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~ Mission Statement ~

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

(Developed at the 2002 Annual Meeting)

ASHA Fee Schedule

ASHA MEMBERSHIP FEES	US Address	Foreign
Annual Membership (<i>until 12 / 31; for next year after 11 / 1</i>)	\$50	\$65
Two-Year Membership	\$90	\$120
Three-Year Membership	\$130	\$160
Annual Youth Membership (<i>Info & Website - No Vote / No Discounts</i>)	\$15	\$25
Friend of the Shire (<i>Info & Website - No Vote / No Discounts</i>)	\$25	\$40
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Geldings - Any Age *	\$100	\$200
Shire Sport Horses *	\$125	\$125
DNA Kit not with registration	\$40	\$80
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DNA Filing SHS / CSHA Registered Horses	\$25	\$50
Transfer of Ownership	\$40	\$80
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Bulk Registration <u>or</u> Transfer (<i>submitted together</i>)	10% Discount / 3 or More	
Prefix Registration	\$50	N/A
Lease (<i>each time ASHA processes</i>)	\$40	\$80
Duplicate Papers (<i>replacement papers</i>)	\$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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LETTER

From the Editor

It's hard to believe we are looking at a new year already. Where does the time go?

Thank you Heinz for stepping in as treasurer. We appreciate it. Myrna our secretary is leaving us and will be greatly missed. Although, Jan is stepping in her shoes and we are so thankful for her committment.

I want to give a great big THANK YOU to those of you that called Jean's Printing and thanked them for their contribution to the ASHA. They truly appreciated hearing from each of you. At this time I would like to give many thanks to Karla, Danelle, Sharon, and Kim for their continued patience and help with me on the bulletin. They rock! Clark has been a great help in giving me a foundation and yet the freedom to design the bulletin. Thank you all. Please contact me with any ideas you have for your newsletter!

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2016 Regular Quarterly Board Teleconference Schedule

First Quarter – January 12, 2016

Second Quarter – May

Third Quarter – August

Fourth Quarter – November

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

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

Secretary's — Report

From the Book of Numbers for 2015:

Registrations – 72 (38 mares, 26 stallions, 8 geldings)

Transfers – 111 (69 mares, 31 stallions, 11 geldings)

Pending Registrations – 14 waiting on DNA

2015 Membership – 399 (207 Annual, 136 Life,
47 Life - Ballot Only, 3 Youth, 3 Corp., 3 Friend of the Shire)
95 Annual members yet to renew

As you may know by now, I am leaving ASHA to pursue our new family business. We purchased Iowa Valley Carriage in September 2015. I was going to try to work at both the business and ASHA, but found that it was too complicated to do both at the same time. The business doesn't have "hours", so just when I would sit down at the ASHA desk, my business phone would ring, and up from the desk and into the "store" I would go. Of course, during that time, the ASHA phone would ring and I would miss it. Regardless, I am proud of the accomplishments we achieved during my tenure:

- New Website
- Updated Logo
- MailChimp E-News
- Online forms
- DNA Searches for Lost Horses
- DNA Color Testing

There are still some "upgrades" in progress by some much valued volunteers of ASHA.

My wish for ASHA is for the membership to work on recruiting new members, keeping paperwork current, but above all, keep your focus on the Shire itself.

Blessings,
Myrna



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR

President



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★ We have seen a lot of activity in ASHA during the past quarter. The board has approved Heinz Naef as a board member and as the new treasurer for ASHA. This occurred because of the resignation of Victoria Hauser who was serving in that position. We are pleased to welcome Heinz back to the board.

★ Myrna, our secretary, has purchased an equine business and would like to pursue this new venture in her life. Therefore we have found a new secretary for our association who will be in place by the first of the year. Karla is the chair of this search committee and Heinz and Danelle are on the committee. Myrna has agreed to help train the new Secretary in her new duties.

★ Most of our committees are functioning well. We are seeing lots of progress in the other committees carrying on the duties of our association.

★ I have asked Janet Long to be our media coordinator. We have many opportunities in the electronic media that we are not servicing well at this time. We are fortunate to have the expertise of Janet to help us in managing our efforts in the social media area. While Janet has done so much for us in the past we welcome her renewed commitment in helping us with this phase of communication.

★ We plan to continue our stated goals of involving younger members and breeders into the function and operation of ASHA. While we have had long-term commitments from a few members over many years we are committed to seeking leadership from a wider group of our members in the future. This leadership of our younger members is essential for the future of our organization.

Clark

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Thank You Myrna

By Karla Stoner

As most of you know, Myrna has resigned as ASHA's secretary, effective January 1st, to pursue a carriage supply business venture full time with her husband Chad. This has been a long-time dream of theirs and the acquisition plans started long before Myrna became ASHA secretary. The decision of the business's former owner to retire this fall brought the dream to reality.

Myrna officially became secretary on January 1, 2012, after training with Sharon McLin on registering Shires and Audrey-Lyn Stockton on Quickbooks. In her four years as secretary, she has streamlined office processes, developed an E-Newsletter for members and 'fillable forms' for the website. She has also helped in setting up ASHA's facebook presence and became webmaster of the new website when the previous webmaster has steps down. She has performed myriad tasks for the board, membership and the registry to keep things running smoothly in the office. When she realized the new business would take more time than anticipated, she recommended the board reduce her salary to reflect the decreased hours available for ASHA. She also offered to train the new secretary and, if needed, to drive the office equipment to the new location to save ASHA some on moving expenses. She is also willing to be available for questions during the transition period for the new secretary.

On behalf of the membership, the board extends its sincere appreciation to Myrna Rhinehart for her four years as the secretary of ASHA and wish her and Chad every success in their new business. We hope to hear from Myrna in the future and if you need carriage supplies, give Myrna a call!

The ASHA Board of Directors

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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 horses;
- 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.

