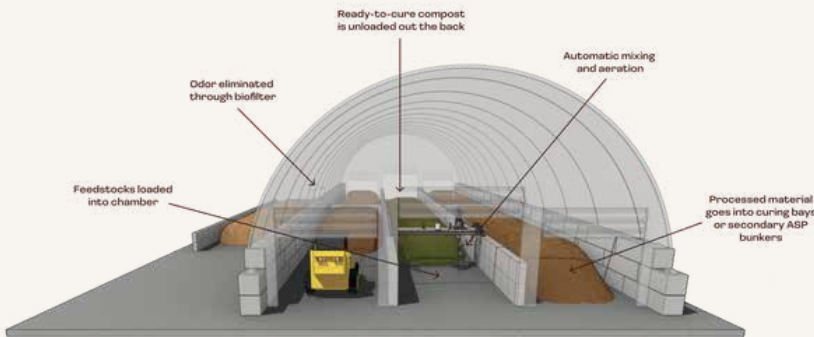
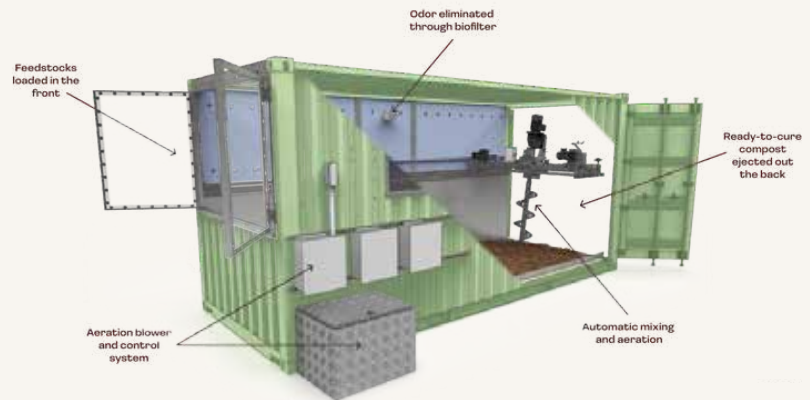
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Equine Colic:

Understanding it and Managing with Light Therapy

by Donna Woods

Colic is not a specific disease but rather a symptom that encompasses any form of gastrointestinal pain in horses. It can vary in severity—from mild gas buildup to life-threatening twisted intestines. In this article, we explore how light therapy, particularly the use of red and green lights, can support the care of horses suffering from colic.

Understanding Equine Colic

Colic is often classified into different types based on the cause, such as gas colic, impaction colic, or twisted intestines. Horses are especially prone to colic due to their unique digestive systems. Factors like abrupt dietary changes, sudden weather changes, lack of hydration, stress, or insufficient exercise can all contribute to the onset of colic.

Traditionally, colic treatment may involve pain relief medications, administering fluids, walking the horse to reduce discomfort, or even surgical intervention in severe cases. However, these methods, while effective, often only treat symptoms or work as reactive measures.

The Role of Light therapy in Colic Care

Light therapy, a form of photobiomodulation, uses specific wavelengths of light to promote healing at the cellular level. In the case of colic, light therapy can play a key role in reducing inflammation, promoting relaxation, and aiding in digestive regulation—all without harmful side effects.

Red and Green Light: Why These Colors Matter

The use of red and green lights in light therapy for horses dealing with colic has shown promising effects. Each light frequency interacts with the body differently, and when combined, they can offer complementary benefits:

Red Light (660 nm): Red light penetrates deeply into the tissue and has strong anti-inflammatory properties. It stimulates cellular energy production (ATP), increases blood flow, and reduces muscle spasms. When applied along key areas associated with the gastrointestinal tract, red light can help alleviate the muscular tension and cramping that are characteristic of colic. Additionally, its effectiveness in boosting circulation helps to support the movement of fluids and gases through the intestines, helping relieve the painful bloating or impactions often experienced in colic episodes.

Green Light: Green light is primarily used for its calming effect. Horses can easily become stressed when experiencing abdominal pain, and that stress often exacerbates colic symptoms. The calming effect of green light can help reduce overall anxiety, which is crucial for allowing the horse's parasympathetic (rest and digest) nervous system to function optimally. Green light also helps support gut motility, encouraging the gentle movement of the intestines and aiding in digestion.



Using Light Therapy to Manage Colic

Light therapy is best used as both a preventive measure and as an intervention during the early signs of colic. It's important to be equipped with the right tools, such as Photonic Health devices that incorporate both red and green light settings. Depending on the type of colic (gas, impaction, spasmodic), the acupuncture points used will vary. Applying red and green light to these points can help alleviate colic symptoms by stimulating digestion, reducing muscle tension, minimizing pain, and promoting relaxation.

Regular use of red and green light therapy can also help prevent colic by maintaining digestive health and reducing stress. Illuminating key acupuncture and fascia release points serves to maintain overall health and balance that supports gut function, while green light can be used to encourage relaxation during stressful periods.

The Role of Serotonin and How Light Therapy Enhances It

Serotonin plays a vital role in gut health as it regulates intestinal movements and

influences mood, which affects the gastrointestinal tract. Light therapy, particularly red and green light, enhances serotonin production by stimulating specific points and improving blood flow, which helps regulate gut motility and promotes calm, reducing the chances of colic.

Why Light Therapy Works for Gut Issues and Colic

Studies show that red light therapy increases cellular energy production and reduces oxidative stress, while green light therapy calms the body, supporting gut motility and aiding in recovery.

Conclusion

Light therapy can effectively stop colic in most cases and minimize its severity in others. Photonic Health's red and green light therapy devices provide a natural, non-invasive way to alleviate pain, reduce inflammation, and support recovery during colic episodes. When combined with veterinary care and proactive management, light therapy is a powerful tool for immediate relief and long-term gut health support. Learn more and download a free colic chart at PhotonicHealth.com/colic.

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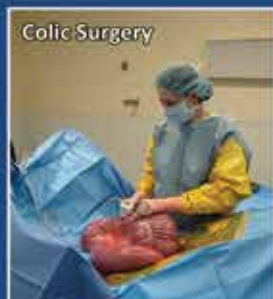
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Adapting Equine Management Solutions: Building Resiliency in a Changing Climate

Do seasonal transitions seem to either last very long or go by slowly? What about when it rains for days and then is dry for weeks? That's right, seasonal weather extremes are more common today than they used to be. This can add to a long list of important management considerations for your horse. Insects such as flies and ticks that bother horses have begun to persist for longer because of these changes in weather.

Combatting Increased Tolerance

With warmer seasons lasting longer and cooler seasons shorter, insects have an opportunity to reproduce

longer throughout the year. This provides an opportunity for exposure to fly repellants more often in a given year. Insects such as flies can develop a tolerance to chemical insecticides when exposed consistently. The longer flies have throughout the year to reproduce exacerbates this issue. Fortunately, Guaranteed Horse Products, LLC (GHP) offers Fly Bye! Plus, a naturally derived fly spray that utilizes nature's power to combat flies on a biological level. Fly Bye! Plus operates differently than traditional chemical insecticides, and comfortably addresses the issue of tolerance after repeated use.

Building a Resilient Management Approach

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Pests are not the only issue presented with seasonal changes that impacts horse management. Extended periods of wetness or the inability for the ground to freeze during winter can lead to increased opportunities for skin dermatitis issues.

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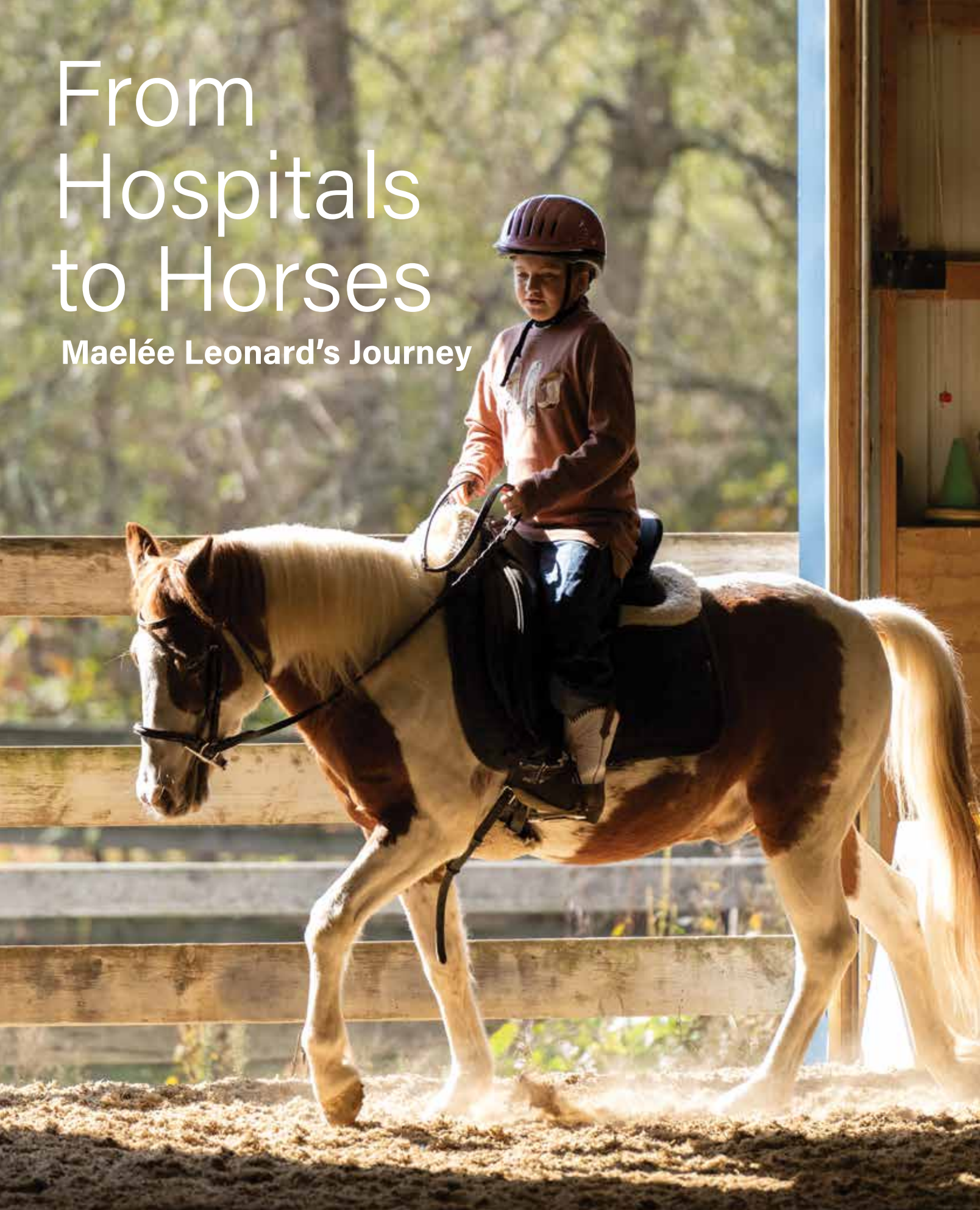
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From Hospitals to Horses

