

THE AMERICAN SHIRE HORSE ASSOCIATION



2013—2014 WINTER BULLETIN



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ASHA Fee Schedule

Effective 8/1/12

<u>ASHA Membership</u>	US Address	For- eign
Annual Membership (until 12/31; for next year after 11/1)	\$50	\$65
Two-Year Membership	\$90	\$120
Three-Year Membership	\$130	\$160
Annual Youth Membership	\$15	\$25
Friend of the Shire (Info & Website; no vote, no discounts)	\$25	\$40
Life Membership	\$800	\$1000
Life Membership, Annual Installments For 5 Years	\$175	\$215
Corporate Membership (5 Year Membership)	\$275	N/A

<u>Registration Fees</u>	Member	Non- Mem- ber
Fillies/Colts up to 6/1 of yearling year (year after birth) *	\$100	\$200
Fillies/Colts up to 6/1 of 2 yr. old year *	\$200	\$400
Shire Mares/Stallions after 6/1 of 2 yr. old year *	\$400	\$800
Geldings, Any Age *	\$100	\$200
Shire Sport Horses *	\$125	\$125
DNA kit not with registration	\$40	\$80
Conversion of Blood Type to DNA **	\$40	N/A
DNA Filing SHS / CSHA Registered Horses	\$25	\$50
Transfer of Ownership	\$40	\$80
Transfer of Ownership within family	\$10	
Bulk Registration Or Transfer (Submitted Together)	10% Discount for 3 or More	
Prefix Registration	\$50	N/A
Lease (each time ASHA processes)	\$40	\$80
Duplicate (replacement) papers	\$40	\$40
5-generation pedigrees	\$10 w/ reg.; \$20 separately	

* Includes DNA kit for horse being registered

** Conversion available to non-members in conjunction with SSHA registration (\$40)

Secretary's Report –

From the Book of Numbers in 2013:

Registrations – 117 (58 mares, 41 stallions, 17 geldings, 2 SSHR)

Transfers – 184 (118 mares, 31 stallions, 29 geldings, 4 SSHR)

Pending Registrations – 3 reg., 5 trans., 12 waiting for hair samples

2013 Membership – 363 (124 Life Members)

2014 Current Membership – 262 (119 Life Members)
(renewals still coming in)

I love my job. I get to work on the computer for a meaningful purpose other than playing games or Facebook. I get to stay home and work when I need to. Yes, we have office hours on Tues-Thurs., but there are times that I will work on Monday to accomplish something pressing, or answer quick emails in the evening. I get to have my cat sit on my lap on cold days. I am home to pick up my son from school today, when they let out at 1:00 p.m. due to snow. I get to talk with horse people and get paid for it!

Another thing I love about my job is looking forward to the progress that we are making and how we are getting it to happen. If you haven't noticed, we have instituted electronic email blasts to better communicate upcoming events and activities with our members. If you are not getting the emails, which are sent out about once every 1-2 weeks, let me know to make sure your email address is current. We are using an absolutely free service for these emails that only cost my time in creating them!

Speaking of finances, we are also looking at other ways to distribute our message about the Shire horse that do not cost a lot. We share photos and graphics on our Facebook page that other people share as well. We recently asked a question on Facebook, "My Shire is..." We got 55 responses, many of which promoted their Shire as their "best friend". This post was seen by over 3500 people! We are also really excited to have gotten a sponsor for fifteen ASHA Youth Memberships in honor of Merlin, a Shire gelding owned by David and Diane Bilicki. We already have two new Youth members because of it! I love progress... and I just love my job.

Myrna Rhinehart



The Editor's Note:

Hello Members:

I hope this issue finds you all warm and healthy. I trust the holidays have been bright. It is the time of year we start ramping up for the new year. 2014 will be no different for ASHA!

The marketing committee is working hard on a marketing plan for ASHA and most importantly the SHIRE! Thank you to all who responded to our survey. There will be more to come– please hang in there with us and answer as honestly as you can. Your input helps the committee make the best recommendations for change and planning to the BOD! We will present what we have done at the annual meeting. Our goal is a complete package.

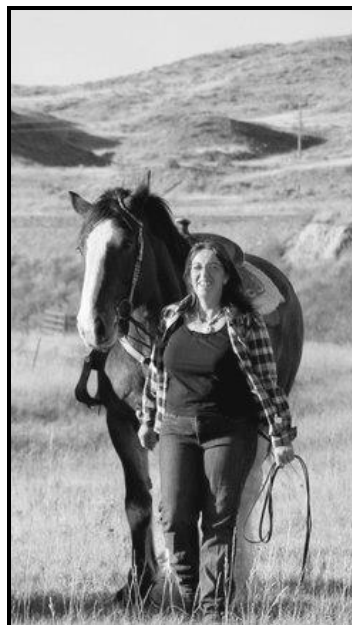
This issue is a little smaller– but hang on for the Spring issue! All North American results, annual meeting and more. I have a few small writings from youth in Kansas to print.

December 20th was a bunion reconstruction in my right foot. I have been laid up on the couch for weeks– sure makes computer time limited. Also makes me dream of working horses come spring and summer.

Thank you for all you do for the Shire!! Please send me print ready articles and updates! I would love to share.

Leanne

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Advertising Rates:

Support the Shire and Advertise at the Same Time!

We invite you to advertise with us each quarter. There will be two ad sizes available with the option of a text ad in the Breeder's Directory or in the classified section. We will require that all ads be sent in Jpeg or picture format and be camera ready. If you need design help contact one of the editors and we will get you in touch with someone who can help you. At this time all ads are black and white.

***** Your best deal is the Four Issues. You pay for three and get one free!**

****At this time we are not taking cover ads- if the Bulletin expands to that point we will put the inside of both the back and front covers up for purchase.**

*** Classified Ads must be submitted in writing and renewed each issue.**

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<u>Ad</u>	<u>One Issue</u>	<u>Four Issues</u>
5 X 7 Inch Landscape	\$100	\$300
3 3/4 X 5 Inch Portrait	\$75	\$200
Breeder's Directory Text Only <i>30 Characters per line including spaces. Six Lines of text total</i>	\$35	\$105
Text Only Classified Ad <i>30 Characters per line including spaces. Six Lines of text total</i>	\$10.00 Per Ad Per Issue	N/A

<u>Newsletter</u>	<u>Estimated Mail Date</u>	<u>Ad Copy Due</u>
Winter	January 15	December 1
Spring	April 15	March 1
Summer	July 15	June 1
Fall	October 15	September 1



We Want to Hear from You- THE MEMBERSHIP:

"Meet the Membership". In order to make this section the best it can be, we need your input as a member. There are two parts to this section of the bulletin. Details for each section are listed below. The third and final way you can take part in the Bulletin is by advertising with us:

Individual Member Highlight

We will highlight a few members in each bulletin. Below are several questions we would like to have you answer and return to us with a picture to print with your answers to the questions.

Questions to answer: (About 300 Words)

- 1) Name and business name if any
City and State
Email address/ Phone if you want
Family
Prefix
- 2) What is your background in horses and how did you get into Shires
- 3) Shires Owned:
- 4) What do you do with your horses?
- 5) What are your future goals with your horses?
- 6) What would you like to see in the future for / from ASHA?

Member News

Send us pictures or small write ups (paragraph to a few sentences) of what you are doing or is interesting with you and your Shire horses.

- Promotional
- Just for fun
- Shows
- Pulls
- Trade shows
- Awards and honors

Contact YOUR Editors for More Info!!

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*** These sections will vary in size due to submissions and space available.*



A Message From Your President:

Greetings,

A cold start to winter brought us in to be warmed by the holiday's. The excitement of a new year is ahead for The American Shire Horse Association. With the hard work of many, ASHA is taking on new frontiers in marketing of the Shire. The versatility of this great breed is well supported by the equally diverse Shire owners that have chosen to step forward to give ASHA and the Shire a fresh look in today's world. 2014 will be an exciting year for ASHA and the Shire.

The Annual Meeting is just around the corner in Columbus, Ohio. Education Day will be at the Ohio State Univ. campus and is open to members and non-members of all breeds. We invite everyone to come. Our panel of presenters will teach us about some of today's challenges. Don't forget the Annual Members Meeting on Sunday. This is the time to meet your Board and share ideas, but most of all the network of friends builds and grows as we come together.

The third portion of the Annual Meeting is where policies and plans are worked out. As difficult as this task is, our focus is on two main elements;

- 1) Protect the stud book.
- 2) Promote the Shire Horse.

May we all keep this focus for 2014 and into generations to come for the Shire.

Wishing everyone a great year, for this is The Year of the Horse!

Your President,

D. Todd Riedel

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ASHA Mission and Purpose Statements

Mission Statement

The Mission Statement of the American Shire Horse Association is to maintain the integrity of an accurate registry and promote the Shire breed through excellence.

(Developed at the 2002 Annual meetings)

Purposes: (summarized from the ASHA by laws and articles of incorporation)

- To form, conduct and operate a non-profit organization composed in whole or in part of persons, firms and/or corporations having interest in the breeding and improvement of Shire horses;
- To foster and preserve the traditions pertaining to the Shire horse;
- To encourage original investigations in determination and development of the best types of horses and the breeding to only purebred sires;
- To assist in procuring and making available for breeding suitable stallions and mares;
- To collect, revise, preserve and publish the history and pedigrees of purebred horses, particularly Shire stallions and mares, under such regulations as may be prescribed by said organization;
- To do all and every other act or thing necessary, suitable and/or proper for the accomplishment of all or any of the purposes or in the furtherance of any of the powers herein set forth and to do every other act or thing incidental to or appurtenant to or connected with said powers.

2014 Regular Quarterly Board Teleconference Schedule

First Quarter – January 21, 2014

Second Quarter - May

Third Quarter – August

Fourth Quarter – December

Tentative agendas will be emailed to the membership about one week before the meetings.

Additional BoD teleconferences may be scheduled if needed. Advance notice will be emailed to the membership if time permits.

