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AMERICAN SHIRE HORSE ASSOCIATION

~ 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
Life Membership	\$800	\$1,000
Life Membership (<i>Annual Installments for 5 Years</i>)	\$175	\$215
Corporate Membership (<i>5 Year Membership</i>)	\$275	N/A

REGISTRATION FEES	Member	Non-Member
Fillies / Colts up to 6 / 1 of Yearling Year (<i>year after birth</i>) *	\$100	\$200
Fillies / Colts up to 6 / 1 of 2 Year Old Year *	\$200	\$400
Shire Mares / Stallions after 6 / 1 of 2 Year Old Year *	\$400	\$800
Geldings - Any Age *	\$100	\$200
Shire Sport Horses *	\$125	\$125
DNA Kit not with registration	\$40	\$80
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ASHA Registration of Fully Registered SHS/CSHA/SHSA Horses (<i>will show same ownership as on foreign papers</i>)	\$100	\$200
DNA Filing SHS / CSHA Registered Horses	\$25	\$50
Transfer of Ownership	\$40	\$80
Transfer of Ownership within Family	\$10	N/A
Bulk Registration or 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	\$80
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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2017 Regular Quarterly Board Teleconference Schedule

First Quarter – January 17, 2017
 Second Quarter – May 9, 2017
 Third Quarter – September 12, 2017
 Fourth Quarter – December 12, 2017

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.

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Winter	January 15	December 1
Spring	April 15	March 1
Summer	July 15	June 1
Fall	October 15	September 1

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR

President



We just came back from the National Shire Show at the Iowa State Fair. It was a great show and was well attended by both the public as well as our Shire breeders. It was a great show and Lisa did a superb job of coordinating all the events. She also provided outstanding public relations for the Shires throughout the show.

Four board members were present at the National Shire Show along with Karla and her helpers in coordinating the show activities and its implementation.

Many committees are working hard to provide leadership and to put all their efforts together to make this a vibrant progressive association for all our members.

After many years of leadership on the Newsletter committee chair, Kim has decided to resign. Stepping in to take on the leadership in this area is Missy Wade as the Chair and Dayla as her assistant. Janice will continue to be the editor and provide the service's that has brought so much improvement with her leadership.

The annual meeting is being planned by Jim and his committee in Florida on Feb. 9th, 10th, and the 11th. So far plans are showing great promise for a good educational program. We'll have many issues to cover at our annual meeting and these will be announced in an agenda for you to see prior to the meeting.

Our Secretary functions are moving smoothly at this time.

I see many members stepping up to help in making this association fulfill its goals of serving the membership. It is important that we all take this step forward and make this association serve all its members. I want to hear from ALL our members in all geographic areas of the US so that we can become a strong association that represents all geographic areas of the US.

We as leaders need to spread the workload out to many members and not allow the work or the control to end up in one place. We need to stay humble, work with all members and allow their voices to be heard and not let too much power rest in any single area.

Our future will not reach its potential without your support!

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LETTER From the Editor

I would really like to encourage the members to get involved with their newsletter. We would love to share your stories, pictures and any tidbits you have. We are always looking for more things that can be shared with everyone.

Remember that classified ads are FREE to members.

If you think you are interested in a color ad space please let us know. As of right now there are NO available spaces, but I am willing to put you on a waiting list. It would be a first come first serve basis on ad space as it becomes available. If we develop enough interest in the color ads, then we may be able to expand to more color ads overall.

I don't know if you've noticed, but when you receive your newsletter in the mail it will also show you the expiration date of your membership. After your name in the address you should be able to find this information. This is a reminder, we hope it helps.

If you would prefer to receive your newsletter by email then please let me know.

Please let Jan our secretary know of any changes that need to be made to your address.

Thanks,

Janice

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Welcome New Members

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Draft Profit & Loss ASHA

January 1 - June 30, 2017

	<u>Total</u>
<u>Income</u>	
All-North-American Income	146.02
Newsletter Ads	1,599.00
Education Day Proceeds	920.00
Equine Affaire & Promotional Income ...	50.00
Horse Show Income	515.00
Interest Income	24.37
Membership Dues	7,310.00
Merchandise Sales	319.08
Raffle Sale Proceeds	135.00
Registry Income	10,050.00
Total Income	\$21,729.47
<u>Expenses</u>	
Advertising	785.00
All-North American Contest Expenses	113.70
Bank Charges	732.39
Board Expenses	369.27
Dues & Subscriptions	375.00
Education Day Cost	1,086.11
Horse Show Costs	59.70
Mailings to Members	3,803.64
Merchandise Shipping Costs	11.41
Office Expenses & Supplies	686.10
Overpayment Refund	270.00
Payroll Expenses	5,382.09
Postage	233.36
Promotional	550.00
Registry Expenses	3,364.80
Telephone Expense	107.66
Travel	604.60
Uncategorized Expense	42.08
Website & Studbook Hosting	30.00
Website Design	1,000.00
Total Expenses	\$19,606.91
Net Income	\$2,122.56

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Secretary's — Report —

From the Book of Numbers for 2017:

Registrations – 61 (47 mares, 50 stallions, 11 geldings, 9 sport horses)

Transfers – 25 (60 mares, 33 stallions, 8 geldings, 5 sport horses)

Pending Registrations – 17

2017 Membership – 347

All of us are thinking of our members in Texas and Montana who are struggling with unusual weather events. We will all try to help if there is a need. I heard from the Texas folks and they really appreciate our support. Keep them in your prayers.