Maelée Leonard's Journey



by Sarah E. Coleman

From the periphery, Maelée Leonard is an average, horse-crazy 10-year-old; she loves to spend time at the barn and is hungry to learn about all things horses. But Maelée's life has been anything but typical.

"Old soul" might be two words that first come to mind when you meet Maelée. She's wildly adult in her mannerisms, how she speaks and how she comports herself. It's only once you learn her history that the reason behind her mature manner becomes clear: Maelée spent many months of her childhood surrounded only by adults while in the pediatric cancer unit at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus.

An Uncommon Issue

Maelée's mom, Macée, had a very normal pregnancy and birth, and the first three months of Maelée's life were uneventful. Maelée was hitting milestones and was in every way a "normal" infant until just before her four-month checkup in 2015.

Truly overnight, Maelée became incredibly painful, crying inconsolably and in obvious distress—significantly more painful than she would be with a "typical" gas colic, Macée recounts. Macée, a nurse, knew that something wasn't right as Maelée was unable to move her bowels or urinate; she made a pediatrician appointment for Maelée the next morning.

"When I brought her in, they thought she might just be constipated," she explained. "They thought if they could eliminate that issue, that they would get

a clearer understanding of what-if anything—was going on with her as to why she couldn't urinate. They thought that she simply couldn't pee because she was so constipated."

A few days later, with no resolution, Maelée was admitted to Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, about an hour from the Leonards' home. This time, the suspicion was a urinary discharge problem, but even with a battery of tests, nothing was found, and Maelée was discharged on a Friday. "But my mother spidey-sense was saying that something still was not right—she was still retaining urine," Macée explained. "I went back to the pediatric unit and was like 'hey, she's still retaining urine—it's not normal for there to be urine retention for no reason.'"

The pediatric team agreed, used a straight catheter to access Maelée's bladder and removed 350 ccs of urine, a massive amount of urine for an adult, let alone a child. Maelée truly could have had a ruptured bladder if not for Macée's diligence in ensuring her daughter received the care she needed.

The pediatric team ran the labs again and proceeded with a second admission for Maelée—the next in a long line of future hospital stays. Diagnosed with acute kidney

failure, it was determined that Maelée was "third spacing," meaning that instead of her urine being collected in her bladder and excreted to the outside of her body, it accumulated in her abdominal cavity. When the team ultrasounded her kidneys, they found a mass that encompassed her kidneys, ureter and bladder (called a KUB). "That totally changed the game," said Macée. "Her blood pressure was so high, it was stroke-level."

To complicate matters, the mass was attached to Maelée's tailbone and intertwined with her bowels—and a part of her bowels was dead, adding to her excruciating pain. "We were told it happened in utero," Macée explained, and that nothing could have been done to prevent it. "Maelée went into emergency surgery to take out the tumor; they also removed part of her tailbone and a large section of her bowels. A biopsy of the mass came back malignant."

Though close to Ohio's capital, the Leonard family was in between a bit of a rock and a hard place when it came to deciding who should care for their infant. The two children's health powerhouses located close to the family's home, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, were both unfamiliar with how to treat her cancer. In the end, the family opted to stay with Nationwide, who had diagnosed Maelée upon being readmitted.

"The plan was to do three rounds of chemo and then they thought she would be good," Macée recounted. And she was, with a few follow-up scans showing that she remained cancer-free. In

January, however, just shy of her first birthday, Maelée's routine scans showed that the cancer had returned—this time with masses in her pelvis.

To try to offer Maelée the best treatment possible, her oncology team collaborated with 68 pathologists around the country. Once a plan was in place, she was readmitted to the hospital and began 14 rounds of chemotherapy over 42 weeks, from January to mid-November 2016.

"She was just a baby and she had no immune system," recounts Macée. "She got every secondary virus out there and needed both blood and platelet transfusions."

Growing Up in the Hospital

With that long of a window for treatment—each of which required hospitalization—Maelée literally grew up in the hospital. "She learned to walk and talk in that hospital," says Macée. "She hit every baby milestone inside the walls of Nationwide Children's. Everyone admired her strength and resilience, but it was the only life she knew—pushing her stroller up and down the halls of the hospital."

The family moved into the hospital on treatment weeks, rolling in with playmats, toys, and all the things to keep a boisterous young mind occupied.

"I reflect back often on her not having that psychosocial piece, where some of the bigger kids [in the hospital] knew what they were missing out on—she didn't," Macée recounts.

But all that time in the hospital worked, putting Maelée's cancer in remission at the conclusion of her

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Photo by Seth Nickolas

like nothing else I can offer her.”

Maelée wasn't physically exposed to horses much as a child, but she and her

horses, they should pop over for a little visit.”

“I know the gift the horses have to offer and I consider it a gift to be able to offer it

“I love horses because they match my energy, I feel calm when I'm around them. As soon as I am riding Captain, my mind is peaceful and I don't have to worry about anything else.”

—Maelée Leonard

grandfather would “talk horse” a lot; he had owned racehorses throughout his life and was still deeply passionate about the animals. These conversations nurtured Maelée's love of horses, even though a physical horse wasn't often in her orbit. Surprisingly, it wasn't a family member who helped Maelée find the horses—it was Susan Ginise of Hope Farm Equine Services in Granville.

Susan's smile comes through when she talks about Maelée; her affection for the Leonard family is apparent as she recounts her introduction to the family and the ways Maelée has changed since beginning to ride at the farm.

“I saw when Maelée was quite young that she and her family were going through a lot of stuff, particularly for a young family,” Susan says, “so I reached out to Macée and told her that if she and her family would ever want to go for a pony ride or look at the

to others,” Susan explained. “There's something special about being around a horse; they're so empathetic and mirror our own emotions. We can learn a lot from their nonverbal skills; we as humans sometimes forget about appropriate communication and working with others in a cooperative way—but the horses always remind us.”

“It's a gift to be able to do this for others,” she says of welcoming the young family into her farm. The initial visit led to more trips to the farm, then an interest from Maelée in taking lessons. Now, Maelée takes regularly scheduled lessons with Susan. “It's been a lot of fun to watch her grow,” Susan said.

Hope Farm: More Than Just Riding Lessons

“People normally have a complicating issue when they come to me,” Susan

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42-round treatment. “She will be eight years cancer-free in November of 2025,” said Macée. For the most part, Maelée has no lingering effects from either her treatments or her time in the hospital, though she does have some hearing loss from the antibiotics she received throughout treatment and chronic gastrointestinal issues.

Where the Horses Have Helped

One more uncommon side effect of Maelée's treatments

is insomnia. Her lack of ability to sleep well through the night can come out as hyperactivity. “She can have a difficult time focusing; she's difficult to keep on task at school and during sports; she struggles with chore lists and tasks,” Macée explains.

But Macée discovered one place where Maelée doesn't struggle to stay attentive: the barn. “When she's at the farm, she's just so different. She's on task; she's in her element, so full of joy. The horses have had this effect on her—the barn zens her out

said. "I only work with people who have learning or physical diagnoses." Susan herself is exceptionally equipped to help these people with her background in elementary education; she's also wildly talented at getting people to learn in non-traditional ways. These clients need a personalized path with the horses, Susan said. "I can help people improve their quality of life and their skills."

Susan's lessons encompass both traditional horsemanship and therapeutic riding, which contributes positively to people's cognitive, physical, emotional, and social well-being. Susan's lessons promote strength, increase flexibility and help develop balance, improve coordination, improve

breathing and circulation—all while boosting self-confidence and self-esteem.

"When Maelée started [riding with me], we had two sidewalkers to support her, and to support her balance and to remind her of what I was saying," said Susan. "Now, she's riding the pony independently. She can get on and walk and trot, and we're learning to canter with confidence."

Maelée is so much better with her balance and coordination, Susan says. "Her empathetic awareness and her intrapersonal social skills are above where I think I see other people her age," Susan explained, agreeing with the idea that this is because she spent so many months surrounded only by adults.

Because she had to

express herself so much in formal medical situations, Maelée excels at communication with adults—and with being empathetic. "She understands how people feel and she can see right versus wrong when people are being treated inappropriately," Susan explains. "She's an adult in a little body."

Susan still incorporates coordination and motor skills into Maelée's lessons. "We're currently working on upper-body strength and core strength," she explained. "When she first started, we worked on reaching across his neck stretching down to touch the knee to work on balance. Now she does more-complex moves to hone her strength even more."