American Shire Horse Association**Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2013**

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TOTALS**Profit Loss****Total**

Income

	As of Dec 31, 2013	As of Dec 31, 2012 (PY)		Total
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Bank Accounts				
Alpine Bank Checking	5,879.82	12,385.76	Breeders' Brochure	1,695.00
Alpine CD	15,280.81	15,265.55	Bulletin/ Magazine	50.00
Alpine Life Member	16,578.08	13,757.57	Contributions/Donations Income	542.62
PayPal	0.00	130.00	Education Day Proceeds	1,920.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$37,738.71	\$41,538.88	Equine Affaire	825.00
Other current assets			Horse Show Income	897.50
Credit Card Receivables	120.00	120.00	Interest Income	22.77
Inventory	2,378.23	2,378.23	Legal Defense Fund (Assessment)	100.00
Total Other current assets	\$2,498.23	\$2,498.23	Membership Dues	14,705.00
Total Current Assets	\$40,236.94	\$44,037.11	Merchandise Sales	1,778.95
TOTAL ASSETS	\$40,236.94	\$44,037.11	On Line Stud Book Revenue	928.00
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			Raffle Sale Proceeds	1,501.96
Liabilities			Registry Income	22,565.00
Current Liabilities			Uncategorized Income	348.00
Accounts Payable			Total Income	\$47,879.80
Accounts Payable	-169.95	0.00	Gross Profit	\$47,879.80
Total Accounts Payable	\$ -169.95	\$0.00	Expenses	
Other Current Liabilities			Advertising	5,330.68
Owed to SHS	-156.95	-63.11	All-	103.07
Payroll Liabilities	734.28	443.10	North American Contest Expenses	
Payroll Tax Payable	8.55	8.55	Bank Charges	653.08
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$585.88	\$388.54	Board Expenses	1,313.62
Total Current Liabilities	\$415.93	\$388.54	Dues & Subscriptions	365.00
Total Liabilities	\$415.93	\$388.54	Education Day Cost	2,043.82
Equity			Horse Show Costs	3,360.00
Retained Earnings	43,648.57	32,914.37	Insurance	1,330.33
Net Income	-3,827.56	10,734.20	Legal & Professional Fees	10.00
Total Equity	\$39,821.01	\$43,648.57	Mailings to members	9,097.32
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$40,236.94	\$44,037.11	Merchandise Sales Tax	9.36
			Office Expenses & Supplies	1,587.94
			Payroll Expenses	14,786.00
			Postage	1,197.58
			Promotional	2,160.60
			Registry Expenses	5,357.00
			Telephone Expense	715.80
			Travel	1,064.26
			Website Design	1,000.00
			Youth Awards	221.90
			Total Expenses	\$51,707.36
			Net Operating Income	\$ -3,827.56
			Net Income	\$ -3,827.56

So Why Does it Cost More to Register an Older Mare or Stallion?

A Bit of Fact and a Bit of Editorial

by Myrna Rhinehart, ASHA Secretary

At the Feb. 2012 Annual Board of Directors meeting, the approved budget included an increase to register mares and stallions after June 1 of their two year old year. The fee for those horses went to \$400. At the time, we didn't hear a whole lot about it and several people registered older horses at the new rate, but now a few people have noticed. I suppose that is because there are some older horses that people meant to register and didn't realize the fee increased, even though we did have articles about it in 2012. Regardless, we have since been asked about why the increase was instituted, so here goes...

The purpose in increasing registration fees for older horses is to encourage breeders to register horses at a young age. This type of fee structure is not uncommon in other breeds. I did some research looking at eleven other breeds' registration fees (both light and heavy horses), and the *average* highest registration fee is \$378. The highest is the American Quarter Horse Association at \$600, and the lowest is the American Pinto Horse Association at \$85. The median was \$400, which is the highest fee for the Clydesdales. (The Belgians have a completely different type of fee structure that may be "limitless", and I didn't even include the highest registration fee for the Jockey Club/Thoroughbreds at \$2025 after the 2 yr. old year...)

I am finding that it is more common in the draft horse world to "pick-and-choose" which horses to register, more like cattle breeds, but that is less heard of in the light horse breeds, where "most people" try to register any horse that is out of registered stock no matter how they "turn out". Registering all registerable Shires not only is beneficial for the organization's finances and numbers, but a lot of people coming from the light horse world looking to purchase a Shire appreciate that "birth certificate" for a horse they wish to purchase. It increases the value of the horse. They can also track its "history".

The MAIN REASON for the increase in fees for older horses, as far as the office and the ASHA board is concerned, is that generally older horses take CONSIDERABLY more time to register than younger horses. Unfortunately, there are those inconsiderate breeders who sell a horse with the Registration Application and try to pass that horse off as "registered". In the meantime, that horse may have changed hands a few times and it takes the office an incredible amount of time to process those registrations, because it is usually not "cut and dried". We may need to go back and get a signature from a former owner, only to find out the horse isn't really paid for, or the original breeder has moved and we can't find them, the dam is not transferred into the foal's owner's name, etc. What could be a total of a 1/2 hour registration when the foal is young turns into 4 or more hours the older the horse gets, and it becomes even more complicated if that horse has offspring!

Out of the older horses I have registered, I would say that about 70% are "problematic". I will qualify "problematic" by including the potential issues above (all which we have dealt with plus more), and also "rush" registrations that happen when the owner realizes the horse isn't registered and they either want to sell or show it.

Keeping a horse as a "grade" Shire does not necessarily keep it out of the gene pool either, as we have gotten calls from people who want to register their foal out of a "purebred Shire mare" who they know is purebred, but doesn't have papers. We have to tell them that they are out of luck because someone didn't register that parent, and we lose yet another purebred Shire to the ranks of "grade". The only sure way to keep a horse out of a breeding barn is to castrate or spay it, but if it has its registration certificate, it has value and identity as a Purebred, Registered, Parent-age Verified Shire Horse.

If you feel strongly about retaining the option of not registering a foal because of the way it matures, you may start the registration process (\$100 for members – fee must accompany the application), but hold the completion of the DNA testing until you see how that foal matures, and then make the decision on whether or not to complete that registration. The \$100 is not refundable, but it is cheaper than waiting and paying the increased fees. This would also allow you to instruct the office that the horse should not be registered if a future buyer inquires.

So, as ASHA Secretary, I encourage you to register ALL your foals before June 1 of their yearling year (year after their birth). That would give us a more accurate number of Shires in the US, as well as save you money in the long run by not having to pay increased fees as the horse gets older. Be proud of your Shires!



MY TWO CENTS WORTH ON CARTS AND WAGONS

By: Terry Murchison of Murchison Wagon Works

Show Carts

I like a draft horse cart to have 50 or 52 inch (from the ground to the top of the wheel) wooden wheels with rubber tires and roller bearing hubs. A good wheel will have a nice "dish" to it as well (not be straight up/down which leads to quicker breakdown). I like to see a single elliptical spring (causing the seat to tilt slightly forward) under the seat allowing for adjustable seat height depending on the weight of the driver. We've found that the seat-back should fold down to make it easier to enter/exit the cart. The evener should be mounted under the cross member and the shafts should be steel reinforced underneath from the axle to two-thirds of the way toward the shaft tips. The cart should be built with a curved axle, like they were in the old days, instead of a straight bar axle. The shafts should be level with the point of the shoulder on the horse. The carts that we build are somewhat difficult to get into, but they naturally require you to sit up straight and enable you to see over the horse and where you are going. Our carts put about twelve pounds of weight on the back of the horse. We pride ourselves on the way our carts "ride." Many of the carts that are made currently cause the driver to "bob" back and forth as the horse is moving around the arena. With our cart design, you never "bob," even if the horse is at a steady trot. Our carts are patterned after my Dad's 100-year old cart, and we've made some modern improvements.

It is my opinion that many carts sit too low and give the driver a back-ache trying to see around the horse that they are driving. A draft horse show cart should be sleek and "flow" nicely behind the horse, many carts look too clunky and heavy as they move around the arena.

Hitch Wagons

A good hitch wagon will have a twelve-foot long box with flowing lines. The seat height should be approximately seven foot four inches from the ground to the seat bottom. As the foundation, the gear on a hitch wagon is critical to overall structure. I like a five- or six-spring gear and two inch axles. The wheels should be forty inches tall in the front and at least fifty inches tall in the back with good heavy fellows. They should be three inches wide and contain roller bearing Sarven hubs. The double tree should be mounted under the tongue with the neck yoke permanently mounted to the end of the tongue with chains. If the customer chooses, I would recommend disc brakes on the rear wheels and hang a "dummy" brake in front of them. The wagon box, where it attaches to the gear, should be reinforced with bracing so you don't have trouble with it. The wagon box should be two or three inches taller in the front to cause it to pull easier as well. The sides and back of the wagon box should have "raving" and/or pin striping to enhance paint and wood. The wagon box and gear should be painted bright colors with several coats of clear gloss sealer applied to give the look of polished glass.

applied to give the look of polished glass. I like to install steps in front of the front wheels to help access the steps on the box to get into the seat. You can see all of these great features on the west coast Budweiser wagon that we built. As a personal preference, I would rather see steel wheels on a hitch wagon rather than rubber wheels.

Terry Murchison has owned and operated Murchison Wagon Works along with his wife, Drenda, since 1979. The shop has built 3 wagons for the Coors Brewing Co., refurbished the west coast Budweiser wagon, built chuck wagons in four states on working cattle ranches, and built numerous wagons, carts and buggies for private individuals and museums. Terry and Drenda have also shown their hitch of Percheron draft horses from coast to coast since 1979. They currently reside in Canyon City, Colorado and the wagon shop is complete and can build or restore wheels, gears, sleighs, buggies, carts and wagons.



News From Canada

January 10, 2014

Greetings,

Now that we are on the downhill side of Winter – we are turning our thoughts to the upcoming year.

The days are getting longer, Foals are coming, Show Season is around the corner - 2014 will be a busy year.

We would like to announce the launch of the new Canadian Shire Horse Association website. Please take a look – www.canadianshirehorse.com - Our goal was to build a website that is easier to maintain and to provide a better experience for the users of the site. We hope we have achieved that aim.

We have revamped our Forms and Procedures page on the site. I hope you will find the instructions clear and easy to follow. The turnaround time for Registrations, Memberships, Transfers, etc has been cut significantly – dependent of course on “snail mail”. I would appreciate any feedback you can give me and welcome your comments or suggestions.

