



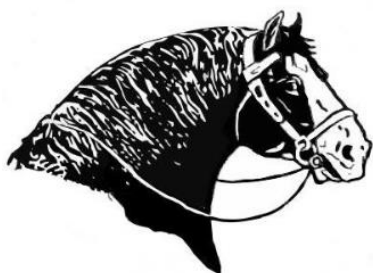
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ASHA Fee Schedule

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<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 SSHR registration (\$40)

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On the cover :

Shire Foals of Spring. Photos by MJ Photo, Care Bare Photo, Leandra Reuble and Ozana Photography.

The Editor's Note:

Hello Members:

Summer is drawing to an end and I look back wondering where it all went. I hope you had as an eventful and fun summer as I did.

I am excited to offer you another issue with our new look. Please send me any items you have to share. I would love to share more from our members.

Please look at our Name the Bulletin/ Newsletter contest on page 9. I would love to have the committee overwhelmed by suggestions.

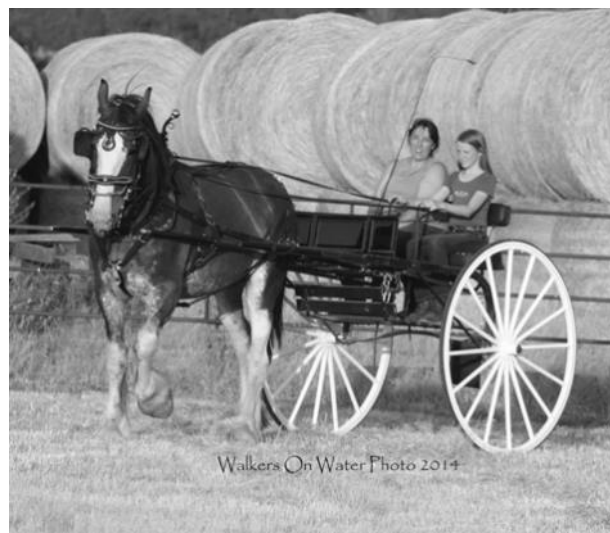
Also on page 19 there are a few remember the dates for you to check out.

Next issue will be packed with Show Results and any pictures that come in. Send all your show pictures to me for the next issue.

Stay cool as we wind down summer and watch for your fall issue!!

Leanne

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A Message From Your President:

Summer once again,

The cool nights that are hanging on, remind us of a long hard winter not so long ago. Late crops going in and a tough hay season this year, but things always seem to get done. The foals are growing into majestic steeds with that occasional urge to just be ornery. The joy my Shires bring to me is so great that I am at a loss for words, but maybe this picture from today will fill in the blanks.



With show season upon us, I wish safe travels to those going to the shows, with or without horses. For those at home, enjoy your horses this summer, as the time goes by so fast.

If you have not been on the new ASHA website yet, please take some time to visit and look around at some of the new features. It will be under some minor construction for a while, as we all get used to it. Check in frequently, to see exciting new updates that are yet to come.

Enjoy!

Todd Riedel

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Secretary's Report –

From the Book of Numbers for 2nd quarter 2014:

Registrations – 20 (14 mares, 3 stallions, 3 geldings)

Transfers – 65 (39 mares, 21 stallions, 5 geldings)

Pending Registrations – 58 (13 ready to register, 45 waiting for hair samples)

Pending Transfers - 9

2014 Membership – 344 (126 Life Members)

Wow! What a quarter! New Members! New Registrations!

New Website!

Has the new website been effective? Well, not long after it went live, we had new members sending in applications daily! Registration and transfer payments also were consistently arriving. We knew that there were people out there waiting for the new website before renewing and joining, but we had no idea how many. It has leveled off recently (which is good, because as you can tell from the pending registration and transfer numbers, I can now catch up).

The June 1 deadline for registrations also brought in a pile of horses to be processed. I have been asked a number of times if the increase in registration fees has really been beneficial in getting horses registered sooner. See what you think. These are the numbers from the current registrations waiting for DNA and those ready to register:

Foal Birth Year:

2014 – 11

2013 – 25

2012 – 16

2011 – 2

2010 or earlier – 4 (couple are geldings)

As of June 1, the 2013 mare and stallion registrations went up to \$200 and the 2012 went up to \$400. Overall, there are more registrations pending this year than last year at this time. I suppose that could be due to a number of factors, like the economy getting better, etc. Regardless, looking at the numbers from the last two years, the number of older horses registered is about the same, while the ratio of yearlings and two-year olds is up. Registering younger horses saves members money and usually results in an easier registration process for ASHA.