In the beginning, the lessons weren't just about what could be accomplished by the body in the saddle. Drawing on her education background, Susan incorporated activities into each lesson as well, teaching riders how to match colors, solve math problems, throw dice, identify numbers and so much more. As Maelée progressed in her riding, though, the lessons became less about the learning side and more about finessing the riding side.

A Pony Named Captain

At the barn, Maelée rides Captain, a beautiful brown pony that other kids are not often permitted to ride because he's "persnickety," Macée explained. "But

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Maelée has no problem regulating Captain—it's like they balance each other out."

Susan agrees: "That pony just thoroughly enjoys her. They're ornery in the same way together! Not in a mean way ... some days we just laugh and laugh."

"I love horses because they match my energy," says Maelée. "I feel calm when I'm around them. As soon as I am riding Captain, my mind is peaceful and I don't have to worry about anything else."

Maelée has even taken on more roles at Hope Farm Granville; she now feeds and cares for all the critters when she's at the farm, including a donkey, sheep, pigs, and chickens.

"Maelée is like Dr. Dolittle with how animals respond to her presence," said Macée.



"It's like they're fighting for her attention." This will serve her well when her vet-school ambitions come to fruition! "When I grow up, I want to be a vet with a

large horse farm so that I can take care of tons of animals," Maelée said.

Room to Grow

Maelée's journey is a powerful testament to the healing that can happen outside a hospital room when surrounded by horses and the people who love them.

"The farm is my safe space because I can be myself and the animals can be themselves with their silly personalities, and we can all have a fun time," said Maelée.

Susan's grace and Macée's dedication to non-traditional healing have allowed this young equestrian the space to simply be a kid, something she missed out on while growing up in a hospital. For now, Maelée enjoys spending time with her four-legged friends, growing, learning, and healing, one ride at a time.

Learn more about Susan Ginise's Hope Granville Farm here: hopefarmgranville.com

"When she's at the farm, she's just so different. She's on task; she's in her element, so full of joy. The horses have had this effect on her—the barn zens her out like nothing else I can offer her."

—Macée Leonard

Based in Lexington, KY, Sarah Coleman is the Executive Director of the Kentucky Horse Council. She deeply loves a chestnut OTTB whom she attempts to show in the hunters.



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What does it cost to ride on an IEA Team?

- Membership in the IEA is \$70 for riders, coaches and Adult Members and \$200 per middle/upper school team.
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- Riders and parents are responsible for purchasing show clothing.

How do I find a team to join?

- The IEA website, www.RideIEA.org, has maps of current teams under each discipline. Look for FIND A TEAM.
- IEA suggests prospective riders and parents reach out to several coaches in your area to inquire about their team requirements.
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When is the best time of year to join an IEA Team?

- IEA membership for the new season opens in June each year. Teams and Riders may join anytime during the season, but the ideal time to join is between JUNE and AUGUST so that teams are ready to start showing when the season opens.
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What are some benefits to being an IEA member?

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Who provides the horses at IEA shows?

- Shows are conducted by a host team with up to 3 co-hosting teams.
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- A specific set of rules determines how many times a horse may be ridden in a class per show day to avoid excessive use.
- Horses may also be provided by local barn owners, colleges, private owners, etc.
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Have a question about joining IEA?

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IEA has lots of Teams in Ohio. Gather some riders and start a new team for our 25th Anniversary Season in 2026-2027.

Farrier's Magic: A Tradition of Results and Relationships

by **Andrea Gillespie**

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Olde Wood: Where Heritage Meets Craftsmanship

by Sarah Welk Baynum

When husband-and-wife team Tommy and Mandy Sancic first founded Olde Wood Limited, they had just \$25, a borrowed chainsaw, and a vision to give old barns new life.

After more than two decades in business, it has blossomed into one of the nation's largest custom mills—without sacrificing the personal, small-business touch they started with.

Based in Magnolia, Ohio, Olde Wood blends time-honored milling traditions

with modern innovation. Their team transforms reclaimed barn wood and new domestic hardwoods into custom designs that carry history and character into homes and businesses nationwide.

Generational Reclaimed Barn-Wood Roots

Tommy Sancic's father made his living dismantling old barns—a legacy that inspired the dream that would later grow into Olde Wood. "When I was just 16 years old, I had this vision of starting a reclaimed wood

business as a company," says Tommy Sancic.

"In 1997, when we first started dating, Tommy told me this is what he wanted to do—to build something of our own," says Mandy Sancic. "We had \$25 and a chainsaw we borrowed from my dad. Back then, there was no crowdfunding, no bank willing even to give us a meeting, let alone a loan. Everything we've built has come from the ground up, constantly reinvesting to keep it growing."

The Sancics' journey began humbly, taking apart a few

old barns and selling the wood piece by piece.

"We later went from dismantling to manufacturing, but it took years to get there," Tommy explains. "It started with disassembling old barns and selling the parts, and then eventually hiring people—the business went that way for six or seven years. Around 2000, I bought my first piece of equipment. I began shifting Olde Wood into producing finished products, along with adding paneling and other custom woodwork. By 2001, we had moved into

full manufacturing, and it's grown steadily from there."

Although Olde Wood built its business on reclaimed barn wood, the process has always carried an emotional weight for the Sancics. Each dismantled structure held echoes of the lives once lived there.

"Going back to the beginning, when we first started taking down barns, there were two things I noticed and still recall," Mandy explains. "I remember seeing a basketball lying on the floor and a horse halter with a lead rope in one barn. Every time I walk into an old barn, it breaks my heart a little, even though we are just the ones called in to remove it. But we know they're coming down one way or another. The good part is knowing that wood gets a second life. From those barns, we've created mantels, staircases, countertops, and even dance floors. Something beautiful is reborn from those memories."

A New Era of Wood Craftsmanship

Olde Wood has transformed dramatically over the past two decades—what started with dismantling old barns has grown into a full-scale manufacturing company with national reach.

"We went from old structures to what Olde Wood is now—a manufacturer of old and new wood," says Tommy. "The start of it was reclaimed wood and barns, and there's a passion for that that will never go away because it's embedded in our DNA. But today, about 60% of what we do is new domestic hardwoods."

Today, Olde Wood operates as a true custom mill shop, producing both solid and

engineered flooring, as well as a variety of other custom finishes. "Over the last 20 years, this journey has taken us from a small shop to a national company known for custom wood products—and that's the core of who we are now," Tommy adds.

When the recession hit in the late 2000s, Olde Wood faced a crossroads. Their original model focused on selling through flooring stores, with hundreds of dealers across the country. But as the market shifted, so did their strategy.

"Around 2008, we were selling almost exclusively through flooring stores with hundreds of dealers in different states," says Tommy. "When that business model slowed down, we pivoted to explore the commercial market."

At that time, social media was just emerging, and Olde Wood leaned into it, using it strategically.

"Long before most companies in our industry even considered it, social media helped us connect directly with our customers,"

says Tommy. "In turn, it drove demand back to builders, architects, and designers. Instead of relying only on traditional dealer networks, we broke the mold by building awareness with the consumer first. It was free marketing in a sense—word of mouth, neighbors, friends, and families. That shift allowed us to grow through the downturn and come out stronger, reaching both high-end residential and commercial markets. It's been a big part of building the successful

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Founders, Mandy and Tommy Sancic

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business we have today.”

True to their Roots

Even as Olde Wood has expanded into a national name, the Sancics remain committed to the values they started with—family, community, and staying true to their roots.

“Just because we’ve grown doesn’t mean we’ve lost sight of who we are or what we’re about,” says Tommy. “We’ve always tried to keep that family element at the heart of the business, no matter how big we get. Our kids work here, along with family and

friends who’ve been with us since the very beginning—even some from our high school days. Additionally, we remain deeply involved in the community through outreach and local projects. Yes, we might be a larger company now, but we’ve worked hard to keep that small-business feel by being present and connected—that’s something we’ll never let go of.”

Unlike many owners of larger companies who step back into strictly managerial roles, Tommy remains hands-on—both in day-to-

day operations and in the woodshop itself, working side by side with his employees.

“I’m a worker just like everybody else—I’m not a desk guy. I’ve always believed in being out there alongside the team, and that hasn’t changed. The people who work here are more than employees—they’re family. I’ve built the buildings, set up the equipment, and helped create the infrastructure that keeps us growing. At the end of the day, it doesn’t matter what you can sell if you can’t produce it. That’s why I stay

involved in every part of the process.”

Today, Olde Wood has been part of a long list of unique, memorable, and even celebrity projects. “We feel incredibly fortunate to be involved in so many meaningful projects across the country,” says Mandy. “We’re proud to say Olde Wood products are even featured in many of the newer, iconic restaurants and bars on Broadway in Nashville. Most of them are installed through third-party contractors or are private-

labeled by dealers.”

A Country Star’s Modern Farmhouse: The Chase Rice Project

One standout collaboration was with country music star Chase Rice, who partnered with designer Jenny Reimold to renovate his Nashville home into a modern farmhouse retreat.

“Chase Rice’s home was such a cool COVID project for us. It was fun walking through his house and chatting with him. But one of the best parts of that collaboration was realizing he’s just so down-to-earth—celebrities are just like everyone else. Chase has the most beautiful home, and honestly, I remember thinking, ‘I could just sit on this porch forever—it’s breathtaking.’”

For the project, Rice chose butcher block countertops from Olde Wood, crafted from vintage 1920s railroad car flooring that once ran between New York City and Chicago. The reclaimed wood carried nearly a century of history, bringing a story-rich focal point to the kitchen while honoring Olde Wood’s mission of preserving heritage through design.

The choice of reclaimed railroad wood wasn’t just about aesthetics—it was about a connection to the past. Each countertop told a story of American history and craftsmanship, adding authenticity to Rice’s farmhouse vision while tying into Olde Wood’s specialty of homes designed with both beauty and meaning.