The National Shire Show at the Calgary Stampede in 2013 was an unbelievable challenge with flooding and damage beyond imagination just days before the opening of the Show. With the efforts of the Community, countless volunteers and Stampede Staff - the Stampede was a great success in its 101st year. Despite the flood conditions – there was an excellent turnout of top quality Shires from Canada and the US. The 2014 Calgary Stampede Heavy Horse Show will host the **30th Annual National Shire Show of Canada** on July 4-7. We would like to extend an invitation to ASHA members to participate in this milestone event.

On a personal note – I would like to thank everyone for their help and patience while I have been climbing that “learning curve” as the new Secretary / Treasurer of the CSHA. I look forward to working with ASHA and the SHS to promote the growth of our Associations and preservation of the Shire – those “Gentle Giants” that we all love.

Maxine Campbell
Canadian Shire Horse Association
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Remember

2014 Stallion Reports

2014 Breeding Season is Here!!

Keep your Breeding Records!

Please submit your stallion reports by November 30th!!

All stallions and owners will receive a free breeder's listing in the Spring Bulletin for participating!

ASHA Education Day and Annual Meetings of Members and Directors

February 15 – 17, 2014 -- Columbus, Ohio

This year's annual meeting weekend will include a tour of the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine as part of a full day of additional education topics.

Our Education Day this year includes topics of interest to all owners. Dr. Jeff Reiswig, an OSU graduate, will speak on equine dentistry. This often-neglected area of equine care impacts both riding and driving horses, and can be as important for young horses as it is for mature ones. Dr. Marco DaSilva is a specialist in equine reproduction who will speak about recent developments in that field. Dr. Mike Stone, president of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America, will speak about how the Belgian Association handled the challenge of realizing that the Belgian breed hosted an extremely difficult, but easily detected, genetic recessive problem. This topic addresses the responsibility of both individual breeders and breed registries regarding genetic issues.

We'll also be offered a tour of OSU's veterinary hospital. It's always a benefit to have seen what is available at the hospital before you need to take a horse there, especially if that happens in an emergency situation.

And lastly, although the details are still being worked out, we will have a presentation on horse-shoeing – possibly the hottest topic in the draft horse industry whether you're an owner who shows at halter or drives a hitch or one who is wondering how to convince any of the farriers in your area to work with the Shire you ride.

The host hotel for the meeting will be the Embassy Suites Columbus Airport, 2886 Airport Drive, Columbus. Special rates of \$129 / night / room are available until January 20 by calling 1-866-318-9780 or 614-536-0500 direct. *Be sure to mention that you are with ASHA to obtain this rate.* The hotel rate includes a deluxe cooked-to-order breakfast from 7 to 10am and an evening manager's reception from 5 – 7 pm.

Because we will travel from the hotel to the University campus, it will help to know who will have cars there and how many passengers you could carry besides to those arriving in your car. Similarly, if you know you will *not* have a car and will need transportation, please indicate that on your reservation form. There is a parking fee at OSU. ***IF*** you pre-register (postmarked or emailed by February 3), your registration can include a parking pass. These will be available at the Embassy Suites on Friday evening 2/14 or Saturday morning 2/15 until 8:30 a.m.

American Shire Horse Association Annual Meeting

Tentative Schedule

Saturday, February 15

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast available, Embassy Suites
- 7:30–8:30 am OSU parking passes available, Embassy Suites
- 8:45 a.m. Ed Day Registration, Vet Med Center auditorium OSU
- 9:00 a.m. Ed Day, Ohio State University, 601 Vernon L. Tharp St.
Equine Reproduction – Dr. Marco DaSilva
Equine Dentistry – Dr. Jeff Reiswig
Genetic recessives: The responsibilities of the breeder and the registry – Dr. Mike Stone, President, Belgian Draft Horse Assn.
- Noon Box lunches (order on registration form)
- 1:00 p.m. Tour of Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital
- 2:00–4:00 pm Shoeing heavy horses – ideas from the farrier and the judge
- 5 - 7 p.m. Manager's reception, Embassy Suites

Sunday, February 16

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast available, Embassy Suites
- 8:30 a.m. Annual Members' Meeting, Bexley II, Embassy Suites
- 10:30 a.m. Annual Board of Directors Meeting (members welcome to attend)
- Noon Lunch break (lunch on your own)
- 1:30 p.m. Annual Board of Directors Meeting (continued)
- 5 – 7 p.m. Manager's Reception, Embassy Suites

Monday, February 17

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast available, Embassy Suites
- 8:30 - 11 a.m. Annual Board of Directors Meeting (continued), Bexley II

Special rates at the Embassy Suites are valid for Wednesday through Tuesday nights. Call 866-318-9780 or 614-536-0500 for reservations; mention that you are with ASHA to receive the \$129 rate. Includes breakfast and evening manager's reception. The Embassy Suites rooms include free wifi in guestrooms for the ASHA block as well as in public areas. Rooms include a microwave and refrigerator. Other amenities include a free airport shuttle, pool, hot tub, fitness center, business center, restaurant, coffee shop, and mini-mart. ASHA's room block will be held until Monday, January 20; the rate will be honored after that if rooms are available.

Register early for this year's meeting program! ASHA Education Day 2014

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2014 – INCLUDES ALL LECTURES
AND BOX LUNCH

Pre-registration (postmarked by February 3, 2014, or emailed w/credit card) \$35
Second person from same farm / family \$30
Note: Check here If you need an OSU parking pass (one per family, only included with preregistration). Will be available at Embassy Suites Friday evening. Normal cost \$6.25.

Postmarked after February 3 or at the door (does not include parking pass) \$40
Second person from same farm / family \$35

Need More Information or Assistance?

Contact The Secretary

Office hours are 9am to 3pm CST
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursdays.

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BREED PROMOTION

MANY THANKS to all these members for their effort and dedication to promote SHIRES!!

Recently Completed Events:

Massachusetts Equine Affaire – West Springfield, MA. Eastern States Exposition Grounds, Nov. 7 – 10. The ASHA breed stall had four members exhibiting horses and 12 Shires showed in the main breed demo. A few of these Shires also went had a short demo in the youth pavilion. The ASHA booth had active sales and numerous questions about Shires. One former member re-joined at the booth and four other membership applications were picked up. Information on ASHA, Shire breeders and the educational foundation (ASHEF) were also available. Contacts: Vicky McCaffrey; oxkill@capital.net (horses) or Karla Stoner; bloomforge@peoplepc.com (breed booth).

Upcoming Events:

No definite information on participation at the time this information was due to the editor, but members usually take Shires to horse fairs/expos in Illinois, Nebraska and Iowa in the first quarter of the year.

Ohio Equine Affaire – Columbus, OH, OH Expo Center, . April 10- 13, 2014. Breed barn presence, demos and ASHA/ ASHEF information/merchandise booth are planned. Contacts: Todd and Emily Riedel, traillightfarms@aol.com (horses), Karla Stoner, bloomforge@peoplepc.com (booth).

Horse Progress Days – Mt. Hope, OH, July 4th & 5th, 2014. Mt. Hope Auction Grounds, Millersburg, OH. ASHA will have a booth at this event and would like to have Shires present on the groundst. Please contact Karla Stoner (bloomforge@peoplepc.com) or Todd & Emily Riedel at (traillightfarms@aol.com) if you are interested in bringing Shires either for breed demos or as working animals (note: HPD must approve all horses that will be used to demonstrate equipment.). If you would be willing to help with the booth, contact Karla.

ASHA is offering a limited number of \$150.00 stipends each year for members who are promoting Shires and ASHA at horse fairs, expos, field days and other recognized equine events.

Contact Karla Stoner bloomforge@peoplepc.com (301-874-3250) for information and applications.

Mounted police officer in Troy, New York is looking for a Shire suitable for police work to replace his previous Shire who died in May 2013, at 24+ years.

Preferences:

Gelding, 17HH, 7 - 12 years of age in good health with good temperament and has been exposed to at least some traffic situations (black with 4 white socks would be great, but will consider other colors). Will also consider Shire crosses, Clydesdales or Clyde crosses.

Only donated horses can be considered at this time.If you have a horse you think might be suitable, please contact:

Sam Carello
Troy Police NY Mounted Patrol
518-701-0798

As I See It:

Have a concern or problem and would like to share it with the membership? Here is the column for you. The following criteria, adopted at the 2005 Annual ASHA Meeting, must be followed.

- 1) All copy must be camera ready.
- 2) No profanity.
- 3) All copy must be 1/2 page or less inclusive of signature. 1/2 page is defined as 5" X 6".
- 4) Original Signature from the person submitting it must be included.
- 5) If anyone person or position is mentioned– written permission from that person must accompany the submission.
- 6) A member may submit one article per newsletter. This includes articles signed by multiple members.
- 7) The editor may decide not to print a submission.

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WELCOME**NEW MEMBERS****Thank You for Supporting**

**2014 ASHA Endorsed Draft Horse Sales
Plan Ahead**

As of the copy due date for this Bulletin, the Clydesdale Breeders of the USA (CBUSA) will hold their 2014 Fall Classic Draft Horse Sale October 24 & 25 (Fri. & Sat.), at the Michiana Event Center (MEC) in Howe, IN. It is open to all draft breeds and **ASHA is endorsing this sale for Shires**. The yearling jackpot sale, started in the 2013 classic sale will be continued at the 2014 sale. Equipment and tack will also be sold.

The MEC has excellent facilities for a horse sale, with over 150,000 square feet under one roof. This includes stalling, vendor spaces, and sale arena! There is easy access right off the I-80/I-90 IN Toll Road, with plenty of parking and camping available on site. A number of hotels are within a 5 minute drive. **Check the CBUSA website for additional information, entry forms and updates (www.clydesusa.com).**

NOTE: *The CBUSA spring sale has reverted to Clydesdales only. No other breeds will be accepted in that sale.*

ASHA contact: Karla Stoner, 301-874-3250, bloomforge@peoplepc.com

KENTUCKY HORSE PARK IS LOOKING FOR SHIRES!!

The current Shire 'ambassadors' at Kentucky Horse Park are in their late teens and replacements are being sought. This is a great opportunity to continue Shire breed promotion at the park.

Andy Freitag is Director of the driving horses at the park and is looking for the following qualities in Shire replacements:

Sound and quiet with the public – Top requirements
Geldings are preferred, around 17H 3in.
6 – 10 years old preferred
Trained to drive would be a plus, but not a requirement.