The summer has been busy with registrations and transfers! Kudos to our members for having paperwork in order.

Breeding season is coming to a close. Be sure to get your 2017 Stallion Breeding Reports into the ASHA office. If the column for release of breeding is initialed by the stallion owner the owner of the resulting foal may register it without the stallion owner signature on the application. This also gives us a look at the number of potential registrations for 2018.

Membership renewals are coming up by the end of the calendar year. Be sure to check your membership expiration date to continue your membership. Most memberships expire on 12/31/2017.

Has your address or email changed? Please contact the ASHA office to update your records.

Wishing you a beautiful fall!

Sincerely,
Jan

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NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE CHAIR

Hello, I want to introduce myself as your new Chair of the Newsletter Committee. My husband and I have been raising and breeding Shire horses since 2007, usually we have a couple of babies each year. We promote the Shire horse, by participating in various events, such as our county fair, the Virginia Horse Festival, occasionally Horse Progress Days, having performed some opening ceremonies for a local horse show, and have enjoyed participating in a couple of Shire shows. We welcome FFA, 4-H and other groups to tour our farm, educating them on the Shire horse breed, and our nutrition and breeding programs. Over the past year we have had about four different groups.

I have a diverse background that I hope will allow me to research and find articles that are educating and appealing to you. I welcome your suggestions on subjects that you would like to see printed in the newsletter.

I also encourage you to send in stories and pictures of your Shires. The stories can be long or a short little blurb and picture of an event or activity you attended. They can be a birth announcement; or maybe you used your Shires to carry a bride and groom, you used your Shires at a field day, you rode your Shire on a trail ride, anything dealing with how you use and promote your Shire horses are welcome.

If you feel that you are lacking in the journalism or writing department, have no worries, jot down the major points of your article and send it on in. We will be happy to proof your article, correct any misspellings or rearrange any wording, and send it back to you for your approval before printing.

This newsletter belongs to you, the members of ASHA, and if you send something in for the newsletter, we will make every effort to get it printed for you. If it will not fit in the upcoming issue, we will work on getting it into the next issue. In keeping with the newsletter standards, we will only print positive articles and editorials. Please make sure that any article you send to us is written in a positive manner and does not mention any other breeder, owner, horse, or author in a negative manner.

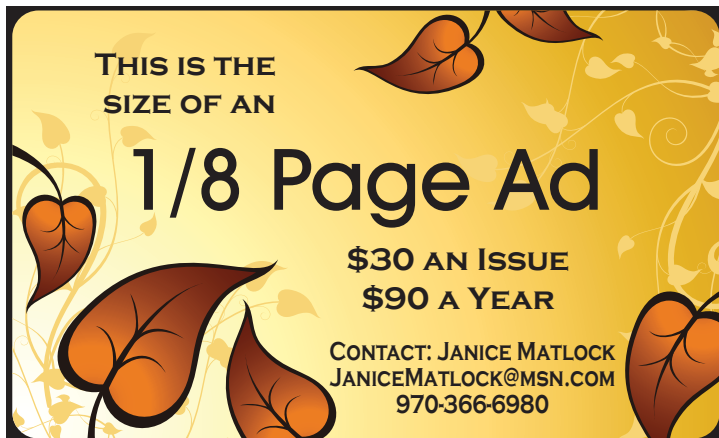
We also need advertisement to help pay for the cost of our newsletter. Printing and mailing is the single highest cost of the Association. If you or someone you know would like to advertise, please do. If you need help with artwork or design of your ad, we have folks that are willing to help.

We also encourage your feedback on the newsletter, if it is something that you don't like, let us know, if it is something that you do like, let us know. With your comments, we can make our Newsletter bigger and better.

Thank you,
Missy Wade

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\$90 A YEAR

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Night Shade

By Clark Jensen

There have been four Shires from two different farms, reported dying recently in Iowa. They have all died out in the pasture with no apparent struggle, within a week or two of each other. The cause of death has not been definitely determined but there have been University staff working on the problem. Vet autopsies have been made on two, but no definite determination has been made.

Extension Specialists have been called in to examine the premises and try to help determine the exact cause of these deaths. They have not found conclusive evidence but all indication is pointing toward Black Night Shade.

Night Shade can be found in a number of environments, most often in wooded areas, along roadsides, amongst wild growth on farmland, and in open pastures and fields. In both cases these deaths occurred near a lower part of the field, where they have found Night Shade plants. These plants look to have been eaten and this is the time when they are in their berry production cycle. The berries cause the most concern, as this is the most toxic part of the plant.