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Half Page / Horizontal 7.75 x 4.8125 Color	\$150	\$450
Half Page / Horizontal 7.75 x 4.8125	\$100	\$300
Half Page / Vertical 3.75 x 9.875 Color	\$150	\$450
Half Page / Vertical 3.75 x 9.875	\$100	\$300
Quarter Page 3.75 x 4.8125	\$50	\$150
Eighth Page 3.75 x 2.2813	\$30	\$90
Breeder's Directory / Text Only 30 characters per line including spaces. 6 total lines of text.	\$25	\$75
Classified Ad / Text Only 30 characters per line including spaces. 6 total lines of text.	\$1 Per Word Per Issue	—

Issues	Mailing Due	Ad Copy Due
Winter	January 15	December 1
Spring	April 15	March 1
Summer	July 15	June 1
Fall	October 15	September 1



The Skinny on Feeding Fat to Horses

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If you've visited a feed store lately or skimmed the advertisements in any horse-related publication, you've undoubtedly seen a great deal of promotion for "fat-added" and "high-fat" horse feeds. Marketing claims extolling the virtues of added dietary fat include "safer energy," "improved performance," "calm energy," and "improved coat and hoof condition."

Adding fat to the diet of horses is not a new practice. For a hundred years or more, horsemen have added a jigger of corn oil or a cup of boiled linseed to the grain ration to bring out the luster in the hair coat. So, why the current popularity in feeding fat? Research has demonstrated that fat can serve as a valuable feed source, particularly as an alternative to high grain diets or when additional calories are needed. Some types of fat may also have additional health benefits.

This article will discuss the benefits of adding fat to the diet, sources of fat for horses, and practical fat feeding guidelines that can be used if you decide fat supplementation is right for your horse.

The Benefits of Going "High" Fat

Fat is a potent source of calories and is easily digested by the horse making it extremely useful in the diets of horses with high energy demands. Where we once relied solely on oats and corn to provide additional energy, we can now replace a portion of that grain with fat. In doing so, we may reduce the risk of digestive disorders associated with feeding large amounts of starch-rich grains. As a result, fat-added diets allow us a safer alternative to traditional grain mixes for putting weight on a thin horse or meeting the higher caloric needs of a high level performance horse or heavy milking broodmare. Furthermore, in situations where grain feeding is contraindicated, such as horses that have some forms of tying up or a past history of laminitis, fat can be used to help meet the caloric requirements when forage alone cannot do the job.

In addition to its use as an energy source, research has shown that fat-added diets may offer other benefits. Feeding a high fat diet to a performance horse may confer metabolic advantages that could improve stamina and prevent them from overheating while working in the hotter summer months. Research, supported by numerous anecdotal claims from horse owners, has also reported that high fat diets make horses calmer and more level-headed compared to traditional grain mixes that have no fat added. Fat also provides the horse with a source of

essential fatty acids and aids in the absorption of the fat-soluble vitamins A, D, and E.

Sources of Dietary Fat for Horses

Although small amounts of fat naturally occur in the hay, pasture and grain a horse consumes, these traditional feed sources contain only 2-5% fat. Studies have shown that horses are able to digest and utilize up to 20% of the diet (by weight) as oil. However, most "high-fat" diets for horses are typically lower than 10% fat – compare this to the average human who struggles to keep the fat content below 30%! Supplemental fats are also well utilized by the horse, with virtually 100% of fatty acids from oils and other highfat feed ingredients being absorbed in the small intestine.

There are three options for adding fat to your horse's diet:

1) Top-dressing vegetable oil on the existing diet

Horses willingly consume both vegetable oils and animal fats; however, research has shown that horses prefer vegetable oils. Acceptable vegetable oils include those commonly used for household cooking, such as corn oil, canola oil, sunflower oil and soy oil.

Top-dressing vegetable oil on your horse's current ration is the simplest approach and is reasonable when adding small quantities to the diet (ie, 1 cup or less for an average 1100-Lb horse). However, nutritional imbalances can occur when grain mixes are substituted by larger amounts of vegetable oil. Adding fat can reduce the amount of grain needed in the diet, but because pure vegetable oils contain no protein, minerals or vitamins, intake of these nutrients will be reduced as well. This can be of particular concern in young growing horses and pregnant and lactating mares due to their higher nutrient requirements. If you choose to top-dress vegetable oil at higher levels (greater than 1 cup per day), you need to ensure the diet still meets the protein, vitamin and mineral needs of the animal.

2) Adding a fat-rich ingredient to the existing diet

Some feed ingredients, such as rice bran, flaxseed, and heat-treated whole soybeans contain 20-40% fat. While this level of fat is much higher than that found in traditional feeds such as oats, corn and hay (2-5% fat), it is still less than that found in vegetable oils (100% fat). As a result, if you choose to add one

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of these fat-rich ingredients to your horse's diet, you will have to feed a greater quantity to get the same benefits as you would from vegetable oil. Refer to Table 1 for caloric exchange rates between oil and other feeds.

Another concern with rice bran is its inherently high phosphorus content, which is inverted in proportion to the calcium content. If a significant amount of rice bran (2 or more pounds) is added to the horse's ration, the diet will have to be balanced with supplemental calcium to avoid metabolic bone disorders. Some companies have corrected for this imbalance by adding calcium to their rice bran supplements (be sure to read the label).

TABLE 1: Caloric exchange rates between vegetable oil and other feeds

Feed	Total Fat Content	Calories Per Pound	Caloric Equivalent to 1 Cup of Oil
Oil	100%	4000	0.5 Lbs
Rice Bran	22%	1750	1.0 Lbs
Whole Flaxseed	40%	1540	1.3 Lbs
Oats	5%	1350	1.5 Lbs
Commercial Feed with no added fat	4%	1450	1.4 Lbs

3) Feeding a commercial fat-added grain mix or fortified fat supplement

Most feed companies have developed a line of fat-added grain mixes, typically containing 6-12% crude Southeastern Livestock Pavilion 21 fat. The fat content of these feeds has been amplified by the addition of oil (usually soy or corn oils), ricebran, flaxseed, and/or heat-treated whole soybeans. The advantage of a fat-added grain mix over top-dressing oil is that the commercial product is fortified with protein, minerals and vitamins, thus ensuring that the requirements for other essential nutrients are met (ie, all nutrients are in proportion to the extra calories provided by the fat added to the mix).

Several feed companies have also created fat supplements by blending ingredients that are naturally high in fat (ie, vegetable oils, flax, rice bran, extruded soybeans). These fat supplements are typically 25 to 40% fat and are designed to be added to the existing ration. Similar to a fat-added feed, fat supplements that have been fortified with protein, vitamins and minerals offer an advantage over top-dressing oil when larger quantities of dietary fat are desired. If the fat supplement has not been fortified, using it would be similar to top-dressing oil.