Alongside countertops for home designs like Rice’s, Olde Wood specializes in barn beams, wide plank flooring, custom wooden vents, and paneling, making them a go-to partner for homeowners and designers seeking both beauty

and legacy in their interiors. As Rice’s project shows, their products don’t just build homes—they create stories rooted in history, character, and community.

Craft Brewery Charm in the Heart of the Midwest

In 2021, Olde Wood Limited helped bring a fresh identity to the local Five Brewing Company in Perrysburg, Ohio, which officially opened its doors that same year. The Olde Wood team transformed the exterior with their signature Grey Board siding, known for its naturally faded tones from soft to deep grey, accented with weathered nail holes and organic knots that reflect the passage of time.

The result was a facade that immediately set the brewery apart—blending contemporary design with rustic authenticity. Olde Wood’s role in Five Brewing Company highlights how their products transform buildings into experiences, infusing them with warmth and a living connection to the past.

The Mustang Collection

Olde Wood’s Mustang Collection isn’t just flooring—it’s an homage to the spirit of the mustang, an American icon that symbolizes freedom, strength, and pioneer perseverance. Drawing on the rugged imagination of the frontier, this exclusive wide-plank hardwood line captures

“It really ties back to our family’s love of horses. We’ve found that so many of our customers are equestrians, and we’re able to cater to them in different ways.”

the essence of both barn-born craftsmanship and elegance.

“It really ties back to our family’s love of horses. We’ve found that so many of our customers are equestrians, and we’re able to cater to them in different ways. On one side, we have those who love the rustic, western look that reclaimed wood offers. But just as often, we see equestrians drawn to our newer lines—bright, airy, and upscale designs that bring a completely different feel. It’s always interesting to see how horse people connect with both.”

For equestrian home or facility design, projects that feature the Mustang Collection become more than an aesthetic statement. Each board carries that raw, lived-in character—such as wild grain, worn textures, and stories embedded in every knot and saw mark. Each style in the collection, such as the Stallion Plank or the more refined Filly Plank, offers unique textures that echo the beauty of the equine companion.

Horses at the Heart of the Sancic Family

Like the reclaimed barn wood of their business roots, horses are woven into daily life and even into Olde Wood’s recent story.

“My first word was ‘horse’, but I joke that my poor husband didn’t know what he was getting into—when we met, horses weren’t part of my life at the time. Now, they’re such a huge part of our lives. We

have ten horses, including two Chincoteague ponies we adopted from a rescue. We show with our grandkids in the mountain trail division—it’s an obstacle-course type discipline, and we really enjoy it. I even won the adult Level One class for the 2025 year, which was exciting since I’d never shown in it before,” says Mandy.

“My daughter is also breeding show cows, and that’s become a family adventure for all of us. She’s doing it right here on the farm—and because the farm and the business are all on the same property, it really all ties together.”

The Sancics even brought a horse named Moose into their showroom recently—and he lives up to his name.

“Bringing a horse into the showroom was so exciting. The equestrian community has always supported us, and we love giving back by supporting equestrian programs, junior fairs, and other initiatives,” says Mandy.

*You can learn more about Olde Wood at www.olderwoodltd.com
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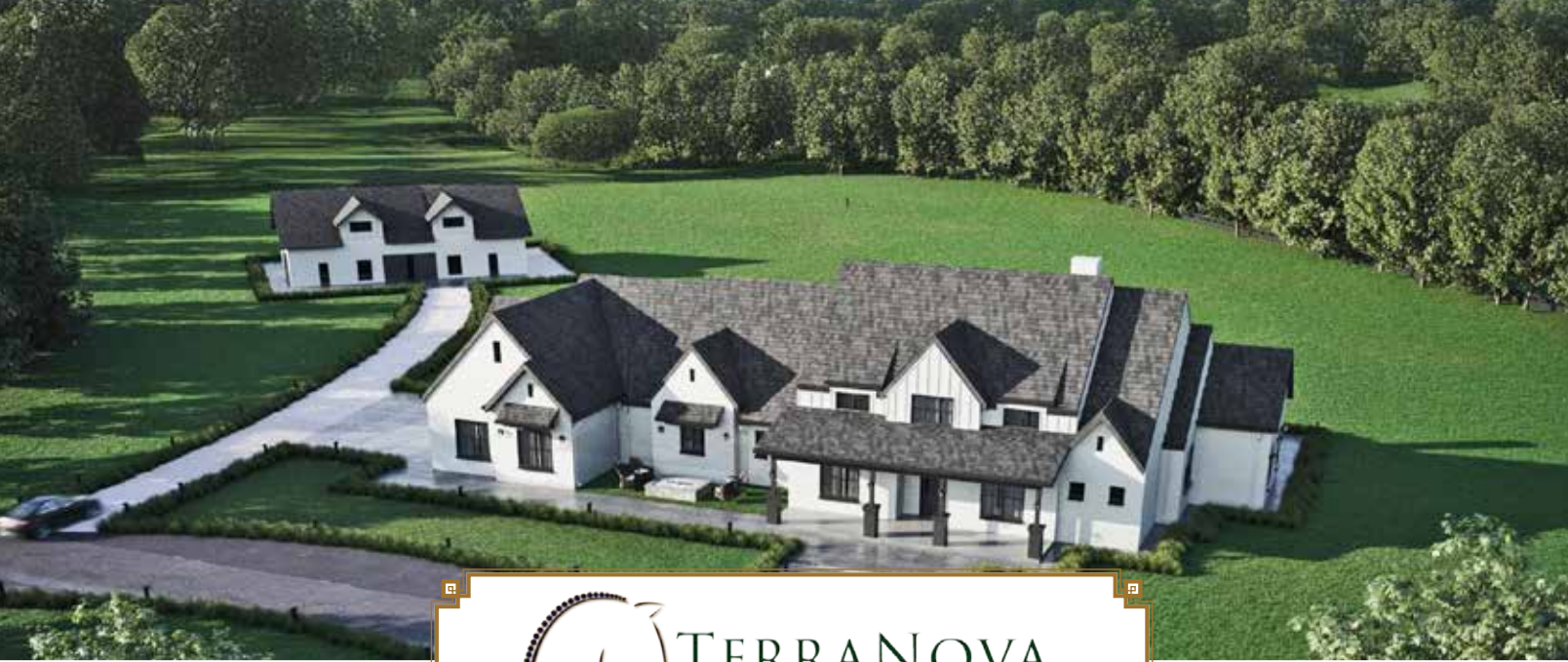
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Speaking Up for Ohio's Silent



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by L.A. Berry

Abuse. Cruelty. Neglect. These are heavy words to throw in our horse world.

These words have taken on greater weight in the public consciousness recently, as figures we expect to uphold the highest standards—Olympic dressage and show jumping riders among them—not only failed to meet those expectations, but violated the sacred compact of trust and safety owed to the animals

who depend on us.

Social media is also rife with images of supposedly “dead” or “frozen” horses, posted by a well-intentioned public unfamiliar with just how much joy a horse can take lying perfectly still—soaking up the sun or collecting snowflakes on a fuzzy back in the middle of a blizzard—prompting owners to pause mid-chore to reassure concerned onlookers, where comic relief and mild inconvenience inevitably collide.

In today’s “see something, say something” world, how do we know when we are speaking up for the best interests of those who cannot speak for themselves? How do we discern, as one dressage trainer asks, the smoke from the mirror?

Ohio and Abuse

“Cruelty to animals is illegal in Ohio,” legal editor E.A. Gjelten wrote in *Animal Cruelty Laws in Ohio*, updated August 13, 2025, for Lawyers.com by

criminal law attorney Rebecca Pirius of Mitchell Hamline School of Law. Goddard’s Law (passed in 2016 in memory of WJW-TV meteorologist Dick Goddard) makes it a felony—even if a first offense and classifies such a violation as a violent offense—if an animal suffers serious physical harm, punishable by up to a year in prison and a \$2,500 fine.

What defines abuse and/or neglect?

Meet Ohio Revised Code 959.13 (Cruelty to animals)



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and 959.131 (Prohibitions concerning companion animals).

Effective since 1977, Section 959.13 says “No person shall: torture an animal, deprive one of necessary sustenance, unnecessarily or cruelly beat, mutilate, or kill, or impound or confine an animal without supplying it with a sufficient quantity of good, wholesome food and water; impound or confine an animal without affording access to shelter from wind, rain, snow, or excessive direct sunlight if it can reasonably be expected that the animal would otherwise become sick or in some way suffer. Shelter means a manmade enclosure, windbreak, sunshade, or one developed from the earth’s contour, tree development, or vegetation. Carry or convey an animal in a cruel or inhumane manner; or keep animals other than cattle, poultry or fowl, swine, sheep, or goats in an enclosure without wholesome exercise or change of air.”

Additionally, Ohio Revised Code 1717.01 provides a general definition of cruelty, torment, and/or torture as “any action or inaction that causes unnecessary pain or suffering when there is reasonable option for preventing it.”

“If you see or hear an animal that appears to be abused, mistreated, or neglected, contact your local animal control agency, law enforcement, or humane society. Ohio gives its humane societies special authority. Their members, officers, or agents may use force to prevent or stop animal cruelty from happening in their presence. They may also require law enforcement officers to take possession of an animal that is a victim of



Outreach is important. Happy Trails Farm equine and human ambassadors at Equine Affaire Ohio in April.



Volunteers make for happy horses at Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary.

cruelty. Humane agents may arrest and prosecute someone for animal cruelty. The Ohio SPCA takes animal cruelty reports and assists local law enforcement and humane societies with investigation and rescues,” Gjelten said, further citing Ohio Rev. Codes 1717.06, 1717.08, 1717.09 (2025).

A Season of Outrage

Around the same time last summer as the Gjelten article was being updated, FOX8 News was asking if Ohio outrage over animal abuse was on the rise.