Myrna Rhinehart



American Shire Horse Association

Profit and Loss - Second Quarter - DRAFT

April - June, 2014

	Total
<u>Income</u>	
Education Day Proceeds	500.00
Horse Show Income	375.00
Interest Income	6.17
Membership Dues	2,936.51
Merchandise Sales	123.00
Registry Income	12,215.12
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	180.00
Uncategorized Income	50.00
Total Income	\$16,385.80
Gross Profit	\$16,385.80
<u>Expenses</u>	
Advertising	548.00
Bank Charges	119.92
Discounts given	25.00
Dues & Subscriptions	415.00
Education Day Cost	34.14
Horse Show Costs	27.12
Insurance	53.27
Mailings to members	1,644.70
Office Expenses & Supplies	339.42
Overpayment refund	50.00
Payroll Expenses	3,504.37
Postage	93.40
Promotional	1,012.50
QuickBooks Payments Fees	57.60
Registry Expenses	1,221.63
Telephone Expense	196.96
Travel	309.82
Total Expenses	\$9,652.85
<u>Net Operating Income</u>	\$6,732.95
<u>Net Income</u>	\$6,732.95

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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 9, 2014

Third Quarter – August 17, 2014

Fourth Quarter – November 23, 2014

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.

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.

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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

2015 Annual Meeting News

ASHA is planning an exciting experiment for next year's annual meeting. It will be held in conjunction with the National Western Stock Show in Denver in late January. Stock Show hosts one of the top few draft horse shows in the country. It has been the site of the Classic Series Six-Horse Hitch finals several times, with over 20 hitches in the ring. It includes an 8-horse hitch class as well.

The schedule for next year's show is still being finalized, but is expected to be similar to that of recent years, starting with halter and a few hitch classes on Thursday, and performances Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Altogether there are 28 draft horse performance classes, including hitch, farm team, costume and pulling events. There are also mule classes between the draft horse classes. Some of the performances are paid, and the fall newsletter will have information about how to order discounted group tickets through ASHA.

If that weren't enough, there's also a vast trade show, rodeo in the Coliseum across the street, and dozens of food options. Colorado Shire breeders plan to offer clinics during the show as this year's Education Day, and we hope to have presentations by the show judges, although that hasn't been finalized.

The board's annual meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, the day after the show closes. We are still finalizing plans for member get-togethers during the weekend.

Our host hotel will be the Doubletree Stapleton North, which provides shuttles to both the airport and the show (no rental car needed!) and is offering a special rate of \$89 including a full breakfast. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have information on the website about an easy direct link for reservations. Virtually all hotels this close to Stock Show fill up every year, so we encourage early reservations for our block.

For additional information, contact Kim Murchison at 970-625-1142 or Sharon McLin at 970-876-5979. We hope you'll join us – it's going to be fun!

ASHA's Annual Education Day 2014

This year's Education Day in conjunction with the annual meeting presented speakers on a wide variety of topics. We particularly appreciate the generous sponsorship of dac products and ASHEF in making the day possible, as well as the donors of the numerous door prizes listed at the end of this article. Thanks also to the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Equine Club at Ohio State University

Dr. Marco daSilva spoke about the latest developments in the field of preserving genetic material (for example, if an owner wants to preserve eggs or semen when a horse dies, what should he do?), and in a related area, the latest news on cloning, particularly how the cloned animal may and may not resemble the original horse. At present, cloning is very expensive, but it is being done to a limited extent. The cloned animal does not fit the registration criteria of most registries (it technically does not have a sire and dam and is not the result of a mating) so registries are just now figuring out how, if at all, they will deal with cloned animals.

For the first time in almost 20 years of Education Days, we had a speaker on equine dentistry. Dr. Jeff Reiswig accompanied his talk with some amazing slides of the dentist's view. He showed pictures of the normal mouth, as well as how issues such as cracked molars, missing teeth, caps, hooks, and the like can impact a horse's mouth and health and especially how the horse behaves and reacts to a bridle.

Dr. Mike Stone discussed the registry's responsibility in dealing with damaging genetic traits, using the example of JEB in Belgians (JEB is a simple recessive, controlled by an abnormality in a single gene, resulting in the death of foals within a few days after birth; there is no treatment). After explaining the process adopted by the board of the Belgian Corporation and its outcomes over the last 15 years or so, he also discussed the broader questions: what is the registry's goal? what is the breeder's responsibility? what do we leave up to individuals?

After lunch and a tour of the OSU veterinary hospital, Sherry Lewis (judge of the Iowa show last year and Clydesdale breeder) and Todd Riedel (a professional farrier for over 30 years) led a wide-ranging and interactive discussion of hoof care and shoeing of draft horses – when, why, what kinds of shoes for which uses, and more. Lively discussion and audience questions proved the value of having speakers with as much combined experience as these two explain their views on such a complicated topic.