Omega-3 and Omega-6 FattyAcids

More recent research, including several studies conducted at the University of Florida, has explored whether the type of fat added to the diet can provide any additional health benefits. Specifically, there is interest in the effects of omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids on inflammation and the immune system. Omega-3 and omega-6 represent two different families of fatty acids. Linoleic acid (LA), belonging to the omega-6 family, and alpha-linolenic acid (ALA), which is the parent of the omega-3 family are both essential fatty acids. The horse does not have the ability to synthesize these fatty acids in the body and, therefore, relies on the diet to provide them.

The total amount of fat, as well as the proportion of omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids making up the fat in feeds commonly fed to horses is presented in Table 2. Although low in total fat content, hay and pasture forage are excellent sources of the omega-3 fatty acid ALA. Cereal grains such as oats or corn are also naturally low in fat, but contain more of the omega-6 fatty acid LA. Vegetable oils and rice bran are high in total fat content with a large percentage of this fat in the form of omega-6 fatty acids. Of all the oils routinely used in horse feeds, only canola oil and soy oil have a respectable omega-3 content, though still much lower than the amount of omega-6 provided. Supplemental omega-3 fatty acids are often added to the diet with flaxseed or flaxseed/linseed oil, fish oils (eg, menhaden, cod liver, salmon, krill), and oils from special types of algae. Fish oils and algal oils are unique in that the omega-3 fatty acids they provide are the longer-chain conversion products of ALA, and are thus the fatty acids with the most biological activity. It is worth noting that the total amount of omega-3 supplied by forages often surpasses the amount of omega-3 fatty acids that are provided by the level of flax or fish oil typically supplemented.

TABLE 2: Average fatty acid composition of common feeds (omega-6 and omega-3 values presented as a % of total fat)

Feed	Total Fat	Omega-6	Omega-3
Forages	3%	19%	45%
Grains	3%	30%	3%
Corn Oil	100%	57%	2%
Soybean Oil	100%	54%	8%
Canola Oil	100%	21%	11%
Rice Bran	22%	34%	2%
Flaxseed	40%	16%	57%
Fish Oil	100%	4%	24%

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Omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids have somewhat opposing roles. Once in the body, these essential fatty acids are transformed into potent, hormone-like chemicals that regulate many vital body processes, including blood clotting, inflammation and the immune system. In general, omega-6 fatty acids tend to stimulate blood clotting and inflammation, whereas omega-3 fatty acids tend to suppress these responses. However, it is the balance of the fatty acids present that will dictate the overall response.

Blood clotting, inflammation and immune system responses are essential processes needed to fix damaged tissue and fight illness and infection. However, if these processes get carried away, they actually become harmful. Therefore, while omega-6 fatty acids, which promote these responses, need to be included in the diet, the ration must also contain enough omega-3 fatty acids to keep these processes in check.

The research looking at omega-3 supplementation in horses is limited compared to the work done in other species. A small number of studies have shown positive results, whereas most studies have found no effects at all. Despite the evidence that omega-3 fatty acid supplementation can alter some markers of inflammation and immune function in horses, there is still no evidence that omega-3 fatty acids can reverse inflammatory conditions such as osteoarthritis or prevent infections from pathogens encountered in the horse's environment. As a result, more research is needed to make appropriate recommendations on omega-3 supplementation in the horse.

How much fat should you add to your horse's diet?

Before deciding how much fat to add to your horse's diet, you should first ask yourself, "does my horse need fat?" If your horse is in poor body condition and needs to gain weight, or if your horse requires large amounts of grain (0.5% of body weight or more) to maintain body condition, your horse may be an excellent candidate for fat supplementation. If, however, your horse is already in good condition and doesn't require much grain, the addition of fat to the diet may predispose them to obesity. Fat packs the most calories per pound (see Table 1) compared to any other feed. Therefore, fat is best used to provide calories, when needed, either as an addition to an existing diet, or as a replacement for some of the grain in an otherwise high-grain diet. If you choose to supplement fat for benefits other than calories, realize that you may have to make other adjustments to the diet (ie, reductions in grain and hay) to accommodate the extra calories and prevent obesity. Refer to Table 1 for the caloric equivalents between oil and other feedstuffs.

Ultimately, the amount of fat you choose to add to your horse's diet will depend on your fat-feeding goals. If your objective is to add a bit of sheen to your horse's coat, approximately 0.5

cup of oil per day may do the job. Similar amounts of fat may also make up the difference in minor essential fatty acid and fat-soluble vitamin deficiencies. Although this small amount of fat provides a relatively small number of calories, monitor your horse's body condition and make adjustments in the diet to avoid unnecessary weight gain.

If you are attempting to add calories to the diet, a minimum of 2 cups of oil or the use of a fortified fat-added feed or supplement may be necessary to make a significant contribution. As stated above, horses can tolerate up to 20% of the diet (by weight) as fat. Nonetheless, it is recommended to limit the total fat intake to 10% of the total diet or less.

To determine if the total fat content of your horse's diet does not exceed the recommended limit, you must account for the fat provided by all ingredients in the ration. Fat-added grain mixes, fat supplements, and oils may contain a significant amount of fat, but the forage component of your horse's diet only contains ~3% fat. Therefore, the lower fat content of the hay will dilute the higher fat content of the fat-added feeds. For example, say you were feeding an 1100-Lb horse 24Lbs of feed per day. If 25% of the ration (6 Lbs) was a fat-added feed containing 10% crude fat and the other 75% of the diet (18 Lbs) was made up of Coastal bermuda grass hay containing 3% fat, the total fat content of the diet would be 4.75% ($25 \times .10 + 75 \times .03 = 4.75$). In this example, the diet is well below the limit of 10% fat in the total diet, even with the use of a relatively high fat feed.

If your method of fat supplementation is top-dressing vegetable oil, a practical guideline is to feed no more than 3.5 ounces of oil per 220 pounds of body weight per day (or 100 milliliters of oil per 100 kg body weight per day). For the average 1100-Lb horse, this would be about 2 cups. (Note that one standard measuring cup holds about 8 fluid ounces = 220 mL = 0.5 Lbs oil).