Horses would most likely be donated to the KHP Foundation, but purchase may be possible. If you feel you may have some Shires that would make great ambassadors for the breed, please contact:

Andy Freitag
Kentucky Horse Park
4089 Iron Works Parkway
Lexington, KY 40511
Phone: 859-707-8422 Email: andy.freitag@ky.gov

Quarterly Registrations – Sept. 1, 2013 – Dec. 31, 2013

Remember to check your documents for errors upon receipt from the Secretary.

The information below is from the office database.

DAPPLEWOOD LADY KATHERINE OF CEDAR CREEK - 24750-M

Mare; Black. Very wide blaze with round star, narrower near left eye with point below left eye; to over both nostrils; black spot on left nostril; lower lip white. Left foreleg white sock just above fetlock extending to over knee on inside. Right foreleg white stocking to above knee. Left hind leg white stocking to above hock in back extending to just below point of hip on outside. Right hind leg white stocking to below hock in back extending to stifle in front. White patches on both sides of girth; two white spots above right stifle. Foaled March 12, 2011; Bred and owned by BRENDA MOORE, Inola, OK; Sire AVALON'S LEGIONNAIRE 23113-S; Dam MEADOWOOD MADE TO ORDER 24129-M.

LADY CLARITY OF CAMA GLEN - 24751-M

Mare; Gray. Irregular blaze with pointed star, point above left eye, continuing into irregular snip. Left foreleg no markings. Right foreleg white stocking to knee. Left hind leg white stocking to below hock in back, to hock in front. Right hind leg white stocking to below hock front and back. Foaled June 2, 2011; Bred and owned by ROGER FOERDERER, Medina, ND; Sire WANDAMERE PATCHES 23110-S; Dam JOSIE ANN BANNER 24150-M.

NEW ENGLAND BLACK PEARLE - 24755-M

Mare; Black. Medium blaze with high pointed star, widening in between eyes, narrowing below eyes and above muzzle, widening to in between nostrils to upper lip. Left foreleg white stocking to below knee in front to just above knee in back. Right foreleg white stocking from just below knee in front to just above knee in back, lower on outside. Left hind leg white stocking from just below hock in back to just above hock in front. Right hind leg white stocking from just below hock in back to just above hock in front. White patch on lower barrel. Foaled February 17, 2012; Bred and owned by C/C MOULTON dba NEW ENGLAND SHIRE CENTRE, Ocala, FL; Sire BROADHEATH BARON (46867); Dam OWERSBY KATIE (145792) 24136-M.

NORTHEAST ANISETTE - 24757-M

Mare; Black. Wide blaze, wider below right eye to snip in between nostrils to lower lip. Left foreleg white to above knee. Right foreleg white to above knee. Left hind leg white stocking to mid-cannon in back, to gaskin in front. Right hind leg white mid-cannon in back, to gaskin in front. White on abdomen. Microchip #985141000640077. Foaled June 25, 2013; Bred and owned by JANET L. LONG, Epsom, NH; Sire RUSHALL ISAAC (47500) 23342-S; Dam SASSY SUPREME DAISEY MARIE 24278-M.

NORTHEAST JESSICA - 24752-M

Mare; Black. Blaze with irregular star, point near right eye, continuing to over nostrils, and upper and lower lips. Left foreleg white coronet with narrow stripe extending to over knee in front. Right foreleg white stocking to just above knee. Left hind leg white stocking to below hock in back, to hock in front. Right hind leg white stocking to below hock in back, to hock in front. Foaled January 20, 2013; Bred and owned by JANET L. LONG, Epsom, NH; Sire HICKORY HILL NITRO OF THE NORTHEAST 23253-S; Dam NORTHEAST ARISTOCRAT'S ABBIGAIL 23938-M.

NORTHEAST SAMANTHA - 24756-M

Mare; Black. Wide blaze with square star, widening in between eyes to near left eye, continuing to over both nostrils, upper and lower lips. Left foreleg white stocking to ankle in front, extending in back to just above knee; black on outside of leg except for spot at fetlock that goes to inside of leg. Right foreleg white stocking to above knee. Left hind leg black on outside, white stocking on inside back to above hock; white coronet. Right hind leg white to hock in back, to top of hock in front. Small white patches on underside. Foaled May 10, 2013; Bred and owned by JANET L. LONG, Epsom, NH; Sire RUSHALL ISAAC (47500) 23342-S; Dam HICKORY HILL REVA 24416-M.

OLIVER'S GREEN TREE BLOSSOM - 24754-M

Mare; Black. Blaze with narrow round star widening at eye level to over both nostrils; upper and lower lips and chin white; black dot on muzzle; horizontal line from star to under left ear. Left foreleg white horizontal marking at knee. Right foreleg black. Left hind leg white stocking to hock in back, to gaskin in front. Right hind leg to below hock in back, to above hock in front. Foaled June 21, 2013; Bred by ANNETTE FIELDING, Hooper, UT Owned by KIRK MITCHELL, Boulder, CO; Sire TALLY HO ROYAL LADDIE 22600-S; Dam NONSUCH JULIA 24700-M.

RM'S M T AUTUMN - 24753-M

Mare; Black. Wide blaze with half-circle dip above left eye, wider on right near eye, narrowing above muzzle, to over muzzle with black nostrils and upper lip; white snip on lower lip; black spots on muzzle. Left foreleg white stocking to above knee, black speckling up leg to bottom of chest. Right foreleg white stocking to above the knee, to mid-forearm in back coming to a point. Left hind leg white stocking to below hock in back, to gaskin in front; irregular white speckles into stifle. Right hind leg white stocking to above hock in back, to stifle in front; irregular speckles inside leg. Large white spot on left side to navel. Foaled April 21, 2013; Bred and owned by TURIE and MICHAEL SORRELL, Concord, VT; Sire LEGACY'S IMAGE 23301-S; Dam TAYLOR'S AGATHA 24284-M.

SHANNASHAWNS LADY LYDIA - 24749-M

Mare; Black. Irregular star with points at top and toward right eye, continuing into narrow stripe, with wide snip to in between nostrils; lower lip white. Left foreleg white stocking to just above knee. Right foreleg white stocking to just above knee. Left hind leg white stocking to hock in back, to gaskin in front. Right hind leg white stocking to hock in back, to gaskin in front. Very small white patch on lower right girth. Foaled April 25, 2012; Bred and owned by JAMES JEFFREY VANNURDEN, Litchfield, MN; Sire ILLUSION FARMS S.N. GREAT MAGNITUDE 22917-S; Dam SHANNASHAWNS LADY CHICKIEE 23671-M.

ALONZA'S JOHN HENRY - 23455-S

Stallion; Black. Wide blaze, wider above both eyes to both nostrils. Left foreleg white stocking to above knee. Right foreleg white stocking to above knee. Left hind leg white stocking to hock. Right hind leg white stocking to hock. Foaled May 7, 2013; Bred by DANNA FINDLAY, Horton, MI Owned by RICK KEIM, Goshen, IN; Sire SWISS SHIRE COLONEL (C.843) 23454-S; Dam HEARTLAND'S BONNY LASSIE 24738-M.

BEVERLY'S HILL PRINCIPALIA - 23458-S

Stallion; Black. Blaze with pointed star starting near left ear, down face widening to left eye, to snip in between nostrils. Left foreleg white stocking to knee. Right foreleg white pastern. Left hind leg white stocking to hock. Right hind leg white stocking to hock. Foaled April 12, 2010; Bred and owned by ELAM FISHER JR, Ronks, PA; Sire MILNERFIELD BLACK KNIGHT (C1496) 23217-S; Dam DFF THUNDERHOOF SUNNY ROSE 24391-M.

CEDAR HILL BEAUREGARD (C2120) - 23452-S

Stallion; Bay. Blaze with round star, dip on top right, point below left eye, covering nostrils, upper and lower lips, and chin. Left foreleg white stocking to above knee. Right foreleg white stocking to above knee. Left hind leg white stocking from below hock behind, to mid-gaskin in front. Right hind leg white stocking from below hock behind, to mid-gaskin in front. White spot on navel. Foaled May 16, 2010; Bred and owned by ROB RICH, Baraboo, WI; Sire MOORFIELD EDWARD (46584); Dam SKANE SPRINGS LADY ARISTOCRAT (147752) 24104-M.

FORTHOFFER'S BENJAMIN - 23448-S

Stallion; Black. Wide blaze with round star, small point below right eye, continuing to in between nostrils; upper and lower lips white; left eye small blue area at medial canthus. Left foreleg white stocking to carpus. Right foreleg white stocking to carpus. Left hind leg white stocking from below hock in back, to just below stifle in front. Right hind leg white stocking from below hock in back, to stifle in front. White from thorax to just in front of prepuce extending up on left side of thorax. Foaled April 25, 2013; Bred and owned by RICHARD A. FORTHOFFER, Portland, IN; Sire ILLUSION FARMS S. N.'S FINAL CHAPTER 22985-S; Dam GO BEARFOOT MADELINE 24363-M.

FORTHOFFER'S GO BEARFOOT NOAH - 23447-S

Stallion; Black. Round star wider towards left eye, continuing into narrowing strip angled towards left nostril, to snip to right nostril and over left nostril; lower lip white. Left foreleg white stocking to above carpus in zig-zag pattern on inside leg. Right foreleg white stocking from above carpus in the back, and at carpus in front. Left hind leg white stocking from below hock in back, to below stifle in front. Right hind leg white stocking from below hock in back, to below stifle in front. Few white hairs on thorax behind left elbow. Foaled April 24, 2013; Bred and owned by KIMBERLY M. FORTHOFFER-BRAUN, Coldwater, OH; Sire ILLUSION FARMS S.N.'S FINAL CHAPTER 22985-S; Dam GO BEARFOOT MAUDE 23403-M.

FORTHOFFER'S ISAAC - 23449-S

Stallion; Black. Blaze with round star, narrows above nostrils on left side, continues to in between nostrils; few black hairs in mid-blaze on right side. Left foreleg white stocking to above carpus. Right foreleg white stocking to above carpus. Left hind leg white stocking to top of hock. Right hind leg white stocking to hock. Foaled June 1, 2013; Bred and owned by RICHARD A.

FORTHOFFER, Portland, IN; Sire ILLUSION FARMS S. N.'S FINAL CHAPTER 22985-S; Dam HONEY CREEKS MISS RHEA 23700-M.