Thanks to some diligent searching by Todd and Emily Riedel, everyone who attended went home with a door prize of some sort, ranging from feed supplements to horseshoes to shipping boots. When you are shopping, please think first of the following:

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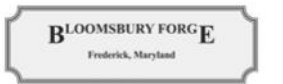
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Shires On Wagon Drive

On June 28th and 29th, we attended the 1st annual High Lonesome Wagon Drive in Debeque, CO. The High Lonesome Ranch sits on the Western Slope of the Colorado Rockies. Its nearly 400 square miles of deeded and permitted lands stretch far and away from civilization. From the mountain forests, grasslands, spring creeks, and alpine mesas, the ranch is a mecca for wildlife. At an altitude ranging from around 5,000 to 9,000 feet, this is an ecosystem consisting of a large, central valley with astonishingly beautiful mountains and adjoining valleys, each lush and fertile in its own right. The Ranch is located near the small cowboy town of DeBeque, Colorado, a 40-minute drive to Grand Junction's Walker Field Airport. (<http://www.thehighlonesomeranch.com>)

We arrived at the ranch around 10 am and harnessed up the horses, loaded the wagons and headed out at about 10:30 am. There were light horses, several Shires and some Suffolk Punch draft horses pulling everything from a meadowbrook cart to a chuck wagon to farm wagons. The ranch has a fantastic set of wagon "trails" with varying terrain that was a great training tool for our young horses. We went up/down hills, through scrub oak on hillsides and beautiful valley's next to flowing rivers and lakes. It was 4 miles into the lunch site with a covered awning, water for the horses and tie rails to tie to. Next, 4 miles to the final camping site complete with "real" tepees and lovely corrals for the horses!! The ranch catered a fabulous dinner and we sat around the campfire and roasted marshmallows, sang and listened to poetry. It was so quiet and so many stars were out for the evening. After a cool and quiet night, we enjoyed the amazing catered breakfast and then harnessed up and headed back down to the ranch headquarters. The drive was very leisurely and took about 4 hours through some of the most incredible scenery you've ever seen. We can't wait for next year!! Mark your calendars for Memorial Day 2015 and join us for this once-in-a-lifetime experience!!!



HELP!

We want to **RENAME** the Bulletin!

As ASHA moves forward with a new look and website it has been brought to our attention that our Bulletin/ Newsletter needs a new name!

As a member, supporter and fan of the SHIRE we ask you to think of a name and submit it to the editor. The top five names will be picked for a Facebook vote.

Names may be submitted by email or Facebook message to the Editor by **October 15th**. The top five (5) names will be put to a Facebook post for a vote. Winner will be selected and will earn a SHIRE merchandise gift Basket.

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Have you checked out ASHA's new Website?

In case you haven't, take a look at www.shirehorse.org. You'll find most of the features of the old site, with some exciting new additions.

You can pay for new memberships, renewals, and nearly all registry transactions from secure pages within the site.

All current members have free access to the ASHA database of registrations and transfers. Check out extended pedigrees, compare horses, and even do theoretical matings of two horses. You also have free access to the international Shire studbook that includes information from SHS, CSHA, and SHSA.

The members-only area includes a printable membership list that is updated roughly monthly, like the ASHA database.

There is new information to help you with registering, transferring, showing, and even buying and selling Shires on several of the informational tabs.

Some of these pages, because they are new, just might have a bug or two. (The secure payment pages have been verified extensively by the website designer.) If you have questions about the members-only area, please contact the office for help. You'll use your membership number, printed above your address on this and all newsletters, for some purposes, and your email address (if it's on file with ASHA) for others.

For questions about the ASHA database page, contact the office or Sharon McLin at msbshire@sopris.net or 970-876-5979.

As we move forward with the project, all of us at ASHA realize that we owe a huge debt to Janet Long for her many years of service establishing ASHA's website and serving as its webmaster. Thank you, Janet, for leading us into the digital age as an organization!



FALL PASTURE TO-DO LIST

Betsy Gilkerson, University of Minnesota

Fall is a busy and important time of year for pasture care. Here is a list of things you can do in the next few months to keep your pastures looking great, and give them a boost for next year.

Seed Pasture Grasses- August 15th to September 15th are the best time of year to see or reseed your pastures (usually adequate moisture, less weed competition, and cool, desirable weather conditions). Common grass species used are Timothy, Orchard Grass, and Smooth Brome. Turf-type lawn grasses like Kentucky bluegrass can be used for higher traffic areas and serve as a good base for your pasture.

Take Soil Samples- See if your pastures need any nutrients. Anytime from now until the ground freezes is a good time to take samples because the soils are drier and more stable. The plants have also taken up the majority of nutrients for the season. Contact your county Extension office or the University of Minnesota Soils Lab for a sample kit. The lab's phone number is 612-625-3101.

Dispose of Manure- If you are going to fertilize your pastures with manure, sample the manure first so you know how much you should spread. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture has a list of Certified Manure Testing Labs. Only spread manure on your pastures if you have more than 2 acres per horse. However, spreading additional manure (other than what the horse naturally leaves behind) on your pasture can result in greater chances of parasite exposure. Never the less, its nice to remove your manure pile once a year (actually its required by the MDA). If you can not spread it on your pasture, hire a local farmer or landscaper to remove the manure for you.

Fertilize- Use compost or a commercial fertilizer and drag manure piles in your pasture. As stated above, test your soils first so you know how much you need. Often, only nitrogen is needed in pastures since manure provides quite a bit of phosphorus and Minnesota soils tend to be naturally higher in phosphorus and potassium.