Allow gradual adaptation to fat in the diet

To avoid digestive upset, fat (regardless of source) should be gradually introduced in the diet over a 2 to 3 week period. In addition, the daily amount is best divided into 2 or 3 feedings. If you are top-dressing vegetable oil, start with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup and increase $\frac{1}{4}$ cup every 5 days until the desired level is achieved. If you are switching to a high-fat commercial feed product, you should start by replacing 25% of the old feed with the new fat-added feed and gradually increase in the amount of the new feed while decreasing the old over a 2 to 3 week period.

Finicky eaters might be a little slow to adapt to feeding fat, but by-and-large most horses readily accept fat in their diets. Some horses might have softer manure during the early phases of oil feeding, but this problem is usually self-limiting. If this

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AMERICAN SHIRE HORSE ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL SHIRE SHOW

We are gearing up for yet another successful National Show, to be held at Iowa State Fair August 14-16, 2016. Schedules will be similar to previous years with Shire events held in the state-of-the-art Jacobson Exhibition Center.

Sunday, August 14th

Must arrive by noon
6PM Hitch show

Monday, August 15th

8AM Youth Show
(Decorator Classes, Showmanship)
Shire Halter show immediately after
Belgian halter
Catered Dinner, watch for event updates!
6PM Hitch Show

Tuesday

8AM Hitch Show
5PM Hitch Show
Dismissal

Judge to be announced in the New Year.
Watch for updates.

Additionally, coffee and treats are planned each morning for exhibitors in the main aisle in the horse barn at the national show information table.

Support has been tremendous for this show. Outstanding awards are offered as a result of generous sponsors. Exhibitors are very appreciative of your generosity! If you are interested in participating as a sponsor, please contact me as I'd be happy to help you out. Thank you in advance!

Hoping to beat last year's turnout! See you at the National Shire Show August 14, 15, and 16th during the Iowa State Fair.

For further information and questions, please contact me at 651-380-9600 or haugenhill@hotmail.com

Submitted By,
Danelle Kinney
Chair, ASHA National Shire Show Committee

Feeding Fat to Horses *continued*

problem persists, back down on the amount of oil or high-fat feed until manure returns to normal, then reintroduce larger amounts of the fat source at a slower rate.

Store your oils and feeds in a cool, dry area

Oils and high-fat feeds and supplements can become rancid during storage. Conditions that promote the development of rancidity include high temperature and humidity and prolonged storage. Rancid fats are less palatable (so the horse may refuse to eat it) and may interfere with absorption of some vitamins, as well as destroy essential fatty acids. Therefore, it is important to store oils and high-fat feeds in a cool, dry area. You must also use your fat source within a reasonable amount of time (within 2 weeks for proper storage of high-fat feeds and within 2 months of properly stored vegetable oil). Buying in bulk may confer an economic advantage, but if the feed or oil goes bad before you can feed it, you are not saving any money.

Fat supplementation and the older horse

The addition of oil or a high-fat feed can work wonders for the older horse that is having trouble maintaining body condition. However, oil and fat-added feeds should not be fed to horses with liver dysfunction.

Conclusion

Because fat is something most Americans are trying to cut out of their own diet, it may seem surprising that it has become a useful feed for horses. But research has confirmed that adding fat to the equine diet has more benefits and uses than simply adding shine to the haircoat. The high calorie content makes fat particularly helpful for putting weight on horses in poor body condition. In addition, fat can be used to replace a portion of the calories normally provided by high-grain diets, thereby reducing the horse's risk for digestive disturbances. While not all horses need extra fat in their diets, the increasing availability of commercial fat added products, as well as the old standby, vegetable oil, makes the addition of fat more convenient and viable for horses that do stand to benefit from supplementation.



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If you have an upcoming promotional event with Shires or recently participated in an event, we would like to publicize it in the Members' Bulletin. We can also help with Shire, ASHA and ASHEF information for display and handout. Contact the secretary's office (secretary@shirehorse.org) 888-302-6643 or Karla Stoner (bloomforge@peoplepc.com) 301-874-3250 with reports and requests for handout material.

2015 Promotion Events Report

Members reported representing Shires and/or ASHA / ASHEF at eleven events in 2015, as listed below:

Iowa (2) – Iowa Horse Fair (April) and National Shire Show (August)

Indiana – Horse Progress Days (July)

Kansas (2) – Equifest of Kansas (February) and Ford County Farm Bureau Day on the Farm (April)

Massachusetts – Equine Affaire (November)

Nebraska – The International Jumper Show (April)

Ohio (3) – Equine Affaire (April), Hale Farm Sow & Grow Festival (June) and Hale Farm Harvest Festival (November)

Pennsylvania – Keystone International Livestock Exposition (October)

In addition, Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY and Wild Iris Farm in Bar Harbor, ME were supplied with ASHA flyers and Breeder's Brochures to hand out to the public. These organizations see tens of thousands of tourists annually, many meeting Shires for the first time.

The American Shire Horse Educational Foundation, Inc. (ASHEF) continued to fund 50% of the expenses for breed booths at the two Equine Affaires and Horse Progress Days.

2016 Plans

Shires will be well represented in the Rose Bowl Parade by Dakota Thunder Shires, with Joe Biren driving for owner Houston Haugo of Sioux Falls, SD.

Most of the events listed previously will be attended again in 2016 and we hope for some new events to be added, especially in the west.

The promotional video for Shires and ASHA is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2016.

Plans for a strong Shire presence at the 2017 World Cup Jumping Competition in Omaha, NE will be developed.



Does ASHA have your email address?

If we do, you have been receiving occasional copies of ASHA's e-news. Recent versions have included items like the election results, updates about the annual meeting, and reminders to renew your membership.

ASHA never sells member email addresses, but providing it gives us a better way to keep you up to speed on the Association.

ASHA offers a limited number of \$150 stipends each year for members who are promoting Shires, ASHA and ASHEF at horse fairs, expos, field days and other recognized equine events.

Contact Karla Stoner
for information and applications.

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ASHA Has a New Secretary

By Karla Stoner



ASHA has a new secretary! The board approved Janice (Jan) B. Baumgras of Cedar Springs, MI as the new secretary of ASHA and she has accepted the position. Jan will start training with outgoing secretary, Myrna Rhinehart, later this month. She will officially start her duties on January 1, 2016.