GLADWIN COURAGES BLACKJACK [1820S] - 23451-S

Stallion; Black. Irregular blaze with jagged edges, includes both nostrils and lower lip. Left foreleg white stocking to just above knee, higher on outside. Right foreleg white stocking to just above knee. Left hind leg white stocking from below hock in back to lower gaskin in front. Right hind leg white stocking from below hock in back, to gaskin in front. White spot on inside of right forearm; white stripe on underside of barrel. Foaled January 6, 2002; Bred by ROBERT KEITH GIBSON, Dapp, AB CAN Registered by JANET L. LONG, Epsom, NH; Sire TREMOELGOCH COURAGE (46903) 23234-S; Dam GLADWIN GOLD JAYNA [1790].

HUCK'S DANDY FERGUS OF SHADY GROVE - 23450-S

Stallion; Black. Wide blaze higher on left, wider above right eye, two horizontal lines near left eye, continuing to over right nostril; lower lip white. Left foreleg white stocking to above knee in front and outside, to below knee on back and inside. Right foreleg white stocking to above knee with jagged line. Left hind leg white stocking to below hock in back, to above hock in front. Right hind leg white stocking to below hock in back, to above hock in front. Foaled May 7, 2013; Bred and owned by CYNTHIA L. TEMAAT, Spearville, KS; Sire TALLY HO TUFF'S HUCKLEBERRY OF SHADY GRO 23279-S; Dam JENSON'S EQUALIZER JILL 23225-M.

KOHLER'S MOONLIGHT TRAIN - 23453-S

Stallion; Black. Irregular star begins at top of eyes with notches on upper right and near left eye; continues into narrow stripe, into wider snip to left nostril; narrow strip to lower lip. Left foreleg white stocking to below knee in front, to above knee in back. Right foreleg white stocking to mid-cannon in back, to below knee in front. Left hind leg white stocking to below hock in back, to above hock in front. Right hind leg to below hock in back, to above hock in front. Foaled April 3, 2013; Bred by DENAE ANN KOHLER, Walnut Cove, NC Owned by STEVEN and DAYLA KOHLER, Walnut Cove, NC; Sire MOONLIGHT SOLSTICE 23059-S; Dam SUDDEN CREEK QUINCY 23724-M.

LIGHTENING STRIKE'S STORM CHASER - 23459-S

Stallion; Black. Wide blaze with round star, small hook over left eye, wider in between eyes to in between nostrils; lower lip and chin to throat latch white. Left foreleg white stocking to middle of knee in front, above knee in back. Right foreleg white stocking to above knee. Left hind leg white stocking to above hock in back, to stifle in front with stripe perpendicular to gaskin on outside. Right hind leg white stocking to above hock in back, to stifle in front. Large white spot on lower barrel, smaller white spot above and in front of large spot. Foaled June 2, 2013; Bred and owned by SHARON L. McNEW, Vassar, MI; Sire DOUBLE DIAMOND'S LIGHTENING STRIKE 23064-S; Dam RICE CREEK ADORABLE 24138-M.

NEW ENGLAND MERLIN - 23457-S

Stallion; Black. Medium blaze with jagged, pointed star, continuing straight down face to snip to both nostrils, lower on left upper lip; lower lip and chin white. Left foreleg white stocking to below knee in back, to mid-forearm in front. Right foreleg white stocking to above knee with jagged top, higher on outside. Left hind leg white stocking to below hock in back to above hock in front, higher on outside. Right hind leg white stocking to below hock in back, to above hock in front. White spot on left barrel. Foaled March 20, 2011; Bred and owned by C/C MOULTON dba NEW ENGLAND SHIRE CENTRE, Ocala, FL; Sire BROADHEATH BARON (46867); Dam GLENMARY GRACIE 24178-M.

NORTHEAST LAZARUS - 23456-S

Stallion; Black. Blaze with round star, widening to points below eyes, continuing to over both nostrils, upper and lower lips and chin white. Left foreleg white stocking to above knee. Right foreleg white stocking to above knee. Left hind leg white stocking to hock in back, to above hock in front. Right hind leg white stocking to hock in back, to above hock in front. Small white spot on left side just behind elbow. Foaled July 15, 2013; Bred and owned by JANET L. LONG, Epsom, NH; Sire RUSHALL ISAAC (47500) 23342-S; Dam TAYLORS AMELIA 24376-M.

SHANNASHAWNS COUNTRY RUSSEL - 20278-G

Gelding; Black. Wide blaze with round star, wider above eyes, to snip in between nostrils; lower lip white. Left foreleg white stocking to knee. Right foreleg white ankle with white strip on front extending to knee. Left hind leg white stocking to below hock in back, to above hock in front. Right hind leg white stocking to below hock in back, to above hock in front. Small white patch on lower left barrel. Foaled July 19, 2012; Bred and owned by JAMES JEFFREY VANNURDEN, Litchfield, MN; Sire ILLUSION FARMS S.N. GREAT MAGNITUDE 22917-S; Dam SHANNASHAWNS LADY JULIET 23565-M.

SWISS SHIRE COLONEL (C.843) - 23454-S

Stallion; Black. Star above eye level, small snip on muzzle, white on lower lip. Left foreleg white sock to mid-cannon. Right foreleg white ankle. Left hind leg white ankle. Right hind leg white ankle. Foaled January 25, 2003; Bred by EUGENE K. and SANDRA K. CHRISTIANSON, Chetek, WI Registered by SUSAN & ROSS YOKOYAMA, Honokaa, HI; Sire FOX VALLEY RAIDER (46794); Dam FOX VALLEY BETSY (145793).

2014 Show Schedule

Note: Qualifying shows for the All North American Contest are coded as follows:

AA show (1st – 4th), **A** show (1st – 3rd), **B** show (1st or 2nd), **C** show (1st only)

MANY THANKS TO ALL SHIRE OWNERS WHO TOOK THE TIME AND EFFORT TO GET THEIR HORSES TO THE SHOWS IN 2013. THERE ARE SOME OUTSTANDING SHIRES PROMOTING THE BREED OUT THERE!

Designations for 2014 shows and ANA status are being determined. Check the ANA Facebook page for updates. The following is a tentative list of 2014 shows and dates.

Saratoga County Fair, Balston Spa, NY – (Local show) – July 22-27. Contact Tom Armer, phone: 518-885-5696, email: tarmer@nyscap.rr.com.

Ohio State Fair, Fairgrounds, Columbus, OH, www.ohiostatefair.com/osf/osf3.htm#OpenHorse. Draft horse show August 2-3, Halter and hitch classes. Premium book available late April or early May. Entry due date to avoid late fees - **TBA**. Judges: **TBA**. Coordinator: **TBA**

Colorado Draft Horse Classic, Garfield County Fair Grounds, Rifle, CO. August **TBA**. www.codraffhorseclassic.com. Halter classes in AM and hitch in PM. Judge: **TBA**. Premium book available on line **TBA**. Coordinator: **TBA**.

Longmont Fair, Boulder County Fairgrounds, Longmont, CO, August 1-2, www.bouldercounty.org details **TBA**. *If approved, this show will replace The Colorado Draft Horse Classic (above) as an ASHA show.*

Addison County Fair, Middlebury, VT – August **TBA**. Halter and hitch classes. Judge: **TBA**. Pre-entry deadline: **TBA**. Premium books: Kathy Kennett, 1716 VT Route 22A, Panton, VT 05491 or email: kkennett@together.net Coordinator: **TBA**

Maine State Fair Draft Horse Show, Fair Grounds, Skowhegan, ME www.skowheganstatefair.com, August **TBA**. Draft show date - **TBA**. Halter and Hitch. Judges: **TBA**. Coordinator:

New York State Fair, Syracuse, NY, Aug. 21 – Sept. 1. www.nysfair.org. Stallion & mare halter classes are on **TBA**, geldings **TBA**. Halter judge: **TBA**; hitch judges for Shire only hitches: **TBA**. Premium books: <http://naomishorseshows.com> to NYS State Fair and click 'read more' or call Naomi Blumenthal; 315-682-1933. the Coordinator: **TBA**. Pre-entries close Aug. **TBA**, post entries accepted.

Central Wisconsin State Fair, Marshfield, WI – Aug 27 – Sept. 1. www.centralwisconsinstatefair.com. Draft show date: **TBA**. Premium book - contact fair office, phone: 715-387-1261, email: cwsfmarshfield@gmail.com. Entries must be post marked by: **TBA**. Halter and hitch classes. Judges: **TBA**. Coordinator: **TBA**

Oklahoma State Fair, Oklahoma City, OK - (Local show) – Sept. 11 - 21. www.okstatefair.com/horse_premium.asp, Draft Horse Show dates: **TBA**. Check website for premium book.

International Draft Horse, Mule and Pleasure Driving Show, Los Angeles County Fair Grounds, Pomona, CA, late September **TBA**, (<http://lacountyfair.com/2014/competitions/index.asp>). Draft show date: **TBA**. Premium books will be line only. Date available: **TBA**. Coordinator: **TBA**

Keystone International Livestock Exposition, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA– October 2-4. www.keystoneinternational.state.pa.us. Halter classes Thurs. 10/02, AM. Judges: **TBA**. Premium list and on line registration available: **TBA**. Entry deadline: **TBA**. Coordinator: **TBA**

Other qualifying shows of the 2014 All North American Contest – designation TBA:

Canadian:

Central Alberta Draft Horse Classic, Olds, Alberta, June 29 – July 1 www.albertadrafthorseclassic.com

CSHA National Show, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Calgary Stampede, www.calgarystampede.com, draft horse show July 4-7

Vermillion Fair, Vermillion, Alberta, late July, www.vermillionfairag.ca/fair, draft show dates: **TBA**.

Dawson Creek Exhibition, Dawson Creek, British Columbia, Aug. 6 – 10, www.dawsoncreekfair.com, email: info@dawsoncreekfair.com.

Carp Fair, Carp Ontario, September **TBA**, <http://carpfair.ca/>, draft show dates: **TBA**.

U.S.A.:

National Stock Show, Denver, CO, January 11-26, 2014, www.nationalwestern.com, phone: 303-299-5525.

Nebraska State Fair, Lincoln, NE, Aug. 22 – Sept 1, www.statefair.org, draft show date: **TBA**.

MN State Fair, St. Paul, MN, Aug. 21 – Sept 1, www.mnstatefair.org, draft show date: **TBA**.