Weed Control- If you want to control perennial weeds with an herbicide, now is the time. Perennial plants are storing nutrients for winter in their roots. As the nutrients go into the roots, so will the herbicide, giving the best change for a successful kill. It is best to have mowed the perennials though out the summer so they are not so mature. Herbicides usually work best on re-growth or plants that are 4-8 in height. Mowing 3 to 4 times though out the year will help keep all weeds in check, but never mow your pasture shorter than 4.

Check fences- Make sure your fences are in good shape before the snow flies. Pay special attention to posts, and fix any broken posts before they are frozen into the ground.

Rest The Pasture- If you have a pasture that is over-grazed, rest it for the remainder of the year. This will give the grass a chance to store up nutrients for next year, so the pasture will be healthier in the spring. On average, a pasture needs 30 days of rest after 1-2 weeks of grazing. However, this depends on time of year, number of horses, acreage, quantity and quality of forage, and soil fertility. Generally speaking, pasturing horses over winter causes damage to plants and offers the horse no nutrition. Keeping the horses in a sacrifice paddock where they have access to hay, water and shelter is preferred.

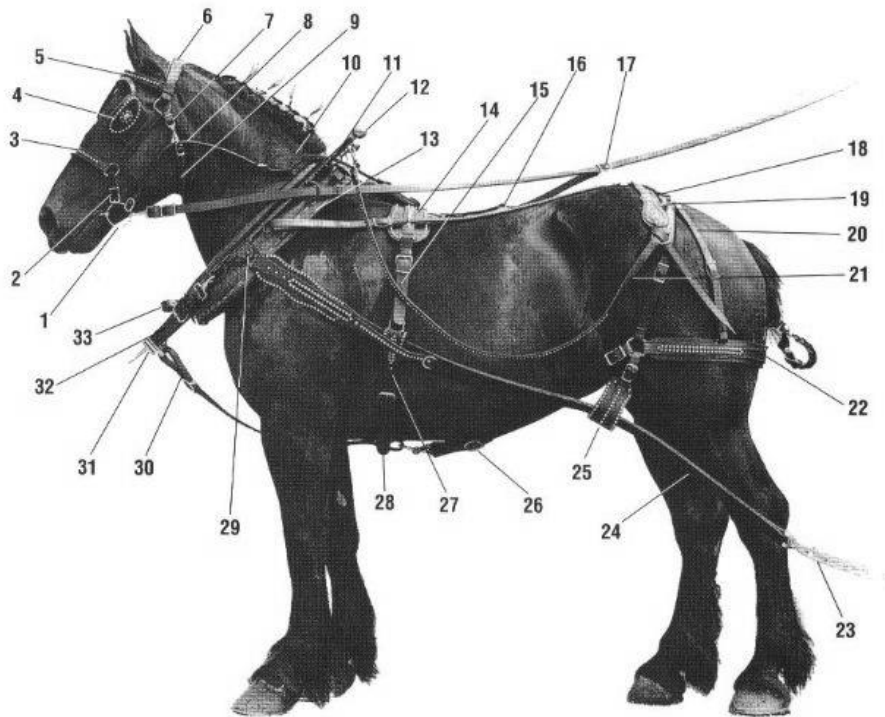


Get Ready to Take Animals Off During Frosts- Hoof traffic after a frost can damage grasses. Have a sacrifice area set aside where the horses can be held until the grass thaws.

Hay Storage make sure your hay storage area is free from leaks and rodents.

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2. Bit Strap
3. Noseband
4. Blind
5. Browband & Winker Stay
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11. Hame
12. Hame Ball
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DO HORSES WITH OSTEOCHONDRAL LESIONS ALWAYS NEED SURGERY?

By [Christa Lesté-Lasserre, MA](#)

Oct 16, 2013

<http://www.thehorse.com/articles/32716/do-horses-with-osteocondral-lesions-always-need-surgery>

Osteochondral lesions that show up on young horses' radiographs might appear worrisome, but the veterinarian behind a recent research review concluded that surgery isn't always necessary, or even recommended. And in many cases the worry isn't necessary either.

"I see far too many situations of positive radiographs meaning a flunked prepurchase exam in a sound horse," said C. Wayne McIlwraith, BVSc, PhD, DSc, FRCVS, Dipl. ACVS, Dipl. ACVSMR, director of the Orthopaedic Research Center at Colorado State University. "Osteochondrosis defects are not the biggest thing we have to worry about in young horses."

Often, osteochondral lesions will resolve on their own or with conservative treatment such as reduced work load, he said. But some osteochondral lesions do require surgical intervention to prevent compromised soundness and performance.

McIlwraith recently investigated the outcomes of surgical and nonsurgical care of various osteochondral lesions in a research review. He found that surgery can be beneficial in certain cases, depending on the location and kind of lesion:

- Some lesions in the trochlear ridges of the femur in the stifle can improve with conservative treatment even if there is lameness and fluid buildup in the joint at the time of examination—provided the lesions haven't fragmented and are less than 2 centimeters long, he said.
- By contrast, researchers recommend arthroscopic surgery for any lesion in any of the four possible locations for osteoarthritis dissecans (the clinical problem resulting from the osteochondrosis disease process) in the hock joint.
- In the fetlocks, the need for surgery (or lack thereof) depends on the kind of lesion: A horse with a Type I lesion (those with no fragments) probably doesn't need surgery, while a horse with Type II or III (those that are fragmented within the lesion or have an actual loose fragment, respectively) probably do.
- Shoulder lesions depend on the location: Select cases limited to the glenoid (socket) typically do not require surgery. However, if it involves the humeral head, surgery is necessary; still, but there is only a 50/50 success rate for these operations.