Jan is a life member of ASHA and a member of the Northwest Michigan Draft Horse and Mule Assoc. She researched various draft breeds for over a year before deciding Shires were the draft horse to have. Jan has a Shire mare she raised from a weanling that she rides and drives. Jan has a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Husbandry and Agricultural Education and a varied work experience. She has been a bank teller, substitute teacher (K-12), been on school boards and on boards for county and volunteer organizations. She also has experience in advertising, marketing and sales in agribusinesses. Since 2006, she has worked for Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids, MI, starting as a horticulturist and then moving up to Director of Human Resources and Volunteers in 2009. She will be retiring from this position in June 2016 and is

looking forward to more involvement with Shires and ASHA.

Please join us in welcoming Jan as our new ASHA secretary.
Secretary Search Committee

Karla Stoner, Chair Danelle Kinney Heinz Naef

Congratulations to our 2015 ASHA Youth Competitors!



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Did you show your Shire this year? We would love to brag about you! Join ASHA Youth and we look forward to seeing you in the 2016 show ring!

We would like to remind ASHA youth member about the wonderful Youth Programs available.

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*Charity O'Dell (315)783-1759 * Danelle Kinney (651)380-9600 *
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2016 Annual Meeting

By Sharon McLin

By the time you receive this newsletter you should also have received the official notice for our upcoming annual meetings of members and the board as well as this year's Education Day. These events are planned for Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday, January 29-31, at Fort Collins, Colorado.

We will start at 1 p.m. Friday with an afternoon of hands-on activities. Nate Bowers, Lisa Rhyner, and a few ASHA members will focus on working with Shires in different settings, including showing in halter classes, getting your horse used to new experiences, starting in harness, and learning to drive multiples by practicing with bicycles. (That will make more sense when you see it!) All this will happen in a heated indoor arena. (We'll provide maps for all who sign up, and will have carpools available from our host hotel.)

Our hotel is the Best Western University Inn. If you don't have a reservation yet, you can call 970-484-2984 to see whether there are any rooms available at the ASHA rate of \$75.

Saturday morning will include our "classroom" sessions in the hotel's meeting room. There will be three sessions, covering nutrition for heavy horses, recent developments in equine reproduction, and desensitization techniques.

The reservation form for the meeting included a spot to order box lunches so that we can move straight from the classes to the member meeting. This is your opportunity to suggest ideas for the future of ASHA or ask questions of your board about how the association operates. Following the member meeting, the board will begin its annual meeting, including adopting a budget for 2016 and other plans for the year.

Our new secretary, Jan Baumgras, will be attending the meeting so we hope many of you will have the opportunity to meet her there and welcome her to her new position.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon McLin or Kim Murchison.

*Sharon McLin, Chair
Travis Howell*

*Jim Edmiston
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Shires Place in North American Six-Horse Hitch Classic Series

By Karla Stoner

Dakota Thunder Shires of Sioux Falls, South Dakota placed 10th in the top 12 entires of the 2015 North American Six-Horse Hitch Classic Series. They were also the top placing hitch of the feather breed entries. Congratulations to owner, Houston Haugo and driver Joe Biren for this significant accomplishment with Shires!!

Dakota Thunder Shires will also be in the 2016 Rose Bowl Parade.



UPDATE RULES COMMITTEE

By Sharon McLin

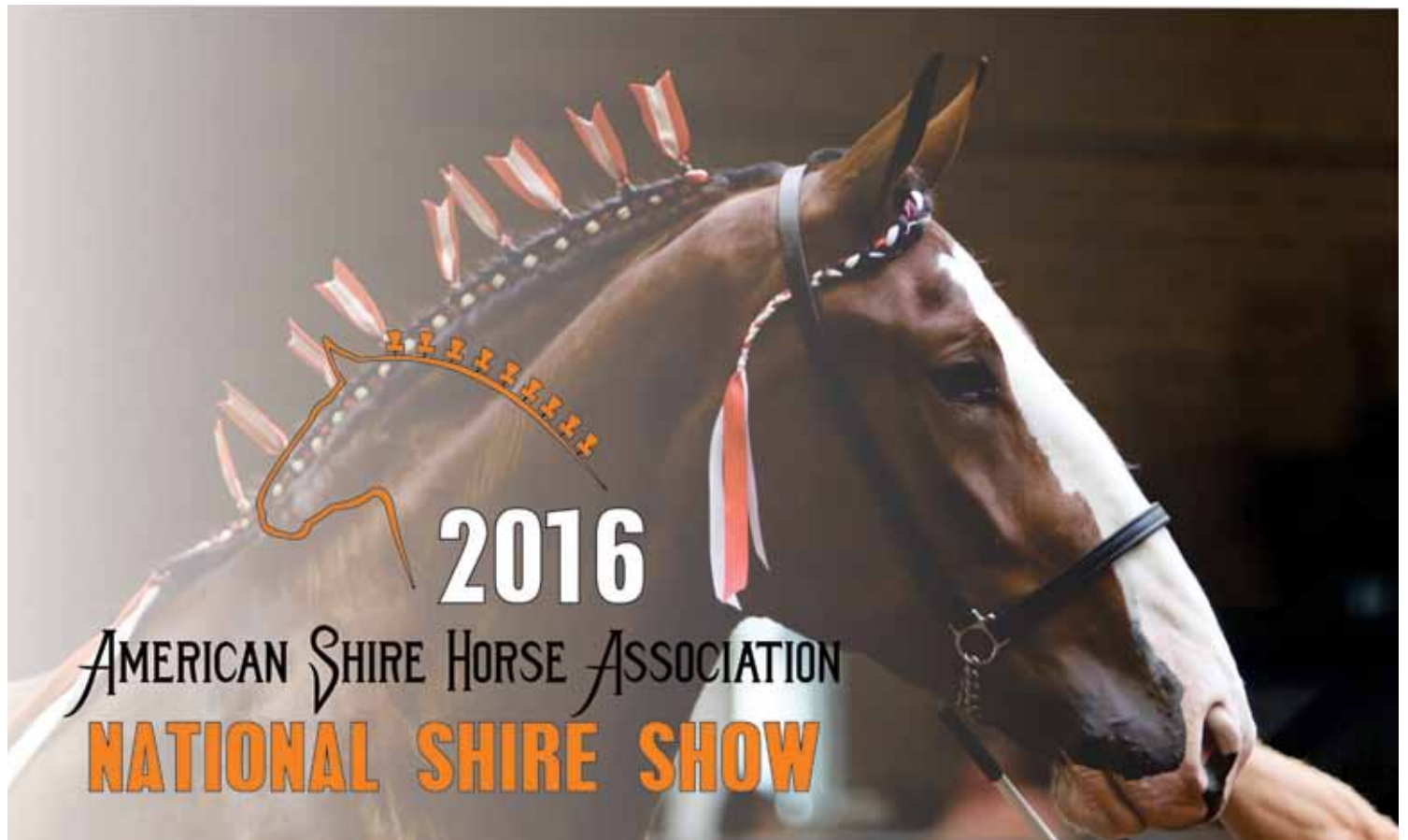
The Rules Committee hasn't completed as much as it had hoped this year. We will be proposing a few minor updates and clarifications to the existing rules (nothing that is new for this year). It turns out that codifying how we want to handle frozen semen and embryos in a way that works well for both owners and for the office is a bit more complicated than expected. We realize that this part of our rules affects only a few members, and we hope to finish this up during 2016.