Sharon Harvey, President and CEO of the Cleveland Animal Protective League, told reporter Laura Morrison, “I think we’ve seen some societal shifts. Largely, what we’re seeing is a massive awakening. These crimes matter. These lives matter. And many are aware.”

Harvey said more attention to more media reports, especially to cases of abuse where individuals are charged, suggests people are “becoming more outraged, which is good.”

More broadly, at the June mid-year Board meeting of the U.S. Equestrian Federation, equine welfare was also top of mind. In addition to the nefarious dressage training abuses that have plagued the USEF image for much of the past year, video footage of Phantom of the Opera falling twice during the cross-country phase of April’s Kentucky Three-Day Event set social media ablaze, sparking public outrage and leading to changes that went into effect July 1 to two General Rules.

The GR122 Falls rule added language stating, “In the Hunter, Jumper, Hunter Jumper Seat Equitation

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disciplines, a horse is considered to have fallen when any part of the horse's body, except for the hooves, touches the ground or an obstacle and the ground, even if the horse stands back up afterward."

The GR849.8 Collapse Rule was modified to state that any horse or pony that collapses at a Hunter, Jumper, or Hunter/Jumper competition is barred from competing for a minimum of seven (7) days afterward, is not permitted on the grounds of a Federation-licensed competition during that time, and may compete again only if a licensed veterinarian files a form attesting that the horse has been examined and is fit to return.

Swift responses—and equally swift rule changes—are possible in the best interest of horses, albeit never swiftly enough.

The Horses, the Horrors

Last August, 18 horses—some with horrific ailments and kept in metal shipping containers—were seized from Muddy Water Equestrian in Springfield Township after certified Cincinnati Animal CARE agents responded to multiple documented complaints requesting a look into an equestrian facility where they found “nearly two dozen horses in distress.”

The sole provider of animal services for Hamilton County, Cincinnati Animal CARE said, “These animals arrived in heartbreaking conditions—severely underweight and starved not just for nutrition but for safety and compassion.”

After receiving reports from local equine veterinarians who were

asked to evaluate the horses, CARE made the decision to seize them on August 12 and put them in foster care with trusted equine professionals. (Note: Donations are welcome at cincinnatianimalcare.org to support their care and legal defense as Clarence Clemens with Muddy Water Equestrian has filed a motion to dismiss and wants the horses returned. That court date, at time of press, was September 17.)

In Ravenna, Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary takes in injured and neglected farm animals, as well as owner-relinquished and shelter-transfer animals, and describes a rescue in Ashtabula where a dilapidated and seemingly empty barn imprisoned five horses and nine sheep.

“Held captive in the dank barn for over two years without the light of day, they watched through barred windows as others lived their lives. Residents and law enforcement wrote this property off as abandoned until one day, one whinny at the right time alerted a community member to the existence of life within its walls,” said Lissy Kuhn, director of development for Happy Trails Farm.

“Happy Trails cannot investigate as a first response to instances of cruelty brought to our attention. First, notify your local law enforcement or humane agency. Becoming informed about the signs of abuse and the steps to reporting cruelty is key.”

Recognizing and Reporting Abuse

Reporting abuse starts with reporting to the agency in the city/county where the address resides, and the more complete and detailed the



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Happy Trails' ASPCA Right Horse adoption partner, West Virginia Horse Network, Inc., helps match Edie to her new career as horse mom.

information you can provide, the better. That includes:

- Name and complete address of the person/ persons suspected to be involved.
 - Document the day/time/ name of the person you make your report to.
 - Describe the horses/ animals affected as completely as possible.
- That's where it can get tricky. Overgrown hooves, skeletal body frames, or dangerous living conditions run an unfortunate risk of being interpreted... subjectively.
- So HTFAS, referencing ORC 959.13, provides a Signs of Animal Abuse guideline:
1. **Poor body condition/ noticeable trauma.** May include severe matting and a filthy coat, open sores or obvious wounds,
 - flea or tick infestation, congested eyes or ears, limping or inability to walk, and being underweight with bones clearly visible. Obvious physical distress and in need of veterinary care.
 2. **Lack of food or water.** No obvious sources on numerous visits. Signs of aggression or lethargy may be due to starvation and thirst.
 3. **Lack of shelter.** The animal is contained in an area fully exposed to inclement weather or constant sun without relief (see Ohio law).
 4. **Lack of sanitation.** Feces and/or debris covering the animal's living area.
 5. **Abandonment.** If you notice a neighbor has moved or has stopped visiting a residence where



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It's not always easy to speak up about what looks like abuse, especially at a large venue, if no one else does.

you know animals live, be observant. Animals whine to express anxiety when left alone but howling, barking, or

calling out for several hours is sending a signal that should be investigated if possible.

6. **Tied or caged.** An animal

has little room to move, unable to stand or turn.

7. **Chained or padlocked.**

This may translate to a chain around or

embedded into an animal's neck and includes regular collars.

8. **Fight training.** Includes training implements, syringes, gaffs, and steroids.

9. **Abnormal animal behavior.** An animal may be very aggressive or severely shy, even with, or *especially with*, its owner.

10. **Overpopulation.** A sign of animal hoarding is when the property inside and out contains multiple animals in small spaces with filthy living conditions.

Smoke & Mirrors

"I witnessed firsthand the neglect and suffering endured by animals at Muddy Waters Ranch. I was just a child and even then my mother and I saw they had inadequate living conditions. We did what we could to help but were naive and unable to make a change. We were ignored. We had to draw the line when there was an outbreak of strangles, with no treatment, and horses passing," says Kaiya Letzler, who started a Change.org petition to prevent the return of the surviving herd to their original owner.

"This situation highlights a broader issue that affects not only Muddy Waters Ranch but potentially other similar facilities across the county," she says. "The idea of 'basic shelter, food, and water' is not enough."

An X factor in addressing abuse rests with us.

"When it comes to horse welfare, much as we all would love to think that 'we' would do something when we see a horse in need, that's easier said than done," says trainer and mental fitness coach Karen Rohlf of Dressage

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Naturally in Ocala, Florida.

“There is a classic experiment where people were put in a room and as smoke started coming in through a vent, they were observed to see how long it would take them to take action,” she recounted in a February 4, 2024, blog, *Smoke & Mirrors & Horse Welfare*.

“When people were alone their instincts kicked in sooner, but in a room with others (actors instructed not to react), subjects would see no one else acting on it and would also not act, or wait much longer before acting. The more people in the room, the longer it took to get a reaction to the smoke.”

“This is referred to as ‘diffusion of responsibility’ and I think it can explain a lot of what happens in the horse world. Students or observers become ‘trained’ in a way to ignore and tolerate abuse, even though I am sure it doesn’t feel right to them when they first see it. They know in their hearts even if they have trained their brain that it is ‘normal.’”

“Knowing about the ‘diffusion of responsibility’ dynamic, allows us to have compassion for ourselves and others if we don’t act and, if we remember this dynamic in the moment, we have a chance to overcome it in the moment, too.”

“The ability to take positive action,” Rohlf encourages, “can also be ‘contagious.’ Sometimes it just takes one person to cause others to be their best selves.”

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A happy horse is a relaxed horse and a relaxed horse likes to lie down to sleep, and perchance, to dream.



Tools of Assessment

The Five Domains model developed in the 1990s acknowledges how external factors impact equine mental well-being, based on the 1979 UK Farm Animal Welfare Council’s Five Freedoms model denoting nutrition, physical environment, health, behavioral interactions, and mental state (affect). It differs from Five Freedoms in recognizing an animal’s right to express natural behavior and to claim agency within its own environment to the benefit of its mental wellbeing.

Ohio State University Extension and Ohio 4-H use the Henneke Body Condition Scoring (BCS) System, a numerical scale from 1 (emaciated) to 9 (extremely obese) to assess fat and muscle cover and nutritional well-being, with 4-6 considered ideal for most horses. Ohioline.osu.edu offers *Evaluating Body Composition in Horses*, a free downloadable PDF of a BCS chart.

Is That What You Think It Is?

Snow and horses: It’s more okay than you think. Fuzzy winter coats are great insulation (in fact a layer of snow lightly atop means that insulating layer is working) and so long as food/forage and water are provided, their digestive process is an internal furnace. Equine circulation evolved to protect legs from heat loss, too. But wet and windy conditions can soak and chill.

Horses lying down: Yes, they do that. Yes, they’re prey animals and can sleep standing up, thanks to an interconnection of tendons and ligaments that act as a “stay apparatus” if they need their fight or flight mode. But a happy horse is a relaxed horse and a relaxed horse likes to lie down to sleep, and perchance, to dream.

Hooves: Ancient aristocracy saw long nails as above manual labor, but long hooves are cruelly debilitating, causing lameness, tendon damage, hoof cracks, and infections. In layman’s terms, a hoof should be a smooth, rounded shape and the toe of the hoof should be no more than one- or two-thirds the length of the heel.

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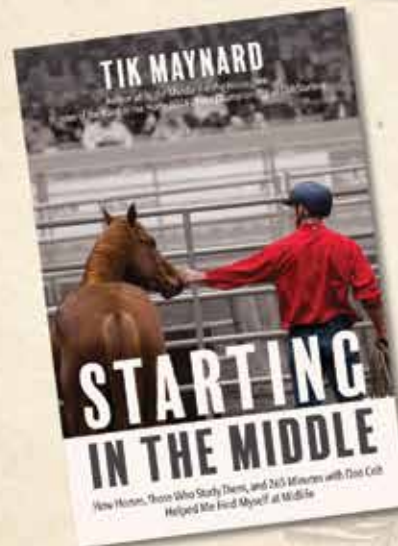
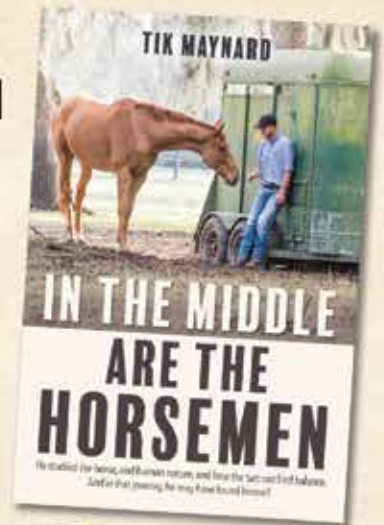
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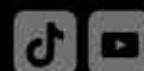


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By Barb DiPalma

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Frankie Lovato in 1989 at his home in Long Island NY. Making horses out of a single car garage.