Horses with subchondral cysts in the femur's medial condyle can often be treated with injection of triamcinolone acetonide (an anti-inflammatory corticosteroid) into the cyst under arthroscopic visualization. The success rate is around 80% for horses with unilateral

- lesions. And when that doesn't work, surgical curettage (a procedure in which a surgeon scrapes the cyst's lining to remove debris), sometimes combined with other augmented therapies such as stem cells, can often do the trick, he said. But all in all, surgery is unnecessary in many cases where radiographic changes are found on routine radiographs of yearlings, McIlwraith said. However, if fragments are present and the yearling is destined for sale, owners generally opt for surgery, he added. The critical factor is whether there are signs of disease and whether the owner wants to sell the horse.

"In most instances where radiographic lesions are seen on survey radiographs (without clinical signs and if no sale is planned), conservative management is recommended," he stated.

And in fact, he said, regular X ray screening on a horse with no clinical signs might be an unnecessary source of worry, he added.

"Of course, radiographic screening of yearlings for sale is common," McIlwraith told *The Horse*. "I don't disagree with radiographic screening but we also need to pay attention to the clinical signs."

If X ray surveys are carried out, multiple views of the joint should be taken as described in repository guidelines, he said. Single views of the joint would be too limited and not provide an accurate enough evaluation of the horse's osteochondral status, he explained.

The study, "[Surgical versus conservative management of osteochondrosis](#)," was published in July 2013 in *The Veterinary Journal*.



Many osteochondral lesions will resolve on their own or with conservative treatment such as reduced work load. But some lesions do require surgical intervention to prevent compromised soundness and performance.

Photo: The Horse Staff

In Memoriam
Lowell Wagoner
1926 - 2014

Lowell Wagoner, who served on the American Shire Horse Association board from 1985 – 1990 and 1992 – 1995 and also acted as the association’s secretary from 1985 – 1994, passed away on May 29, 2014. Lowell was born in Des Moines, grew up in Iowa and California, and graduated from high school in Adel, Iowa. He served in the Navy prior to a 35-year career with Northwestern Bell.

Newly retired, he was elected to the ASHA board in 1985 just as Heather Erskine decided to leave the secretary’s position. I’m sure he had no idea what the job actually was when he “volunteered” to take over, but his personal skills and friendly demeanor won over members and non-members alike. Lowell was paid \$300 per year (\$500 for the last couple of years) at a time when association records were kept on index cards (white for stallions and pink for mares, with no registered geldings) and every registration paper was typed. At the time, many of ASHA’s “rules” had been adopted by the board but never codified, so in 1988 we put together the first updated written rules (shamelessly stolen from the Morgan Association, since our policies were so similar to their rules) since 1887 and he finally had something he could refer to when questions arose.

In addition to Shires, Lowell was particularly active in the Masonic Lodge, serving as Iowa Grand Master for the 1990-91 year. He also served as manager of the horse barn at the Iowa State Fair for several years, and was thrilled when the ASHA national show was held there in 1989. In 1987 Lowell moved back to his family’s century farm near Adel and lived there until very recently. He is survived by three children and the husband of his deceased daughter Linda, along with seven grand-children, nine great-grandchildren, and his former wives Jolene and Jackie. Our sincerest condolences to his family.



TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST EQUINE HEAT STRESS

By [Edited Press Release](#)

Summer means hot, humid weather in many parts of the country, including Louisiana. And horse owners in those areas need to take steps to ensure their horses stay cool and comfortable, says Louisiana State University AgCenter equine specialist Neely Walker, MS, PhD.

Just like humans, horses cool off by sweating. So, in hot and humid weather, they must consume more water. Owners should ensure horses have access to copious quantities of fresh, clean water to prevent overheating. Horses that are worked in temperatures above 70°F can easily consume up to 25 gallons of water a day, Walker said.

Another way to prevent heat stress is to ensure that barns, paddocks, and stalls are properly ventilated. Barn doors and windows can be kept open, when safe, to allow airflow, Walker said, and fans can be installed to increase air circulation around horses in stalls.

When feeding, owners should pay attention to protein content. Excessive protein can cause additional metabolic heat during the digestion process, Walker said, which can make it more difficult for a horse to cool down. Crude protein should not exceed 12% to 14% of the total ration for a working adult horse, Walker said. The protein content in the ration for an idle mature horse should be closer to 10%.

Horses’ rations also need salt: about 0.5% for idle mature horses and 1% for working horses daily. While premixed complete rations contain salt, provide free choice salt or mineral blocks because each horse’s salt requirement varies, Walker said. As long as horses have free choice of water available, excess salt consumption is not typically a problem.