Champlain Valley Fair, Essex Junction, VT, dates late Aug - early Sept., www.cvexpo.org, draft show date: **TBA**. Phone: 802/878-5545.

Eastern Idaho State Fair, Blackfoot, ID, Aug. 30 – Sept. 6, www.funatthefair.com, draft show date: **TBA**. Phone: 208-785-2483.

Draft Horse Classic, Grass Valley, CA, Sept 18 – 21, www.nevadacountyfair.com, phone: 530-273-6217

Fryeberg Fair, Fryeburg, ME, Sept. 28 – Oct. 5, www.fryeburgfair.com, draft show date: **TBA**. Phone: 207-935-3268, email: info@fryeburgfair.org

Georgia National Fair, Perry GA, October 2-12, www.georgianationalfair.com, draft horse show date: **TBA**. Show Secretary: Barbara Hawkins Phone: 864-895-4922.

Michigan Great Lakes International, Battle Creek, MI, Oct. 16 – 19, www.mgli.org, phone: 517-240-6730

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BANDAGING FUNDAMENTALS

By [Christy Corp-Minamiji, DVM](#)

Feb 01, 2013

There are right and wrong ways to bandage horses' limbs, no matter the wrap's purpose.

At some point nearly every horse, from the fine-boned, flashy Arabian halter horse to the cowboy's sturdy, no-frills roping mount, will sport a wrap or bandage on one or more legs. Just because we see bandages around the barn frequently doesn't mean bandaging and wrapping are easy, and that bandages and wraps are interchangeable and always appropriate. Before you reach for the nearest roll of Vetrap or grab that splint boot out of your tack trunk, look at some of the basic principles behind bandaging or wrapping equine limbs.

Owners commonly apply bandages to shield recent wounds or tendon or ligament injuries, to protect during shipping or performance, and to prevent fluid accumulation in the limb ("stocking up") during stall rest. Reid Hanson, DVM, Dipl. ACVS, ACVECC, professor of equine surgery and lameness at Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine, in Alabama, adds topical dressing application, immobilization, and support to this list. However, bandaging and wrapping, while useful, are not wholly benign. Improper application and/or use of an inappropriate bandaging material can do more harm than leaving the leg unwrapped.

Architecture of a Bandage

Bandage design varies according to purpose, but most bandages include the same two to three layers:

- Topical dressing, which might be a liniment, medicated pad, ointment, or powder. These are generally used in horses with injuries or skin conditions.
- Thick cotton padding such as practical (roll) cotton, layers of sheet cotton, cast padding, or fabric quilt or pillow wraps.
- Compressive/securing layer such as stable/track bandage, Vetrap, gauze, polo wrap, elastic tape, or stockinette.

Of course, veterinarians might modify or augment this basic structure to suit particular circumstances. They might recommend adding splints or bandage casts to provide immobilization in the case of a wound in a high motion area or with a severe tendon injury. As for protection, owners might use Velcro-style shipping boots, single-layer devices that provide skin protection but little compression. In contrast, some wraps and boots intended for performance might provide focal protection suited to a particular sport.

And some might not look like a traditional or prefabricated bandage at all. For some wounds, such as those in areas that are difficult or detrimental to immobilize or where topical medication application is the main requirement, Hanson describes a minimalist wound covering technique known as the "Jolly method." This technique uses Velcro tabs to secure a wound dressing and a stockinette tube as covering.

Bandage and Wrap Uses

Wounds Owners and veterinarians commonly bandage limbs to protect wounds and surgical sites. A bandage can prevent contamination,

provide compression to minimize swelling, hold topical medications against the wound, reduce motion of the wound edges, and keep the exudates (pus) in contact with the wound.

Although exudate triggers an "ick" response in many people, that yellowish slime serves a critical purpose in the healing process. "The exudate has all of the cytokines (cell-signaling proteins) that -produce healing," says Hanson. Many horse owners "see exudate and assume (the wound) must be infected, and so they get their iodine scrub and clean it," but Hanson cautions against this. By scrubbing a healing wound, "they've removed all the good juice that allows it to heal."

Hanson prefers using an acemannan (an aloe vera derivative) wound cleanser that is gentle to the tissues. "You should not clean a wound with anything you are not willing to put in your eye's conjunctival sac," he notes as a rule of thumb.

Excessive swelling or motion of the wound edges can delay wound margin contracture, a major step in the healing process. A bandage that applies compression can help prevent fluid from accumulating in the limb in response to injury and reduce this swelling.

To reduce movement, however, the veterinarian might need to amend the basic bandage design. A standard soft wrap-type bandage often does not provide sufficient immobilization regardless of how thickly or firmly it is applied. Where immobilization is required, Hanson recommends using a splint or bandage cast.

For most limb wounds, Hanson suggests applying both a primary and secondary bandage. Once a veterinarian cleans and debrides the wound appropriately, Hanson recommends applying a medicated dressing (such as an acemannan hydrogel or calcium alginate dressing) as the primary bandage to promote autolytic debridement (use of the body's own enzymes and moisture to liquefy and remove dead tissue). In most cases he will cover this dressing with a thick layer of padding and secure it with a wrap material. If the area requires immobilization he will then apply a secondary bandage, such as a splint or a semisoft bandage cast. Hanson prefers bandage casts over traditional hard casts because he believes they produce fewer complications, such as cast sores, and generally the horse can be sent home rather than having to remain in a hospital for monitoring.

Tendon or ligament injuries Wrapping legs with suspected or diagnosed tendon or ligament injuries has its pros and cons. A wrap can control swelling and provide some support to a leg with what Hanson refers to as a classic mid-tendon bow. "However, if the injury was the result of a bandage bow (caused by a too-tight or improperly applied wrap), I probably would not use a wrap," he says.

While these wraps generally do not require a dressing, pay attention to the bandage basics of using padding and applying even tension. Hanson does not believe placing a support wrap on an uninjured leg is necessary.

Julie Dechant, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACVS, ACVECC, associate professor at the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine, comments that wraps alone do not give "enough support to provide true protection for tendon

injuries. We certainly use (them), but in any severely damaged tendon a bandage alone is not enough support." In these cases, says Dechant, a splint will most likely be required.

Shipping Owners can apply wraps and/or shipping boots to trailered horses' legs both to protect the leg from trauma and provide support. Hanson notes that he sees horses arrive at the Auburn teaching hospital in one of two types of shipping wrap: the quilt and wrap type or a more modern shipping boot with Velcro closures. Overall, Hanson prefers the quilt and wrap style, feeling that it provides "support, compression, and protection."

However, he notes that prefabricated shipping boots can provide more complete protection of the leg, covering the coronary band. "It seems that if someone was really concerned about protection, a combination of the styles might be best," he says. "Bell boots that cover the coronary band are a nice addition to the (quilt and wrap) bandage if one is concerned with protecting that area from injury."

Dechant believes that shipping boots are useful during travel, but owners need to be sure the boots fit well so they don't trip up the horse. She agrees with Hanson that "if you're only covering the cannon, (the boot or wrap) is not as useful in the trailer where the horse is more likely to step on itself."

Dechant recommends getting the horse accustomed to having wraps or boots on his legs prior to shipping to avoid trauma from panicking in the confines of the trailer.

Confinement Owners can use standing wraps to minimize limb swelling in a stall-confined horse. Dechant says that "whenever standing wraps are placed, they need to be monitored daily and ideally reset at least once per day." This way owners and managers can ensure the wrap is not tightening or loosening inappropriately and that no debris has worked its way inside the wrap, where it might cause a sore.

Performance Wraps, bandages, and boots are used in a wide variety of equine performance disciplines for protection and, in some cases, support. Dechant emphasizes the importance of clean, well-fitting, and situationally appropriate equipment. "It's important to apply and use it in the intended manner," she says. "Some wraps intended for performance are not meant for horses standing in the stall, where they may not have the same degree of blood flow." Also, cautions Dechant, many performance wraps have less padding, so owners need to be aware of precise application with appropriate pressure.

Bandaging Demystified

Equine wraps and bandages are sort of like sushi: The menu of supplies is extensive, and everyone has an opinion about the "right way" to combine them. While it is true that inappropriate bandage application can cause as many problems as a well-applied bandage can prevent, following these common sense steps can result in successful bandaging:

1. Keep everyone safe. Preventing human injuries is just as important as treating or preventing equine ones. The person applying the bandage should avoid kneeling or sitting on the ground, says Dechant, and should instead crouch, ready to move out of the way if necessary. She also recommends having a competent

handler hold the horse during the process. Bear in mind, too, that some horses initially resent wraps on the hind legs, especially over the hocks, so it's best to apply these in an open area in case the horse kicks out.

2. Don't skimp on the padding. "Insufficient padding is going to cause a bandage bow," says Hanson. Padding should be clean, dry, and in reasonable shape, Dechant adds. Since the idea of the padding is to protect the leg, it's important to avoid incorporating frayed bits of padding or fill that contains wrinkles or bunches--these can cause pressure points under a bandage.

3. Keep it even under pressure. Remember that "anything directly against the skin should not be applied with any tension at all," Dechant says. But uneven tension in a bandage's *securing* layers also can potentially cause tendon damage. "You want an even distribution of compression along the leg" with this layer, too, says Hanson.

"The key is to apply it firmly but not too tightly," Dechant adds. If using Vetrap or a similar flexible bandage to secure the padding, she suggests applying enough tension to remove 80% of the wrap's innate "wrinkles." She also stresses the importance of overlapping layers of bandage by 50% to avoid having edges of the wrap material dig into the leg.

Using a neatly and tightly rolled bandage will ease application and reduce the need to pull against the horse's leg and sensitive tendons to tighten the wrap. This will also help ensure the bandage is as smooth against the horse's leg as possible to avoid uneven pressure.

4. Choose your own direction. Despite barn lore to the contrary, neither sources believe the direction a wrap is applied is critical. "Counterclockwise vs. clockwise is less important than technique," says Dechant. "I don't think the tendons care if they're rolled to the outside or to the inside. However, each layer should be rolled the same (direction)." Hanson agrees with Dechant, noting that he hasn't come across anything in literature to suggest wrapping in one direction or the other is superior. It is, however, important to be consistent in your technique and not to pull too tightly across the tendons.