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The Equicizer: How a Wooden Horse is Changing Equestrian Lives Worldwide

by Paige Cerulli

In horse racing, single moments change everything. A horse leaves the gate late, a jockey makes a move a hair too early, and the effects are widespread. When jockey Frankie Lovato Jr. was in his second year of racing, a horse flipped over, fell on him, and broke Lovato's leg, setting forth a chain of events that would change not only Lovato's life, but the lives of countless other riders.

Lovato, who was 18 at the time, underwent two surgeries to heal his broken

femur, but his knee wouldn't bend after the second surgery. He asked his doctor how long it would be until he could ride again and was devastated when the doctor explained that he might never regain the mobility needed to be a jockey.

"That moment just broke me in two," says Lovato, of Norwalk, Ohio. Realizing he had to take action, Lovato drew pictures of the mechanical horse that he felt would help him regain his riding position. Then he created it with the help of a friend.

That mechanical horse would change lives in the racing industry and beyond.

Racing Dreams

That wasn't the first time that Lovato had dreamed of having a mechanical horse. Lovato grew up in the suburbs of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, so the only time he had access to horses was when his father, also a jockey, let him tag along when he went to work at the track.

Lovato wanted to be a jockey when he was four years old, and he would saddle up the couch with one of his

father's old racing saddles to practice. The family's home was in a newer housing development, so Lovato started building wooden horses to ride out of piles of scrap wood.

At age 14, Lovato's parents let him leave home and work on a farm in Ocala, Florida. "I did anything I could to create an opportunity to ride," he says. The farm specialized in breaking babies and legging up horses coming off layoffs, and the horses were learning to be saddled and ridden. "You don't get to practice

jockey stuff on those horses, and it's completely different," he explains.

Instead, Lovato practiced his racing techniques on bales of hay or on a couple of buckets and a board, placing the saddle on top to mimic the feeling of being on a horse. He started his racing career at age 16 and quickly experienced success, riding an average of 30 to 40 races a week. In 1980, Lovato won over 350 races; at age 17, he was the leading apprentice jockey in North America, earning the title of the 1980 Eclipse Award-winning Apprentice Jockey, the highest achievement award that horse racing offers.

Lovato no longer needed a wooden horse to practice on; he had the real thing.

Developing the First Equicizer

After that life-changing racing accident in 1982 left him with a broken leg, Lovato found himself in need of a wooden horse again. "I was doing therapy, and they had me doing different exercises," he explains. "But there was nothing in that therapy room that looked like a horse. There was nothing that would help me get back into my racing position again."

Realizing that he had to take matters into his own hands, Lovato designed the first wooden horse that would eventually become the Equicizer. The Equicizer is a horse made of wood and springs that simulates the motion of a real horse. It's large enough for adults to ride on, and its neck and head move up and down, powered by the rider, as the body moves back and forth.

Lovato was still on crutches when the first Equicizer was completed, but the mechanical horse did exactly



Photo by Lauren Heathcote Amberman

Frankie aboard Bemissed at the Black Eyed Susan Stakes at Pimlico, May 20, 1983.

what he'd hoped it would: It helped Lovato get fit and regain motion in his knee. When he visited the doctor for a follow-up appointment and X-rays, the doctor was shocked by his progress and asked what he'd been doing to recover. Lovato had improved so much that the doctor gave him approval to get back on real horses. "I hit the barn the next morning and was on horses immediately," Lovato says.

He'd been riding the Equicizer for months, working out and rehabilitating, and the fitness he'd achieved made the transition back onto race-fit Thoroughbred seamless. Typically, when a jockey comes off a lengthy injury like Lovato's, it could take them three weeks to get ready to do what he was able to accomplish on his first day back in the saddle, he explains. "Usually a jockey would start off by getting on one easy, safe horse a day and build up to doing more with time," Lovato explains. "Because I had my wooden horse, it changed the game for me, and others could not believe it."

His tremendous comeback

caught other jockeys' attention, too. "When other jockeys saw how I made my comeback so successfully, they wanted to see it and try it," Lovato says of the Equicizer. Laffit Pincay and Angel Cordero, two of the world's top jockeys, as well as five other Hall of Fame jockeys, asked Lovato to make them their own Equicizers, though Lovato had no plans of starting a business at that time.

Developing the Equicizer Business

Lovato started to make Equicizers to fulfill the numerous requests in the 1980s, creating them when he found the time. Those first Equicizers were for close friends and other jockeys, but Lovato quickly discovered that the Equicizer could transform many more lives.

A trainer's wife volunteered at a therapeutic riding program on Long Island, New York. One of the program's students was a young boy with cerebral palsy; the boy wanted to ride but was afraid of horses and used a wheelchair. The program asked if Lovato could bring out an Equicizer for the boy to use to see how he would react

and if he could overcome his fear.

The boy saw the Equicizer and thought it looked like fun. Once he was mounted, staff started moving the Equicizer for him and his muscles started to relax. "He was smiling the whole time," says Lovato, "and the next thing you know, he's sitting on it almost like he doesn't have cerebral palsy at all. Everybody was in tears." The Equicizer gave the boy a chance to understand what riding would feel like, his fear went away, and he was able to get on a real horse next.

Having seen how the Equicizer could help therapeutic riding programs and students, Lovato attended a conference for the North American Riding for the Handicapped, now PATH International. "People just fell in love with the Equicizer and started placing orders," he says.

Lovato was still working as a jockey, and for nearly a decade, he rode races and built Equicizers in his spare time. He didn't do much marketing, since orders came to him through word of mouth. He and his late wife, Sandy, formally founded the business, Wooden Horse Corporation, in New York, in 1990. Lovato worked out of the single-car garage of his Valley Stream, New York home, building 400 horses in 10 years.

Ultimately, Lovato took five years off from the Equicizer business to focus on riding for trainer Steve Asmussen. During that time, the movie *Seabiscuit* began production. Jockey Chris McCarron, who was a technical advisor, racing designer, and actor in the movie, called Lovato asking to order seven Equicizers for

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the movie. Though Lovato wasn't making them at the time, he did manage to build two in between meets, and casting directors borrowed enough from nearby tracks to produce the movie.

"All of those close-up scenes? They're on Equicizers," Lovato says. The special effects team made hoods that fit over the heads of the Equicizers playing Seabiscuit and War Admiral. "Tobey Maguire had an Equicizer in his home that he trained on every single day, learning to develop jockey skills and for weight management," says Lovato. "I was very proud to be a part of all that."

In 2004, Lovato decided it was time to retire from his accomplished racing career. He pursued the Equicizer business full-time in fall of 2004. In 2006, he and his family relocated from New York to Ohio, returning to Sandy's hometown of Norwalk. They purchased a house with a 1,200-square-foot workshop in the backyard, and Lovato has run his business out of that workshop ever since. He still hand-carves and hand-paints every Equicizer head produced, and is largely responsible for each horse's construction.



There are many steps to creating an Equicizer.

How the Equicizer Transforms Lives

While athletes in other sports have ways to practice and train outside of the sports arena, jockeys lack that ability. The Equicizer changes the game, giving jockeys a way to work on their seat, fitness, hands, and skills without having to be on the back of a horse. In addition to jockeys who buy the Equicizer for themselves, numerous tracks have them

for jockeys to train and warm up on. Equicizers are found at Gulfstream Park, Churchill Downs, Pimlico Race Course, Belmont Park, Saratoga Race Course, and more.

The Equicizer has also moved beyond racetracks and is changing the lives of equestrians worldwide. Lovato has shipped Equicizers to just shy of 35 countries, including to a therapy clinic in Bulgaria and jockey schools in Mexico,

Japan, and Hong Kong.

Trainer Solange Ellis of Hinckley, Ohio, purchased her first Equicizer for her *Stable Riding* program in 2022 after trying out a student's Equicizer. She has five Equicizers in her program today.

The Equicizers are central to the rider intensives and her Rider Lab, which was developed based on the work she's done to prepare riders for the Mongol Derby. "I knew I was having these riders travel in and spend two to three days training with me, and thought the Equicizer would be really great for that," says Ellis.

Ellis estimates she teaches about half of her weekly lessons in the Rider Lab, and she uses the Equicizers to teach mounting, aides, deep seat, light seat, and other skills. All of the students who are new to her program start on the Equicizer.

Equicizers have also been instrumental to Ellis' program when she travels to events, like the Equine Affaire. "How else would I demonstrate how my system works?" she says. "When I take the Equicizers to an event, I have them so riders can feel and see themselves in the position difference between stability and instability in real time."



The Equicizer

Photo courtesy of Frankie Lovato

Equicizers also get everyone's attention at the event. "My booth says, you can come in and ride this [Equicizer]," explains Ellis. "It's a great hook." She won the Best Booth Award in 2024 with the Equicizers at the Ohio Equine Affaire, and Lovato was even able to visit and see her booth.

"My life's mission is to stabilize riders everywhere I go, and I'm incredibly thankful to Frankie for inventing this incredible tool because my Equicizers allow me to teach riders in a way that was simply not possible on live horses," Ellis says. "I can teach in the middle of a tack shop, in the middle of a trade show, and in physical environments where I couldn't teach before. It lets me connect with the rider and guide the rider in connecting their own body in a way I couldn't previously."