We hope that any of you who were responsible for breeding mares during 2015 will file a stallion service report if you have not already done so. Filing these reports on a timely basis

makes life far easier for the office as well as mare owners (no need to chase down a stallion owner for a signature a year or two after the breeding occurred, if the "Release of Breeding" column at the right of the report is checked). There is currently no fee for filing this report.

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding ASHA's registration rules, please forward them to me as chair or to any member of the committee.

Here's wishing everyone a safe and successful foaling season!

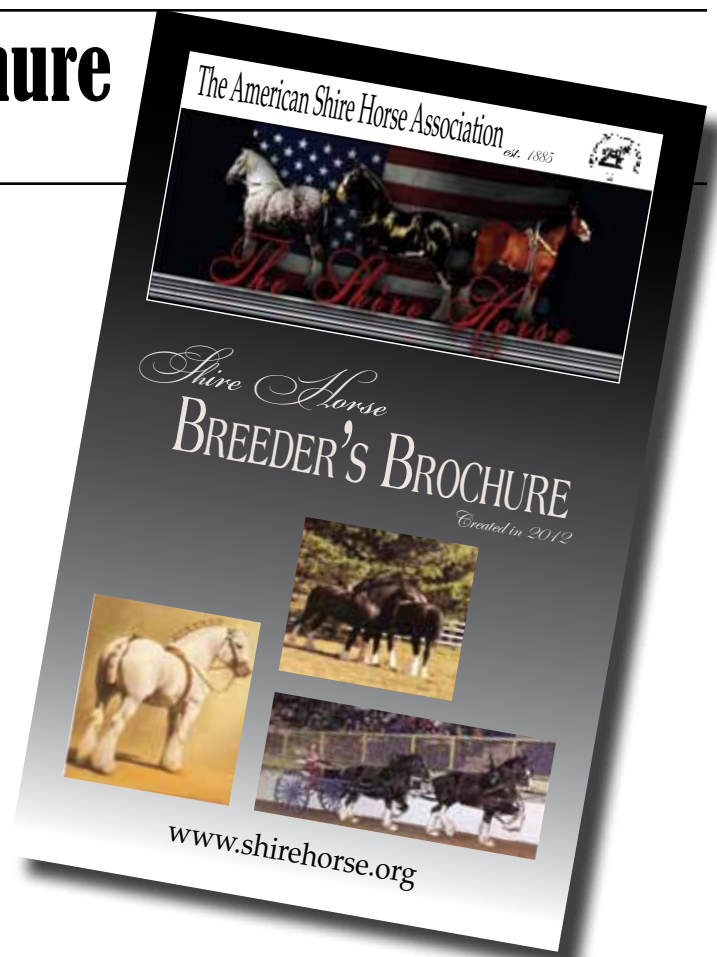


2016 Breeders' Brochure

By Kim Parrington-Murchison

DEADLINE OF SUBMISSIONS FOR ADS IS MARCH 1ST, 2016

ASHA plans to update and reprint our Breeder's Brochures. These brochures are sent out to all new members as well as handed out at equine expos, breed functions and shows and sent to people and organizations requesting Shire information. We've distributed about 2500 since 2012. The brochure is a 5.5" x 8.5" sized, glossy brochure with articles and breeders' advertisements. Breeders buy a full page, color, glossy ad for \$200 each and the ads pay for the publishing of the brochure. There are informational articles about Shires between the advertisements from breeders. It is a very professional publication that is a great way to teach about our Shires. If you are interested in an ad in the new Breeder's Brochure, please contact Kim Murchison at thshire@sopris.net or call 970-625-1142 and leave a message.



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Profit & Loss

American Shire Horse Association

January 1 - December 31, 2015

	Jan. - Dec. 2015	Jan. - Dec. 2014 (PY)
INCOME		
All-North-American Income	290.04	
Breeders' Brochure	200.00	
Bulletin/ Magazine	1,885.00	980.00
Contributions/Donations Income	115.00	
Education Day Proceeds	842.76	2,471.00
Equine Affaire & Promotional Income	1,078.50	1,237.50
Horse Show Income	4,281.63	785.79
Interest Income	149.22	35.23
Membership Dues	12,685.00	12,520.00
Merchandise Sales	1,437.53	1,989.35
On Line Stud Book Revenue		600.00
Raffle Sale Proceeds	1,811.36	1,435.75
Registry Income	16,460.00	25,015.00
Returned Check Fee		0.00
Uncategorized Income	107.00	25.00
Total Income	\$41,343.04	\$47,094.62
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold		1,081.98
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$0.00	\$1,081.98
GROSS PROFIT	\$41,343.04	\$46,012.64
EXPENSES		
Advertising	2,046.75	1,281.75
All-North American Contest Expenses	374.41	558.47
Bank Charges	662.25	681.86
Board Expenses	50.00	1,382.74
Discounts Given		50.00
Dues & Subscriptions	365.00	815.00
Education Day Cost	1,215.00	1,681.86
Horse Show Costs	3,451.62	2,873.71
Insurance	1,280.29	1,571.66
Legal & Professional Fees	10.00	10.00
Mailings to Members	7,183.58	7,996.37
Merchandise Sales Tax	41.72	
Office Expenses & Supplies	833.55	967.35
Overpayment Refund	45.00	
Payroll Expenses	13,482.11	14,406.75
Postage 383.66	530.65	
Promotional	1,433.50	2,930.09
Registry Expenses	5,146.07	4,687.71
Telephone Expense	707.04	837.39
Travel 690.47	1,260.72	
Website & Studbook Hosting	1,080.00	
Website Design		2,100.00
Total Expenses	\$40,482.02	\$46,624.08
Net Operating Income	\$861.02	\$ -611.44
Other Expenses		
Reconciliation Discrepancies		695.56
Total Other Expenses	\$0.00	\$695.56
Net Other Income	\$0.00	\$ -695.56
Net Income	\$861.02	\$ -1,307.00