5. Keep it clean. Shavings, straw, dirt, and moisture can irritate the skin and increase the risk of a wound becoming infected. Start with clean, dry materials and check the bandage frequently for damage, dirt, or moisture. To seal out debris, Dechant recommends securing the top and bottom of a disposable-type wrap with elastic tape such as Elastikon.

Take-Home Message

Bandages and wraps have numerous uses in the horse world but like many things, they can cause good or ill. Proper materials, application, and devices for the case at hand are all critical to safe and successful bandaging. Equally important is experienced instruction, as the information in this article can in no way replace a veterinarian's experience and advice.

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24215-M - The Mare, AVALON'S LIMITED EDITION
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DOMINIQUE FERRARO, Nuevo, CA 4/1/2012
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24336-M - The Mare, BASKIN'S E. HELENA
from BRITTANY BASKIN, Livingston, TX transferred to
BRANDY NICHOLS, Liberty, TX 9/25/2013
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24338-M - The Mare, BASKIN'S E. MIRABELLE
from BRITTANY BASKIN, Livingston, TX transferred to
BRANDY NICHOLS, Liberty, TX 9/25/2013
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24719-M - The Mare, BIG SKY SHEZA TUFF WOLF
from VERONIQUE MICHAUD & WM RETTMAN, Lacombe,
AB CAN transferred to BRETT and LEANNE HOAGLAND,
Glendive, MT 7/10/2013
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24736-M - The Mare, BIG SKY TUFF'S JACOMI
from BRETT and LEANNE HOAGLAND, Glendive, MT
transferred to DEBBIE JEPPESEN, Great Falls, MT 3/1/2013
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23899-M - The Mare, COPPER LEAF BIRCH
from JOELLE D'ALTO, Gainesville, FL transferred to ARDEN
A. and PATRICIA FERRELL, Ocala, FL 9/6/2013
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24640-M - The Mare, COPPER LEAF STARGAZER LILY
from JENSON SHIRES LLC, Blair, NE transferred to MARTHA
L. KOONS, Clinton, IA 9/30/2013
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24750-M - The Mare, DAPPLEWOOD LADY KATHERINE OF CEDAR CREEK
from BRENDA MOORE, Inola, OK transferred to RENATA
MALO-JUVERA, Parques del Pedregal, DF MEX 2/1/2013
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24301-M - The Mare, DUA HE CHI'S MERCEDES
from JEREMY, CASEY AND TRAVIS HOWELL, Blackfoot,
ID transferred to JANET L. LONG, Epsom, NH 11/9/2013
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24416-M - The Mare, HICKORY HILL REVA
from JANET L. LONG, Epsom, NH transferred to DANA SHAH
BISHOP, Moscow, TN 11/8/2013
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23153-M - The Mare, JENSON'S ADMERGILL'S MEG
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and KATIE BERNT, St. Paul, NE 8/17/2013
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23951-M - The Mare, JENSON'S DIPLOMAT SALLY
from KEN and MARLYS KNUTH, Slayton, MN transferred to
JENSON SHIRES LLC, Blair, NE 9/1/2013
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24751-M - The Mare, LADY CLARITY OF CAMA GLEN
from ROGER FOERDERER, Medina, ND transferred to ASPEN
BRYAN, Camano Island, WA 8/1/2013
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24755-M - The Mare, NEW ENGLAND BLACK PEARLE
from C/C MOULTON dba NEW ENGLAND SHIRE CENTRE,
Ocala, FL transferred to MANUEL COLLADO LACAYO,
Miami, FL 10/14/2013
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24466-M - The Mare, NEW ENGLAND CHABLIS
from C/C MOULTON dba NEW ENGLAND SHIRE CENTRE,
Ocala, FL leased by VICKI SCHMIDT, Hebron, ME 1/10/2010
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23958-M-ET - The Mare, NONSUCH SARAH
from SANDY LERNER, Upperville, VA transferred to
ROCHELLE WORDEN, Collingdale, PA 9/1/2013
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24752-M - The Mare, NORTHEAST JESSICA
from JANET L. LONG, Epsom, NH transferred to MARIE L.
STYLE, Winchester, VA 9/3/2013
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24754-M - The Mare, OLIVER'S GREEN TREE BLOSSOM
from KIRK MITCHELL, Boulder, CO transferred to VANDI L.
MITCHELL, Boulder, CO 8/17/2013
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24661-M - The Mare, PERIDOTS RUBY
from RUSSELL and CURTIS BRAND, Princeton, MN
transferred to KEN KNUTH, Slayton, MN 9/3/2013
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24721-M - The Mare, PIPPEN'S RENAISSANCE LADY
from MANDY CARSON, Phelpsston, ON CAN transferred to
NANCY PATTERSON & CRAIG INWARD, Stouffville, ON
CAN 6/19/2013
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24610-M - The Mare, ROCKEY TOPS MISTY
from NATHANIEL MATHEW PICKLE, Germantown, OH
transferred to THOMAS C. HAMMERGREEN, Loveland, OH
7/5/2013
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24137-M - The Mare, SPARKLAND JEN (146299)
from C/C MOULTON dba NEW ENGLAND SHIRE CENTRE,
Ocala, FL leased by VICKI SCHMIDT, Hebron, ME 1/1/2010
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24497-M - The Mare, STEEGE'S PINK FAIRY
from VERN E. STEEGE, Fredericksburg, IA transferred to
OLIVIA D. HUNTER, Beaver Springs, PA 10/9/2013
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24711-M - The Mare, SUDDEN CREEK ZELDA
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SURPRENANT, Slayton, MN 10/3/2013
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24385-M - The Mare, TALLY HO BK'S CASCADING KNIGHT
from MARY LACHUT, Ramona, CA transferred to BEVERLY
WYMAN-STRATTON, Tiverton, RI 4/1/2013
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23174-M - The Mare, WANDAMERE GARNET
from JENSON SHIRES LLC, Blair, NE transferred to CHRIS
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23579-M - The Mare, ZUNKER'S VOYAGER I BAILEY
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L. KOONS, Clinton, IA 9/30/2013
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23458-S - The Stallion, BEVERLY'S HILL PRINCIPALIA
from ELAM FISHER JR, Ronks, PA transferred to BEVERLY
V. PIEPER, Monkton, MD 8/6/2010
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23432-S - The Stallion, BIG SKY TUFF'S RANGER
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22946-S - The Gelding, COPPER LEAF CEDAR
from VICTORIA and STEVEN MARSH, Ann Arbor, MI
transferred to TRACY FERRELL, Ocala, FL 7/6/2013
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23430-S - The Stallion, ECHO VALLEY WOODROW
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CO transferred to BRETT and LEANNE HOAGLAND, Glendive,
MT 8/24/2013
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23448-S - The Stallion, FORTHOFFER'S BENJAMIN
from RICHARD A. FORTHOFFER, Portland, IN transferred to
DAVID THURSTON, Greenfield, IN 8/9/2013
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23447-S - The Stallion, FORTHOFFER'S GO BEARFOOT NOAH
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23100-S - The Gelding, GLENMARY HUDSON
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22818-S - The Gelding, JENSON BLACKJACK ANGUS
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23446-S - The Stallion, JENSON DEFENDER JAZZ MAN
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Miami, FL 10/14/2013
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23385-S - The Stallion, NORTHEAST INTREPID
from JANET L. LONG, Epsom, NH transferred to MELISSA
ALEXANDER, Brookville, OH 8/15/2013
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20154-G - The Gelding, SNOWGHOST KELLAN
from JOE PERRY, Castaic, CA transferred to JASON and
KATIE BOYD, Newman Lake, WA 10/19/2013
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What is a Shire

By Arlin Wareing

** Printed as submitted to the Editor

The last issue brought about some interesting comments which were one of my goals in the beginning. I had several favorable short comments. I had two long time friends come to me saying they really didn't understand what I was trying to say. The Board received a letter complaining about my articles, saying it was hurting breeders. I never read, or seen the letter, so my reaction is based on what I was told. Unlike what you may think I welcome and have asked for views and comments from those that may disagree with me. I also realize that there are those who dislike me, and I'm willing to accept that fact, however to put this noble breed in jeopardy simply to curtail my efforts truly upsets me. The person writing the letter failed to send it to me or the editor so it could be shared with you, which would allow us to debate the issue. After all this is the reason I'm doing this in the first place. It is hard to debate an empty chair, but as I understand the letter it did bring up a very basic and important principal that would change the very basic foundation of the breed. It stated we should no longer follow the breed standards as it pertains to a draft horse. That the day of the draft horse has gone the way of the dinosaur and we should be breeding big riding horse, as that is what sells. In order to further this breed I can't let that idea go unchallenged even though it wasn't said to me. These articles are intended as a study to better understand the Breed Standard, plus give a insight as to why.

This article will attempt to address this challenge, plus help those who didn't fully understand some of my comments of the past. With this in mind let's back up and see if we can all start out on the same foot. The Mission of the Associations, or to put another way, the reason for the Association to exist has been reaffirmed a number of time. The statement reads, "Maintain the integrity of an accurate registry, **and to promote the Shire breed though excellence.** It goes on to state six underlined purposes one of which states, **to foster and preserve the traditions pertaining to the Shire horse**". The Breed Standard is the means by which we measure excellence as stated in the mission statement. This is not difficult to understand. The breed standard for a Shire is not the same as it would be for an elephant, nor a race horse, or even a common riding horse. This is the point where people seem to become confused. I see shire ads all the time that claim great conformation, but in the same sentence say what a great riding horse it is. The ideal conformation for a draft horse is much different from that of a riding horse; we can't have it both ways. In the last issue I tried to draw an analogy with pickup trucks. That didn't seem to work, let me try again. The Dachshund and Greyhound dogs are both in the hound family, but much different. The Dachshund was developed with short legs to hunt out rodents under bushes and even badgers in ground dens. The Greyhound on the other hand was developed with long legs to run down rabbits, fox and etc. Simply to say we no longer have rates under the front porch, or badgers on the south pasture, we should breed long legs on our Dachshund, because some people still hunt rabbits, this is nonsense. That idea doesn't work for me. If you're looking for a fast long legged dog get a Greyhound and don't call it a Dachshund. There is really no middle ground. As a Assn. we must be loyal to our foundation and .

improve not change. We have halter shows where breeder and owners can go and have a knowledgeable judge compare the horses one to other in the classes based on the standards, so we can learn and improve. The Shire horse has survived for several hundred years as a draft horse inspite of going through some near disasters. The lowest of that time accrued about 75 years ago in the US. When the draft horse market fell apart after World War 11 a California man felt the only way to save the breed was to turn them into a coach horse. His idea failed, but the breed changes he made created an even greater down turn. I'm sure he meant well, and thought his plan would be good for the breed. We simply can't allow the destruction of this breed so a few breeders can make a fast buck by breeding horses that comply with the fad of riding a draft horse.