“Enjoy riding your horse this summer, but make sure to prepare yourself and your horse properly before attempting to beat the heat,” Walker said. “Be aware and take breaks to monitor your horse’s physical condition.”

Walker advises riding in a covered arena or in the early morning or evening when temperatures are cooler. It is also important to take time to properly cool down horses after riding, she said.

- Signs of heat stress include weakness, stumbling, increased respiration, and a body temperature in the range of 102°F to 106°F. If you suspect heat stress, Walker recommends offering small amounts of water regularly and moving the horse to a shaded, well-ventilated area. If necessary, hose the horse with water, starting at the feet and working upward. If the horse’s temperature stays above 106°F, contact a veterinarian immediately.



BENEFITS OF FEEDING FATS TO HORSES

By [Karen Briggs](#)
Aug 16, 2014

Horses fed high-fat diets appear to perform better than those fed either a high-starch diet (40%) or a high-protein diet (25%) for both high-speed (racing) activities, and moderate-speed activities (fast trot/slow canter speeds of about five meters a second). Research showed that their blood glucose levels decreased less, and for a shorter duration, than did those horses on high-carb diets. These benefits might produce only subtle results—but even a gain of a few feet on a racetrack might result in a Derby win. Even at lower levels of performance, the change can be valuable. For example, a low-goal polo player might find that his horse can recover more quickly and, perhaps, be able to play one more chukker than before.

But, that's not to say that fat is a miracle ingredient. For reasons we don't yet fully understand, the horse's body must "learn" to use fat as an energy source, a process requiring considerable metabolic adaptation on the part of the muscle cells. It can take three to four weeks, and the blood chemistry might continue to adapt for up to six weeks. What this means is that you can't just start feeding fat the day of the big race and see results. Not only do you have to put your horse on the fat-supplemented diet a good month in advance, but you also have to challenge his system so that it begins to adapt.

For a racehorse, that means you have to race him on the new diet, not just train him conservatively, to help him begin to assimilate the new energy source. And as nice as it might be to contemplate improving further on the benefits of feeding fat by feeding greater amounts—perhaps eliminating grain altogether—unfortunately, it just doesn't work that way.

Remember that only carbohydrates can fuel the anaerobic system of metabolism, which all horses use to some degree in their work—and that forages alone provide a minimum of carbohydrate. (Fed by itself, forages provide plenty of fuel for maintenance metabolism but not enough for many horses to do the work we ask.) Grain in the diet is an important fuel source for any performance horse, and study after study has confirmed that high-fat diets work best in conjunction with fairly high-grain diets, for maximum benefit in hard-working horses (such as 100-mile endurance racers, Thoroughbred and Standardbred racehorses, and upper-level three-day-event horses). The exception is horses with a genetic defect called equine polysaccharide storage myopathy, which have difficulty using carbohydrates as an energy substrate; a prescribed diet in which fats almost completely replace grains usually allows these horses to continue to perform.

So what level of fat is optimum for a performance benefit? That number is still under debate. Some researchers now recommend a level of 10% (by weight) of the total daily diet for horses working at the extreme end of the athletic spectrum, though slightly lower levels (about 8%) might be more appropriate for horses working at a lower level of intensity. The level of fat you choose might depend somewhat on the activity you're asking your horse to perform.

Some studies have indicated that levels up to 15% are beneficial for

horses involved in intense, long-term endurance activities (chiefly competitive trail and endurance racing, and upper-level three-day eventing). However, even a level of 6% to 8% will result in some performance benefit for horses involved in more moderate activity.

Feeding fat can also be well worth considering for reasons other than performance enhancement—good news for the vast majority of us, who are dealing with horses not at the cutting-edge of high performance.

First, it's true that supplemental levels of fat can enhance the quality and shine of the hair coat, giving your horse a healthy glow that reflects particularly well in the show ring. Supplemental fat also can help put or keep weight on a "hard keeper." Just as we do (far too efficiently, sometimes!), horses will store excess fat in the adipose tissues—so for plumping up a skinny horse, added fat is an excellent solution that carries far less risk of stomach upset and other complications than does a switch to a high-carbohydrate diet.

As the condition of their teeth starts to deteriorate and their digestive efficiency wanes, older horses might benefit from a high-fat diet, too. Easily digested fat can help prevent them from losing condition and becoming ribby.

By the same token, broodmares can reap the rewards of added fat. Studies have indicated that a mare that has recently "gained some condition" (easily achieved by feeding added fat for a month or two before breeding) might catch more easily and maintain her pregnancy with less difficulty. In addition, a high-fat diet can help her deal with the stress of lactation, which can be considerable. A third perk is that her milk will be higher in fat (mare's milk being fairly low to begin with), and as a result her foal will tend to gain weight and condition more easily.



Fat isn't a miracle ingredient, but it does appear to have some benefits for horses.