Esther Nofziger, an Occupational Therapist, Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist, and Adaptive

Riding Senior Instructor in Germany, has been a consultant to Adaptive Riding Centers worldwide and has worked with them to incorporate the Equicizer into the settings. She also built an Assessment for Adaptive Riders, which incorporates the Equicizer.

"The Equicizer offers a safe and fun way to learn new skills and to include riders who are not able to participate astride a real horse due to a medical diagnosis or weight," explains Nofziger. She notes that it's easier for

staff to physically support the rider, helping them to learn the movement before they mount up on a real horse. "Additionally, using the Equicizer really helps to keep the horses safe and happy," she notes.

Nofziger's Adaptive Riding Assessment helps occupational and physical therapists to assess the rider's abilities and challenges in regards to Adaptive Riding. It concludes in recommendations for setup, choice of horses, tack choices, mounting techniques, warm-up, lesson content, and cool-down.

Seeing the difference that the Equicizer made in the lives of customers inspired Sandy; in 2009, she founded her own therapeutic riding program in Norwalk called the Stampede of Dreams Therapeutic Riding Program. "The program was thriving and it became her own legacy," explains Lovato. The PAT -International-Certified program provided equine assisted horseback lessons to children and adults with special needs for 10 years.

The Measure of a Moment

Since that one moment changed Lovato's life, he's made nearly 1,900 Equicizers. It's impossible to estimate how many lives he's changed as a result, from the jockeys

using Equicizers for training to the countless students who have learned on Equicizers in traditional and therapeutic riding programs. Some of his customers have disabilities or are recovering from an accident or illness, and the Equicizer is instrumental in that process. Others buy an Equicizer to use in their homes to stay fit or improve their riding skills when they don't have access to a real horse.

The wooden horse that helped Lovato through his challenging recovery after a fall helped carry him through another life-changing period when Sandy, his wife and partner for 32 years, tragically died of an automobile accident in 2014. "That was the most challenging time in my life for me and my family," Lovato says. "What kept me going, waking up every morning without her, was my customers who had placed their orders and who were patiently waiting. It was their excitement in investing in something I created."

Lovato explains that he felt obligated to fulfill the orders that customers had placed, and that sense of obligation got him out of bed in the morning. "I honestly think the Equicizer saved me, and this is where I wake up every morning, grateful for my customers and this business we created," he says. "I give them my very best and will never take that for granted."

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Melissa believes turnout isn't a luxury; it's a philosophy. "We're lucky to have a farm with lots of pasture, and I believe even upper-level horses should have as much turnout as possible," Melissa explains. "But with our warmblood geldings being easy keepers, we needed a way to let them graze while keeping weight in check. As eventers, the last thing we want is extra pounds to carry on cross-country."

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Bella's Transformation

Among her horses, one story stands out: Bella, a recipient mare who arrived in 2020. "She wasn't just overweight, she was obese," Melissa recalls. "But I still wanted her to enjoy group turnout. Just by wearing the GreenGuard muzzle, she came back to a healthy weight within months. She moved better, felt better, and was visibly happier."

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The Foundation of Excellence:

Why Top Competitors Return to the Basics

By Parelli Natural Horsemanship, Inc.

Stand at the rail of any major competition, and you'll witness extraordinary partnerships. Horses and riders moving as one, communicating through imperceptible cues, demonstrating collection, precision, and willing collaboration. But here's what you might not see: the countless hours these partnerships spent building a foundation of trust, communication, and mutual understanding.

The Competitive Edge You're Missing

In the pursuit of competitive excellence, it's easy to focus solely on discipline-specific skills. We drill patterns, practice leads, refine our positions. But many competitive riders hit a plateau—not because they lack technical skill, but because something fundamental is missing in their partnership.

That "something" is often the quality of communication itself.

For over 40 years, Parelli Natural Horsemanship has worked with riders across every discipline—from dressage and reining to jumping, eventing and racing. What we've learned is that the horses who perform with brilliance, consistency, and heart share one common denominator: their riders speak their language fluently. They don't just know their sport. They understand how horses feel, think, act and play, naturally, and they use this knowledge to transform their relationship into a true partnership.

Beyond Mechanics: The Language of Partnership

Consider this scenario: You're warming up for your class. Your horse feels tense.



You've got 20 minutes before you're in the ring. Do you:

Push through and hope for the best?

Longe aggressively to "get the bucks out"?

Pull on the reins to enforce discipline and submission?

Or, do you have the tools to read what your horse is telling you, address the root cause, and transform that tension into willing partnership—all in those crucial warm-up minutes?

The difference between a good ride and a great one often comes down to these moments. The horses who shine in the arena are the ones who've been heard, understood, and prepared—not just drilled.

The Four Pillars That Support Every Discipline

Elite partnerships—regardless of discipline—are built on four essential elements:

1. Foundation and Trust.

Your horse must believe you're a leader worth following. In competition, this translates to confidence under pressure and willingness to try because horses will run faster and jump higher out of heart and desire.

2. Harmony and Lightness.

Top judges reward subtlety. The less visible your aids, the more impressive your performance. But lightness and true communication can't be forced—it must be cultivated through understanding, not mechanics.

3. Refinement and Collection.

True collection is mental, emotional and physical collection. When your horse understands this and offers it willingly, rather than being held in a frame, you unlock a new level of performance.

4. Versatility and Excellence.

The best competitive horses aren't one-trick ponies. They're confident in varied situations because their foundation is solid. They trust their rider to guide them through anything and excel at a wide range of skills, from ground work and trailer loading to thinking and yielding in the midst of competitive pressure.

What This Looks Like in Competition

We've watched Parelli students earn championships in reining, excel in dressage, win hunter derbies, and compete successfully in eventing. What sets them apart isn't just technical prowess—it's

the quality of their partnership.

These riders can:

- Read subtle changes in their horse's emotional state
- Adjust their approach based on how their horse feels that day
- Create willing forward motion without whipping or spurring
- Achieve soft, balanced stops without bracing and pulling
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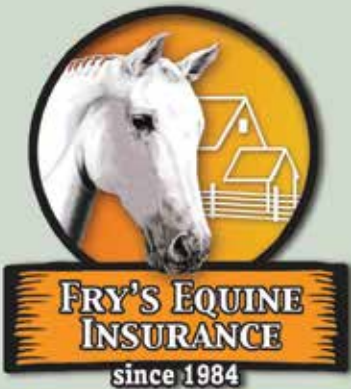
If you've hit a plateau, if your horse is talented but inconsistent, if you're fighting for every ride—the answer might not be more lessons in your discipline. It might be returning to the foundation of communication itself.

The Parelli Levels Program offers a systematic approach to building partnership from the ground up. Over 200,000 horse owners worldwide—including competitive riders at every level—have discovered that excellence isn't just about what you do, it's about balancing love, language, and leadership in equal doses so that you and your horse understand each other.

Because at the end of the day, the best competitors aren't just skilled riders. They're fluent in the language of the horse.

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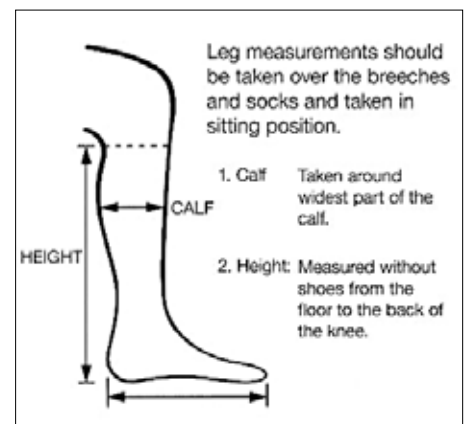
The Rider's Guide to Fit and the Features That Matter

**by Dana Miller,
Equestrian stylist,
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There was a time when a new pair of tall boots came with a side of suffering — blisters, stiff leather, and the slow, painful break-in that was simply “part of the process.” The new boots were beautiful, but the break-in was miserable. No rider in the history of mankind has ever said, “I can’t wait to break in a new pair of tall boots.”

Thankfully, tall boots have entered a new era. They’ve evolved — merging the timeless craftsmanship riders love with the materials, structure, and innovation that make them truly perform.

From the show ring to the schooling arena, the right pair of tall boots do more than just look beautiful. They play a starring role in how your lower leg communicates with your horse. The question now is how to choose a pair that works as hard as the rider wearing them.



What to Look for in a Modern Tall Boot

The perfect tall boot still starts with craftsmanship, but innovation has taken the reins. Whether you're shopping for your first show pair or replacing your old favorites, here's what really matters.

Leather and Materials

High-end boots still use full-grain or calfskin leather, loved for its ability to mold beautifully to the leg. But don't overlook newer options: high-tech calf panels, eco-treated leathers, and technical textiles that improve durability without sacrificing feel.

Fit and Contact

Close contact is everything. Boots should be fitted tightly to limit how much they drop. The ideal boot will be a bit tall when you first purchase it and eventually settle just below your kneecap. A proper fit not only looks elegant — it stabilizes your leg and refines your communication with your horse.

Engineering and Performance Features

Manufacturers now borrow ideas from athletic footwear, adding shock-absorbing soles, ventilated linings, and



ergonomic ankle construction. Look for elastic zipper panels, padded interiors, and durable zippers that

snap at the top to prevent the zipper from sliding down — all signs of thoughtful design.

Five Brands Defining Today's Tall Boot Market

From everyday reliability to Italian artistry, modern riders have more options than ever. While there are many outstanding brands on the market, here's how some of the most trusted names stack up.

Ariat - Everyday Performance That Works

Ariat remains the gold standard for riders who need performance, durability, and value in one package. Ariat boots combine soft full-grain leather, contoured ankles, moisture-wicking linings, and a sturdy elastic panel for a flexible yet secure fit.

Why riders love them: Dependable quality, and comfort that holds up through long schooling days. They offer a professional look at a price that makes sense.