DRAFT Balance Sheet

American Shire Horse Association

12/31/2015 vs. 12/31/2014 as of December 31, 2015

	As of 12/31/2015	As of 12/31/2014 (PY)
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts:		
Alpine Bank Checking #1414021818	8,284.92	6,125.93
Alpine CD 48500 11/15/17	6,003.21	6,000.25
Alpine CD 48501 11/15/15	0.00	5,000.41
Alpine CD 48502 05/08/16	1,295.62	1,294.98
Alpine Life Member CD 48497 11/14/19	12,648.80	12,511.24
Alpine Life Member MM #1414715553	8,168.97	6,278.89
Total Bank Accounts	\$36,401.52	\$37,211.70
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable	971.50	-570.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$971.50	\$ -570.00
Other Current Assets		
Credit Card Receivables	462.00	462.00
Inventory	1,923.12	1,923.12
Undeposited Funds	370.64	115.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$2,755.76	\$2,500.12
Total Current Assets	\$40,128.78	\$39,141.82
TOTAL ASSETS	\$40,128.78	\$39,141.82
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable	942.33	373.23
Total Accounts Payable	\$942.33	\$373.23
Other Current Liabilities		
Payroll Liabilities	303.20	746.36
Payroll Tax Payable	8.55	8.55
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$311.75	\$754.91
Total Current Liabilities	\$1,254.08	\$1,128.14
Total Liabilities	\$1,254.08	\$1,128.14
Equity		
Retained Earnings	38,013.68	39,320.68
Net Income	861.02	-1,307.00
Total Equity	\$38,874.70	\$38,013.68
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$40,128.78	\$39,141.82

Shires: Gentle Giants in the Family

~ Living In A Big World ~

Samantha Tipler, H & N Staff Reporter
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Linda Lown and her daughter, Kelly Baker, strode from their barn to the corral, holding a big bucket of grain. “Danny! Dexter! Willow! Cash! Magic!” Linda called, not unlike Santa Claus calling on his reindeer. “Come on Cash! Come on Willow!”

But instead of eight reindeer, Linda called in 12 Shire horses; averaging 2,000 pounds, more than 6 feet tall and some of the strongest animals on Earth.

The black and white giants nosed the gate, gentle lambs, happily taking grain from Kelly’s outstretched hand. Kelly and Linda scratched the horses’ ears and said hello. “You can tell how much I love ‘em,” Linda said.

In another pasture is Lilly, a mare, Magnum, the family’s stallion, and Baby, a colt already the size of most horses. “He’s the love of my life,” Linda said of Magnum, noting that her husband, Dan, is well aware of the situation. “Isn’t he magnificent?”

Linda and Dan Lown raise and breed Shire horses at their Seventh Heaven Shires ranch near Keno, OR. Klamath County folks might recognize the gentle giants from parades, history re-enactment events, carriage rides and Christmas tree lighting ceremonies. The Lowns are happy to spread the word and popularity of their unique and rare animals.

Going Big

Linda and Dan bought their first two Shire mares in 2009, soon followed by Lilly and Magnum. “I didn’t have them a month and fell in love with them,” Linda said. “I walked in the house and told my husband, we are going to raise Shires.” Kelly joined in when she saw a 2,200 pound Cash for sale online. She just had a feeling. He was the Shire horse for her. “This is how our world got so big,” she said. “I bought a horse.” Cash arrived one wintery day. It was love at first sight. “He came off that trailer, walked over and wrapped his head around

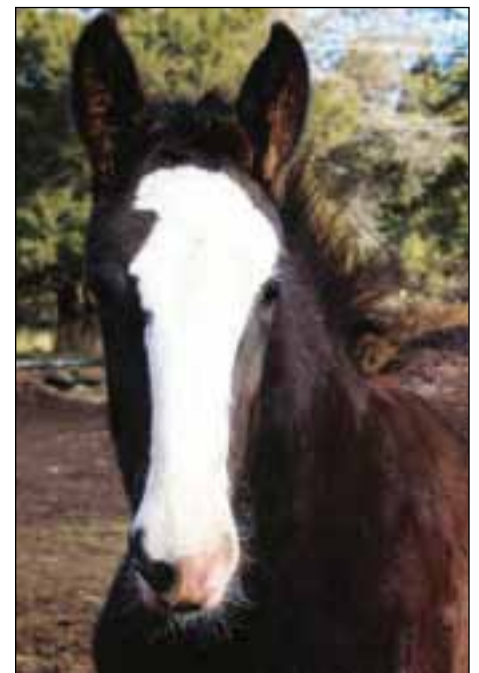


me,” Kelly said. “Hitched him up the next day – I had never driven a horse in my life – run around here, I’m good. We went out in the field. That’s how our world got big.”