2014 Central Alberta Draft Horse Classic

Olds, Alberta, June 28 – 30, 2014

Judge – Ross Honsberger, Michigan

Exhibitors

Scott & Kimberly Julius	Greybell Ranch	Vale, South Dakota
Brett & Leanne Hoagland	Big Sky Shires	Glendive, Montana
Dale & Maxine Campbell	Windcharger Heritage Farm	Dawson Creek, BC
Gord & Fay Campbell	Riverside Clydesdales & Shires	Fawcett, Alberta
Blake & Fran Anderson	Gentle Giant Ranch	Didsbury, Alberta

Foal

Windcharger Duke (D&M Campbell)	s. Providence Flynn [1836S] d. Starcastle Delight [1970M]
Big Sky Tuff's Cassidy (Hoagland)	s. Illusion Farms Tuff Hedeman 23091-S d. Jensons Poppi Rita 24275-M
Gentle Giant Chardeen (Anderson)	s. Willow Lane Isaac's Ideal Lad [1827S] d. Knight Haven Princess Turandot [1973M]
Big Sky Tuff's Striker (Julius)	s. Illusion Farms Tuff Hedeman 23091-S d. Clark's Red Top Victoria 23743-M

Yearling Stallion

Gentle Giant Rolex (Notified) (Anderson)	s. Willow Lane Isaac's Ideal Lad [1827S] d. Gentle Giant Mercedes [1978M]
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Two Year Old Stallion

Windcharger SJS Eli [1838S] (D&M Campbell)	s. Sladbrook Jubilee Spirit [1818S] d. Summer Rain BK's Emily [1929M] 23944-M
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Stallion Three Years & Over

Manor Mac T [1840S] (D&M Campbell)	s. Moorfield Manor Mac (47129) d. Murray Croft Tina (146863)
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GRAND CHAMPION SHIRE STALLION – Manor Mac T

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SHIRE STALLION – **Windcharger SJS Eli**

Yearling Filly

Windcharger Diva [2025M] (D&M Campbell)	s. Gentle Giant Major [1797S] d. Starcastle Delight [1970M]
Gladwin Janie [2027M] (G&F Campbell)	s. Deighton Samuel (47519) d. Gladwin Gold Jayna [1790]
Metheringham Upton Tara [2029M] (D&M Campbell)	s. Metheringham Upton Hamlet (47493) d. Metheringham Upton Alisha (147945)



Two Year Old Filly

Big Sky Tuff's April Fool 24655-M (Hoagland)	s. Illusion Farms Tuff Hedeman 23091-S d. Love's Big Sky Harmony 23980-M
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Junior Champion Mare – Windcharger Diva

Reserve Junior Champion Mare – Gladwin Janie

Brood Mare

Knight Haven Princess Turandot [1973M] (Anderson)	s. Illusion Crystal Clear of Ox Kill 22681-S d. Swiss Shire Lassie 24227-M
Starcastle Delight [1970M] (D&M Campbell)	s. Starcastle Challenger [1792S] d. Starcastle Marionette [1876M]



Yeld Mare Four Years & Over
 Big Sky All That Jazz 24410-M
 (Hoagland)
 Crossingtons Ebony [2000M]
 (D&M Campbell)

s. Starcastle Challenger [1792S]
 d. Starcastle Mayflower [1936M]
 s. Penrhos Brave Heart (47110)
 d. Westfield Lucky Charm (148069)

Senior Champion Mare – **Big Sky All That Jazz**
 Reserve Senior Champion Mare – **Knight Haven Princess Turandot**

GRAND CHAMPION SHIRE MARE – **Windcharger Diva**
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SHIRE MARE – **Gladwin Janie**

SUPREME CHAMPION SHIRE – MANOR MAC T

Progeny of Dam
 Starcastle Delight [1970M]
 (D&M Campbell)

Breeders Herd (Stallion & 3 mares)
 1. Windcharger Heritage Farm
 (D&M Campbell)

Get of Sire
 Illusion Farms Tuff Hedeman 23091-S
 (Hoagland)

Ladies Cart (11)
 8. Windcharger Heritage Farm
 Farm
 (D&M Campbell)

Men's Cart (9)
 6. Windcharger Heritage
 (D&M Campbell)

Mare Cart (6)
 6. Windcharger Heritage Farm
 (D&M Campbell)



Where's the Membership List?

In recent years, the summer newsletter mailing has included a copy of the ASHA membership list. This year, as part of revamping the website, the list is available under the "Members Only" tab of the website. It will be updated on a regular basis during the year to include the latest additions and changes. You are welcome to print it if you wish, and as often as you wish, but as a courtesy to other members we ask that you neither share it with non-members nor use it for any commercial purpose.

For those who don't have internet access, there are a few hard copies of the list as of July 1 available from the office on request, but there will be no updated versions later in the year.

The Driving Bridle



New Members:

Thank You for your trust and support in the Shire horse.