Ego 7 - Modern Design with an Italian Edge

Sleek, structured, and designed for movement, Tucci-designed Ego 7 boots have carved out a distinct place in the modern rider's wardrobe. The Aries and Orion models, handmade from Italian leather, feature a full-length elastic gusset, a heavy-duty zipper, and a grippy maintenance-free E-TEX interior panel for durability and stability in the saddle.

Why riders love them: That athletic, close-contact feel without the stiffness. Trendy, Tucci-designed modern styling paired with practical features that hold up for riders who show and train regularly. Italian craftsmanship is a plus.

Fabbri - Precision and Power

The new Fabbri Prime boots are a recent addition to the Fabbri line. They've quickly become a standout for riders who want Italian quality without the thousand-dollar-plus price point. They're built with beautifully structured calfskin that holds its shape but still softens fast — without the stiff, unforgiving break-in typical of more traditional boots.

The elastic stretch panel offers real flexibility, the ultra-light sole keeps your foot comfortable on long days, and the ankle padding lets the boot move with you instead of against you. Thoughtful details like multiple spur rests and a reinforced zipper guard



Ego 7 Boots

actually hold up in daily use.

For riders who want the next level of refinement, the higher-end Fabbri models take all of this a step further with upgraded leather, more precision in the fit, and

semi-custom options that turn the boot into a long-term investment.

Why riders love them: The structured, precise fit that supports the leg without feeling rigid. Soft break-in,

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Fabbri Boots

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Parlanti Essense Boots

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real durability, and details that make a difference in everyday riding.

Parlanti – The Classic Italian Icon

Few names are as synonymous with elegance in the ring as Parlanti. Their signature silhouette and effortless comfort make them the first “luxury” boot many riders fall in love with.

This year, Parlanti introduced the Essence line – a long-awaited addition that keeps the classic Parlanti look but adds more durability. The reinforced microfiber inner-calf panel improves grip and longevity, while the anti-shock sole offers lighter, more flexible comfort. The Tampa dress boot (no laces) and Madison field boot (with laces) both come in under \$700.

The Essence line doesn't replace the classics; it expands them. The more expensive models remain

iconic for their ultra-soft leather, slim ankle, elegant shape, and true “show-ready on day one” feel. Together, the Parlanti line of boots offers riders a range of structure, softness, and durability – all with the unmistakable Parlanti look.

Why riders love them: The glove-like feel right out of the box and the clean, unmistakable Italian style. Immediate comfort with refined styling that always looks ready to win an equitation final or Grand Prix.

Tucci – Italian Quality You Can Feel from Ride One

When you step into Tucci boots, you feel the difference immediately. They're made from double-calfskin-lined Italian leather that somehow breaks in almost instantly – that incredible mix of structure and comfort riders are always hunting for. The Galileo Field and Sofia Dress models give you a secure,



Tucci Boots

glove-like fit, and Tucci's top zipper snap that keeps the boot from sliding down. Ride after ride they last and last, yet feel broken in from day one. And the best part; even the stock Tucci boots can be personalized with your name, color accents, different tops, and more, giving you a

custom look without the full custom price.

Why riders love them: Incredible durability paired with a soft, instant break-in. They sculpt the leg, stay in place, and feel secure from ride one – plus the personalization options make them feel uniquely yours.

How to Choose the Right Boot

Selecting the right tall boot isn't about chasing labels — it's about matching your riding style to the boot's construction and materials.

Brand	Fit & Feel	Customization	Price
Ariat	Comfortable, supportive	None	\$379 and up
Ego 7	Athletic, close contact	None	\$599
Fabbri	Structured, precise	RTW / Semi-Custom / Custom	\$690 and up
Parlanti	Supple, refined	RTW / Semi-Custom / Custom	\$690 and up
Tucci	Tailored, sculpted	RTW / Semi-Custom / Custom	\$1,095 and up

Fit: The True Foundation

A great pair of tall boots should fit like a second skin, and riders know there's a lot more to that than just matching your shoe size. Height, calf width, and leg shape all play a major role in buying the right size boots. If a boot is too loose, it will drop too far and wrinkle at the ankle. Too tight, and you'll strain the zipper or lose circulation — and while boots do soften with wear, numbness is never normal.

When fitting tall boots, always measure while standing, wearing breeches and thin tall socks. Measure the widest part of your calf and the height from your heel to the back of your knee crease, then add about ¼–½ inch for the natural "drop" that happens as the ankle breaks in. Heel lifts can also make the break-in stage more comfortable.

A new boot should feel very snug the first time you zip it — almost on the edge of too tight — but still allow movement. After a few rides, the ankle softens, the leather molds, and

the boot settles exactly where it should. Just like a well-fitted saddle, the right boot fit truly changes how you ride.

Think of it like a saddle: the right fit changes and improves how you ride.

Sizing Guidelines

- Measure while standing in breeches and tall socks.
- Use the widest part of your calf; add ¼–½ inch in height for drop.
- First zip should feel snug — nearly too tight — but not painful.
- Test ankle movement and knee comfort.
- Check spur rest placement if you wear spurs.
- A tall boot should feel supportive, not crushing. If your leg throbs, it's not the right size.

Care: Protect Your Investment

Even the best boots need regular care to stay beautiful and functional.

- Wipe them down after every ride to remove dust and sweat.
- Use a gentle, high-quality

polish. Do not polish the inner calf — a little grip is good.

- Keep zippers clean and lubricated; dirt is their biggest enemy.
 - Store boots upright with boot trees to prevent creasing (and zipper break-down).
 - Let boots air dry naturally — never near heat or direct sun.
- With consistent care, a high-end boot can last for years, allowing you to focus on your ride, not your footwear.

The Final Word

The modern tall boot is

the perfect combination of traditional appearance and innovation — a reminder that style and modern technology can absolutely coexist. They may look timeless, but they're built for the demands of today's rider: lighter, stronger, more forgiving, and infinitely more comfortable.

When you find the right pair — the one that fits like it was made for you — everything changes. The ride feels smoother and you feel more connected.

That's when you know you've found the one.



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Working Equitation Came to Stay in Ohio

by Marcelo Guzman

Working Equitation is no longer new in Ohio, yet many riders are still discovering what this growing discipline truly represents and why it has become one of the most complete equestrian sports available today.

Originally developed in Europe, Working Equitation was designed to preserve traditional working riding styles while improving the balance, correctness, and versatility of the modern horse. Its purpose is not to replace existing disciplines, but to provide a fair and structured system where horses and riders from very different backgrounds can be evaluated on equal ground.

How do you fairly compare a cowboy from the United States, a charro from Mexico, a vaquero from Spain, and a huaso from Chile?

The answer is dressage.

Every riding tradition has its own history and techniques, but dressage provides a shared language—balance, straightness, contact, connection, and systematic training. In Working Equitation, dressage is the foundation, but it is not the entire sport. That distinction is what truly sets it apart.

A complete Working Equitation team must demonstrate ability across multiple phases. The dressage test evaluates

balance, collection, straightness, and lateral work. Ease of Handling tests precision, trust, and communication through obstacles such as gates, bridges, bells, side-pass elements, and transitions. Speed challenges efficiency, boldness, and accuracy under pressure, rewarding control rather than recklessness. Some competitions also include a cattle phase, highlighting real working ability, instinct, and teamwork.

Together, these phases reveal the most complete and versatile horse-and-rider combination. While the discipline welcomes all breeds and riding backgrounds, it does not reward shortcuts. Correct training always shows.

One of Working Equitation's greatest strengths is the adjustability of its training system. Horses from dressage, hunter/jumper, reining, ranch riding, endurance, or eventing backgrounds can participate without losing their core discipline. The sport refines existing training rather than replacing it. This makes Working Equitation an ally—not a competitor—to other disciplines, allowing horses to cross-train, stay mentally fresh, and improve overall rideability without compromising

their primary job.

"Working Equitation does not ask riders to abandon their foundation—it elevates it."

At the highest level—the Masters or International level—all phases are performed one-handed. Masters-level dressage is comparable to Prix St. Georges, including flying lead changes and advanced lateral movements at all gaits. It is demanding, technical, and honest, but it is supported by a clear and progressive pathway.

In the United States, the sport is governed by USA Working Equitation, which offers seven progressive levels across Open, Amateur, Youth, and Kids divisions. Riders begin at walk-trot, progress through simple changes, and only transition to one-handed riding at advanced levels. This structure allows riders from many disciplines to develop correctly and without being rushed.

This philosophy is shaping how Working Equitation is being developed in Ohio.

Rather than placing riders immediately into the discipline, strong foundations are built first. Riders progress through hunter/jumper and dressage systems, developing balance, position, rhythm, navigation, and accuracy before transitioning into

Working Equitation. Hunter-jumper training builds decision-making and control, while dressage refines movement, contact, and precision. Only then do riders step fully into Working Equitation standards.

By respecting each discipline rather than competing against them, this approach is helping raise horsemanship standards statewide. Ohio has a unique opportunity to use Working Equitation as a bridge—connecting disciplines, supporting horse welfare, and promoting correct training at higher levels.

Working Equitation in Ohio is not a trend.

- It is a pathway.
- It is a standard.
- And it is here to stay.

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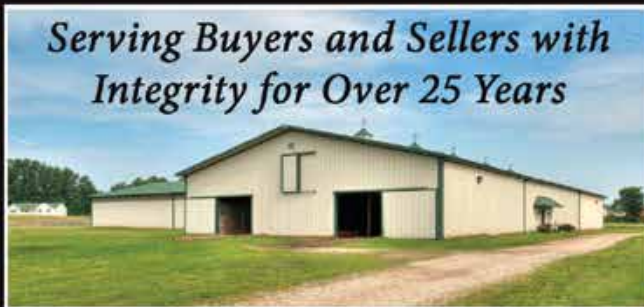
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