I would like to try to explain this riding issue. I'm not sure I have the right words, but I need to try. We have two concepts when we talk about riding shires. First we have a group of buyers that love and want drafters. More in likely they will be a pasture pet, but from time to time they may be saddled and taken on an evening ride on the farm, or hocked to a cart or wagon for a drive with the kids, maybe a hay or sleigh ride, or a Sunday trail ride with the neighbors, and even a 4H, or a family show project. All of this can be done with a quality Shire. The second group is quite different. There is a fad that wants a shire to be in comparative riding events, with hours of training, much of the time on hard surfaces, with small light horse type shoes, they are required to turn and jump like in the light horse world. With this type of use over time a draft horse will not remain sound. It is this type of use that the letter writer seemed to want the breed to conform too.

I could well stop here, but I'll press my luck with a couple of stories. A few years ago a group of Shire owners got together trained and participated in events as if they were light horses. Promoting the idea the Shire horse was this super versatile animal capable of doing everything. The ASHA carried the message in the Bulletin. I am told most of these horses become unsound in three years or less. There is simply limitations to versatility. We cannot ask our horses to do things that render them in pain after a short time.

In the early 1990's the German people started importing Shires from England. Nearly all were ridden in an event type setting; again the horses became unsound in a few years. Many owners went back to the English breeders claiming how bad the Shire horse was. Some understood the situation, some didn't. To make a twenty five year story short, the last I heard there were now three different Shire Registries in Germany with differing goals, and imports nearly stopped from England.

All the draft breed were developed and designed to pull the load imposed on them. The light breeds were developed and designed to carry the load imposed on them. The bone and muscle structure of the two are much different. Just like the dogs, let's not breed long legged Dachshunds



THE ECONOMICS OF EQUINE COOLED AND FROZEN SEMEN

Paul Loomis

Paul Loomis, Founder and CEO of [Select Breeders Service](#), offers his insights on the cost to produce a foal from either cooled or frozen semen.

There are a number of misconceptions about frozen semen that are pervasive in the horse breeding community and one of them relates to the relative costs of frozen vs. cooled semen. We have heard horror stories of mare owners spending thousands of dollars purchasing and then trying to get mares in foal with frozen semen only to end the season with an open mare. Then there are also stories of stallion owners investing large sums of money freezing semen that is of poor quality or doesn't result in pregnancies. Many of these nightmares are the result of lack of quality control on the semen that is put on the commercial market and/or proficiency of the lab or technician that is freezing the semen. Poor quality semen, whether fresh, cooled or frozen will result in wasted money, empty mares and unhappy breeders. This article will present objective information on the true costs of using frozen semen so that stallion and mare owners can make informed decisions.

For the sake of this discussion let's assume that we are dealing with good quality frozen or cooled semen that is processed by a professional laboratory experienced in semen preservation. I will use some average figures for sperm production and estimated costs for this illustration. Obviously, if a stallion produces a larger than average number of high quality sperm per collection, then the costs will be lower because more doses of frozen semen could be produced per collection. Alternatively, higher costs would be incurred for a stallion with low sperm production or marginal semen quality.

Cooled Semen Costs to Stallion Owner

The total cost to produce a foal from either cooled or frozen semen is the sum of the costs borne by the stallion owner in supplying the semen and the mare owner in its application. The cost to the stallion owner for cooled semen will depend on how and by whom the semen collection and processing is performed. A large breeding operation with multiple stallions may find it most economical to build a collection and semen processing facility and hire trained personnel to handle stallions and collect and process semen. The semen processing laboratory will also have to be equipped with appropriate equipment and supplies. This can represent a significant upfront investment by the stallion owner and is most practical when the farm stands several stallions that are breeding numerous mares. Remember too that horses are seasonal breeders therefore the trained staff that are hired to manage the collection and processing of semen must also be employed for the 4-5 months of the year when there is no foaling or breeding going on. A stallion owner could easily spend tens of thousands of dollars to properly set up even the most basic collection and processing facility for cooled semen. The laboratory requires an incubator, phase contrast microscope, water bath, sperm counter, semen collection and processing equipment and supplies such as AV's, liners, collection bottles, microscope slides, semen extender, shipping containers, etc. and the breeding shed will need a breeding mount or phantom.

Alternatively, many stallion owners will contract with a collection facility and trailer their stallion to the facility for semen collection by appointment when a mare owner requests a shipment. In this case there is no investment in facility and equipment and the only staff required is to transport the stallion to the collection facility. In this scenario most stallion owners will pass on all of the costs associated with semen collection, processing and shipping directly to the mare owner so there is no upfront investment to recover. Shipping costs will be the same for both scenarios.

Frozen Semen Costs to Stallion Owner

For frozen semen, the costs to the stallion owner are easily calculated as the total cost for collection and processing the frozen semen, board at the freezing facility, health testing and semen storage. This is an upfront investment by the stallion owner whose costs for the frozen semen production must be recovered when the semen or breeding contracts are sold.

Mare Owner Costs

Use of a good reproductive veterinarian for mare management and insemination of either cooled or frozen semen is critical for optimum results. This is especially true for frozen semen when only a single dose of semen is available for insemination on a given heat cycle. It is equally critical with cooled semen when the quality is poor or the dose contains low numbers of motile sperm after cooling. The best results are obtained when insemination is timed to occur close to the time of ovulation and so frequent ultrasound examinations may be required. Many mare owners will send their mares into a clinic or reproductive management facility to make this easier. Round the clock, every six hour ultrasound examinations are not required if veterinarians employ modern reproductive management techniques such as ultrasound and hormonal manipulation of estrus and ovulation timing. Stallion owners can increase success rates and reduce costs by providing two doses per cycle so that mares can be managed at the home farm requiring only one veterinary examination per day just as with cooled semen. So with frozen semen, either the mare owner is spending more on veterinary care to check every six hours and wait for ovulation before inseminating a single dose or the stallion owner provides an additional dose of frozen semen per cycle and veterinary costs can be similar to cooled semen. Whether cooled or frozen semen is used the mare owner is typically responsible for shipping costs. Shipping costs for frozen semen are higher than for cooled semen but these increased costs may be offset by the fact that frozen semen can be ordered in advance and can contain multiple doses so missing a mare's ovulation due to late delivery is avoided. Multiple mares at the same location can also all receive semen in a single shipment if the veterinarian or mare owner has a storage tank into which the semen can be transferred and stored until needed.



Efficiency

A critical point when discussing the economics of cooled and frozen semen is the relative efficiency of the two technologies. For this reason it is important to consider the “cost per usable insemination dose” when comparing them. Cooled semen will live 24 to 48 hours from the time of collection and so any semen produced by the stallion that is not used for insemination within 48 hours is wasted. For many stallions, especially early and late in the season, a collection is often made for one or two mares, each receiving two doses of semen. This can lead to erratic collection schedules which may result in less than optimum semen quality. One to two billion total sperm are typically included per dose of cooled semen. Mare owners are typically charged \$250 to \$400 to receive a standard overnight shipment of up to two doses of cooled semen. In some breeds stallion owners will charge an additional “chute fee” or handling fee that can be significant. Over the course of a breeding season, the average stallion will be collected and ship to two mares per collection. Therefore the semen production cost per usable dose for cooled semen may be as high as \$75 to \$100 per dose. For popular stallions with large books of mares or stallions that produce low sperm numbers, a single dose may only be available per cycle. Weekend collections, airline or rush shipments and repeated shipments in a single cycle will add to these costs.

For frozen semen, the stallion is placed on an optimum collection schedule for efficient production of good quality semen, typically 3-4 times per week. All semen that is collected is processed into doses and stored for future use and properly stored frozen semen may remain viable indefinitely. A typical dose of frozen semen contains 800 million to one billion total sperm.

So let's examine the cost associated with breeding a book of 10 mares with frozen semen over 3 heat cycles. This illustration makes the following general assumptions with regards to sperm production and fertility for the “average” stallion:

Total sperm per collection = 8 billion (assume every other day collection schedule)

Normal sperm motility in fresh semen and good (commercially acceptable) retention of motility after freezing and thawing.

Per cycle conception rate for cooled semen = 60%

Per cycle conception rate for frozen semen = 50%

	Cycle 1	Cycle 2	Cycle 3	Total
Cycles bred	10	5	3	18
Doses used	20	10	6	36
Mares Pregnant	5	2	1	8

production cost for 36 doses of usable semen:

Average 8 doses per freeze, therefore 5 freezes required to produce 40 doses.

Average cost per freeze = \$500 x 5 freezes = \$2500

Board for 2.5 weeks = \$400

3 clean out collections x \$150 each = \$450

Total Cost = \$3,350

Cost per usable dose = \$84

Semen production costs per heat cycle = \$168

Cost for 36 doses = \$3,015

Semen production costs per pregnant mare = \$377

Semen So the true comparison is the cost per usable dose (\$80-\$85 for frozen semen and \$75 - \$100 for cooled semen) times the number of doses required per pregnancy.

In our example frozen semen required an average of 4.5 doses per pregnancy using a two-dose timed insemination protocol so the total cost per pregnant mare at 50% conception rate per cycle is \$377.

Because of the slightly higher assumed conception rate for cooled semen (60% per cycle) only 32 doses of cooled semen are required (4 doses per pregnancy) to achieve the same number of pregnant mares. In this case the total cost per pregnant mare would be \$300 for cooled semen. However, due to the random timing of the mare's heat cycles it is likely that more than the minimum 8 collections are required to provide those 32 doses when needed for insemination adding to the overall cost per pregnant mare. As the size of the stallion's book increases the economic inefficiency of cooled semen is reduced as less semen is wasted and more doses are used per collection.

This illustration should help to dispel the myth that breeding mares with frozen semen is a far more expensive technology reserved only for elite competition stallions or stallions standing abroad and that banking frozen semen from your stallion and using it to service a book of mares is a viable alternative and/or complement to shipping cooled semen.



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