March 1, 2014 – June 1, 2014

Victoria Adams, Temple, NH
Lynn Baker, Arundel, ME
Mary-Margaret Boblitt, Dickerson, MD
Rachel Bruce, Seagoville, TX
Rachel Bychek, Pine Mountain Club, CA
Michelle A Conner, Calhan, CO
Louise Crisman, Baraboo, WI
Karla DeAmicis, Aledo, TX
Wyndi Dillon, Ennis, TX
Miguel Sanchez Duarte, Hillsboro, OR
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Michelle Hind, Newton, NJ
Jennifer Hinojosa, Winchester, CA
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Urszula Kietlinska, Pacific Palisades, CA
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Terry Ann Laesser, Grosse Ile, MI
Joe Miller, Starks, ME
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David Spencer, Lovettsville, VA
Amber Storm, Schoharie, NY
Bill Weber, Carmel Valley, CA
David A. Wilkie, Westville, OK

Shires On Display:

NILE HORSE HAVEN

Date: Oct 17 - Oct 18, 2014

Time: 10:00 AM - 05:00 PM

Location: [Ford Super Duty Arena \(MT Pavilion\)](#)

2014 Horse Haven is a two day horse extravaganza in the Montana Pavillion (in Metra Park, Billings, MT.) Oct.17 & 18th.

Each day from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. spectators will have the opportunity to view a wide range of Equine demonstrations, Stallion row and peruse the equine based trade show booths and exhibits.

Some of which include:

- NILE Raffle Filly
- Stallion Row- a breed showcase of horses
- Liberty/Bridleless Demonstrations
- Horse-shoeing Demonstrations

Make sure to visit the Trade Show: saddles and tack, to training aids and specialty equipment, if it's related to horses the Horse Haven trade show is sure to have it.

AMERICAN SHIRE HORSE ASSOCIATION

2014 Show Schedule:

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

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

THE 2014 NATIONAL SHIRE SHOW, AA

THE IOWA STATE FAIR - August 10 – 12, 2014

<http://www.iowastatefair.org> Contact: Danelle Kinney, 651-380-9600,
haugenhill@hotmail.com

2014 ASHA Regional Shows:

Boulder County Fair, Longmont, CO, B, July 31 - August 1, www.bouldercounty.org
Contact: K. Parrington-Murchison, 970-625-1142, thshire@sopris.net

Skowhegan State Fair, Skowhegan, ME, A, August 7-16,
www.skowheganstatefair.com Contact: Vicki Schmidt, 207-966-2280, troika@megalink.net

All North American A & B level Qualifying shows:

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

CSHA National Show, Calgary, Alberta, AA, July 4–7,
www.calgarystampede.com

Ohio State Fair, Columbus, OH, B, July 30 - 31, www.ohiostatefair.com/osf/osf3.htm#OpenHorse Contact: Todd Riedel, 330-419-0346, traillight-farms@aol.com

Addison County Fair, Middlebury, VT, B, August 5-9, Premium Books: Kathy Kennett, kkennett@together.net Contact: Turie Sorrell, 802-695-2980, tsorrell@myfairpoint.net

New York State Fair, Syracuse, NY, B, Aug. 21–Sept.1. www.nysfair.org Premium books: <http://naomishorseshows.com> Contact: Vicky McCaffrey, 518-872-1295, oxkill@capital.net

Keystone International Livestock Exposition, Harrisburg, PA, B, October 2-4. Premium books www.keystoneinternational.state.pa.us Contact: Karla Stoner, 301-874-3250, bloomforge@peoplepc.com

All North American C level Qualifying shows:

Lloydminster Exhibition, Saskatchewan, Alberta, July 9–12, www.lloydexh.com/colonialdays/

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

Nebraska State Fair, Lincoln, NE, Aug. 22–Sept 1, www.statefair.org

Central Wisconsin State Fair, Marshfield, WI, Aug 27–Sept. 1. www.centralwisconsinstatefair.com, cwsfmarshfield@gmail.com, 715-387-1261

Champlain Valley Fair, Essex Junction, VT, Aug 22-31., www.cvexpo.org. 802-878-5545

Eastern Idaho State Fair, Blackfoot, ID, Aug. 30–Sept. 6, www.funatthefair.com. 208-785-248.

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

Carp Fair, Carp Ontario, Sept. 25-28, <http://carpfair.ca/>

Fryeburg Fair, Fryeburg, ME, Sept. 28–Oct. 5, www.fryeburgfair.com, 207-935-3268, email: info@fryeburgfair.org

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

National Stock Show, Denver, CO, Jan. 22-25, 2015, www.nationalwestern.com, 303-299-5525

Upcoming Dates:

Stallion Service Reports—Due to the ASHA Office November 30th 2014 Form may be found at www.shirehorse.org under the tab “Registrations and Transfers”

All North American Contest Entries— Due to Danelle Kinney by November 15th 2014. Forms and information can be found at www.shirehorse.org under the “Shows” tab.

ASHA Candidate Questionnaires— Due August 20th 2014 to Nominating Committee.

Bulletin/ Newsletter Submissions— Any item you would like to share please have emailed to the editor by September 15th 2014 for the next issue! Leanne Hoagland bsshires@midrivers.com

Articles, Events and Photos, Show results, News- All submissions must be print ready in typed format. Editor reserves the right to edit and print items as room allows.

Name the Bulletin/ Newsletter Contest— Name entries are due October 15th 2014 to the editor. May be submitted through Facebook message or email. bsshires@midrivers.com



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