Shire History

Shire horses

have a long history, mostly in England, where the earliest history is “lost in the mists of antiquity,” according to Oklahoma State University’s website about the breed. Shires, first called the Great Horses, date all the way back to the time of Caesar, when they were used as war horses. In the Middle Ages, they were chosen for their strength; strong enough to carry a 400-pound knight in shining armor. Englanders continued to breed the beasts, even making special laws to preserve their stature through the 1500’s. They were officially named “Shire” in the 1800’s. By then, the horses were used for farm work, hauling loads, and still used in battle. A 1-ton horse could haul a 5-ton load, according to O’Bannon Shires Ranch in Missouri. That ranch said a team of Shires once hauled a 36-ton (72,000 pound) load for 6 miles along the Surrey Iron Railway. The war horse role continued through World War I and World War II, but with the advent of the engine and the industrial age, the use for such powerful horses became less and less. “This is what sold



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List all mares serviced by this Shire stallion: full Shire mares and all Sport Horse eligible mares. If no registration # is available, write "GRADE" in the column.

Stallion Breeding Reports

If you were responsible for breeding any mares during 2015, please file this year's stallion breeding report(s). You can find fillable forms on the ASHA website, or you can make a copy of the form on the facing page.

Please note that only one stallion is reported on each form. It is possible that a mare may be listed on more than one stallion's report, depending on circumstances.

Note that if you initial the far right column for a mare, you will not need to sign the application for the resulting foal. For example, if you bred your own mare and then sell her during the winter, you can tell the buyer that it is their responsibility to register the foal, and that everything has been sent to the

office to make that possible.

There are advantages to owners of both stallions and mares in using this system. Records are filed closer to the events, so they are likely to be more accurate. This also saves any problems resulting from missing stallion owner signatures on foals' applications, which can delay registrations for foals that owners are hoping to show.

Anyone who buys a bred mare this winter may want to verify with the seller that the stallion breeding report has been filed. There is no charge for these reports at this time.

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Shires: Gentle Giants in the Family *continued*

me, is reading about their history,” Linda said. “It’s so fascinating.” Horses need a purpose to stay around, and without the need for their work, Shires became fewer and fewer in both England and the U.S. Today they’re on the Livestock Conservancy critical list, meaning there are fewer than 200 registered yearly in the U.S. and fewer than 2,000 registered globally.



Gentle Giants

One day Linda was leading Danny Boy, her Shire with a diamond on his forehead, to the arena, when Magnum ran up and spooked Danny Boy. The horse jumped sideways, knocking Linda to the ground. “Well, I’m not any tiny little person, and that horse went like that,” she said, flipping her hands in the air, “to get over the top of me without stepping on me.” One of the breed standards for a Shire horse is “gentle eyes,” which seems to transfer to their demeanor, too. “You just are not around them long and you fall in love with their whole makeup. They’re gentle, they’re almost always kind,” Linda said. “As big as they are, they’re very smart. You show them something once, and generally, they’ll remember it.”

Cash and Kelly attended the annual opening of the Fort Klamath Museum. Once, the children peeled apples before meeting Cash, and a girl gave him an apple peel from her backpack. “From that point forward, every little kid that had a backpack, he was wrapping his head around, trying to find out if there’s an apple,” Kelly said. They also love people. “Their demeanor is, ‘I want to be in your house,’” Kelly said. “They’re very humanized.”

“I’ve had horses all my life, but these horses are humanized,” Linda agreed. “The first big storm of the year, I don’t care what they have to do, they will be up in our front yard that night. They’ll be busting the fence down to get in the yard. They want to be with us.”

Hard to Miss

Linda, Dan and Kelly drive their Shire horses with carts and ride them. The important thing is to give the gentle giants something to do. “They like to have a job,” Linda said. “If pulling’s it, that’s what they want to do.” Kelly is the president

of the Southern Oregon Horse and Carriage Club and volunteers with Cash in the Klamath County Search and Rescue Mounted Posse. They give carriage rides. They ride in parades

like the Snowflake Parade and the Rocky Point Parade. One December it was Kelly and Cash’s job to deliver Santa Claus to the Christmas tree lighting in Keno. Cash pulled Santa in a carriage, escorted by fire trucks. As lights and sirens filled the streets, anyone who didn’t know about the tree lighting thought there was a fire. “People came out in the street to watch her,” Linda said. “It was like her own little parade. And Cash was amazing.” “She had Santa Claus in the carriage,” Dan said with a laugh. “When they got up there all the little kids ran to the horse and left Santa sitting there.”



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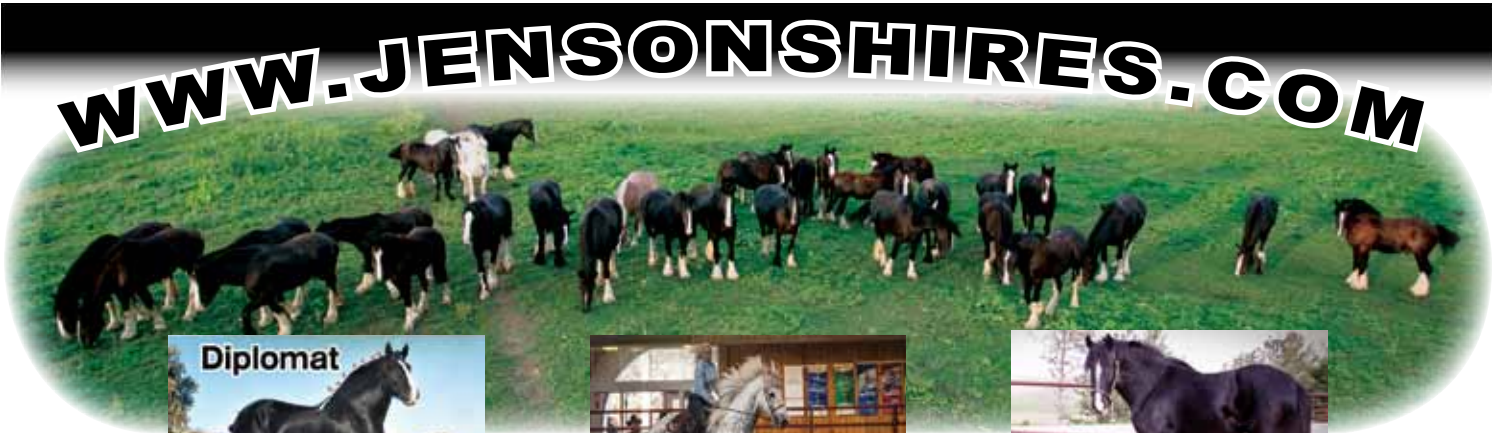
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