Night Shade is naturally distasteful to horses, and as a rule they do not prefer the taste of this plant over other grazing foods. More often it is eaten unintentionally when parts of the plant make it into the horse's food supply, perhaps the fallen leaves from the Night Shade were razed along with the grass, or when there is a lack of grazing material for the horse to choose from. This year Night Shade seems to be causing the problem during a drought phase in the middle of the summer, when pastures are thin and not as lush. This is when they can find Night Shade in the draws and more moist areas of the field.

There is not absolute proof that these Shires died because of ingesting Night Shade, but all signs point toward a possible factor in their deaths. There are a number of different Night Shade plants which are perennials, and spraying this fall might do some good, but you should continue to monitor your pastures in the spring and eradicate any plants, so you can eliminate any possible problems with this plant in the future.

National Shire Show

By Judy Brodland

If the 2017 National Shire Show is a weatherglass for the breed's staying power, then the Shire's future is significantly more promising than it has been in years past. As the Shire continues to revamp his autograph from work horse to athlete to superior halter horse, our industry colleagues are not only taking notice, they definitely approve of what they see.

Iowa crowds endorsed the impressive turnout of Shire six-horse hitches with enthusiasm, and the breed's presence was as solid as it was welcome for the duration of the show. Wareing Shires of Blackfoot, Idaho; Greenlee Farms of Pine Grove, Pennsylvania; Dakota Thunder Shires of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Jensen Shires of Blair, Nebraska comprised the four sixes; two gelding hitches and two mare hitches, respectively. Joe Biren took top honors with Dakota Thunder, followed closely by Wayne Wareing for Wareing Shires in the six-horse hitch competition.

Dr. Jeff Gower's Soaring Eagle Farms launched its Shire program in 2016 with imports from Thorpe Hill Farm of York, U.K. Soaring Eagle presented two powerful, high-hocked stallions at the national show which sparked renewed optimism for rejuvenating Shire genetics on this side of the Atlantic. The two-year-old bay stallion, Crossingtons Tobias, was named champion stallion, followed by Howell Brothers Opie, owned by Wareing Shires, taking reserve champion. Soaring Eagle's entry, Westwind Grand Emily, took top mare honors with the champion award, followed by Clark Jensen's mare, Jensen's Diplomat Destiny taking reserve. Destiny also high-stepped her way to the blue in the registered Shire mare cart. Longstanding favorite and champion gelding, Landcliffe Master, known as "Quill" deservedly won the supreme Shire award. The veteran gelding has led the Wareing hitch for many years, claiming countless championships and supreme halter awards.

For a complete review of show results, see the accompanying official placings.

This year's national show kicked off with a banquet lunch and meet-and-greet right on the fairgrounds, only a short walk from the horse barns. Dr. Jeff Gower sponsored the catered meal for the ASHA while national show coordinator, Lisa Banga Graham, hosted the casual event prior to the commencement of the show. We were joined by our official judge, Malcolm Yeadon, of Woodstock, Ontario. Each farm was provided national show tee-shirts in their farm colors.

The Iowa State Fair has been home to the National Shire Show for only a few years, but is serving us well as an annual venue for showcasing the breed. The first ISF was held October 25–27, 1854 in Fairfield before relocating in 1886 to its present 445-acre location, making the site 129 years old.



2017 NATIONAL SHIRE SHOW RESULTS, DES MOINES, IA

August 13 - 15, 2017

Judge: Malcom Yeadon, Ontario, Canada

8 Exhibitors / 7 States

47 Horses Shown ↻ Halter and Hitch

— YOUTH CLASSES —

Belgian & Shire combined - 4 Senior Shire youth exhibitors

Decorator Class 15 -18 years (6)

- 3rd Kennedy Deuschle / Dakota Thunder Shires, Sioux Falls, SD
- 4th Austin Banga / Wareing Shires, Blackfoot, ID
- 5th Joni Biren / Dakota Thunder Shires
- 6th Sam Biren / Dakota Thunder Shires

Showmanship 15-18 years (7)

- 3rd Kennedy Deuschle
- 5th Austin Banga
- 6th Joni Biren
- 7th Samuel Biren

Youth Cart 15 - 18 years (6)

- 2nd Kennedy Deuschle
- 3rd Austin Banga
- 5th Joni Biren
- 6th Samuel Biren

Youth Team 15 - 18 years (5)

- 1st Joni Biren
- 2nd Austin Banga
- 5th Kennedy Deuschle

— Shire Halter Classes —

5 geldings, 5 stallions, 9 mares

Registered Geldings 3 years & under

- 1st 3C'S Beau's Captain Jack / Melissa Alexander, Germantown, OH

Registered Geldings 4 years & over

- 1st Landcliffe Master / Wareing Shires, Blackfoot, ID
- 2nd Pace Farm Mitt / Wareing Shires

Grand Champion Registered Gelding

Landcliffe Master

Reserve Grand Champion Registered Gelding

Pace Farm Mitt

Grade Shire Geldings, any age

- 1st Robby / Wareing Shires, Blackfoot, ID
- 2nd Ezekiel / Light Horse Livery, Elkhorn, WI

Stallion Foals

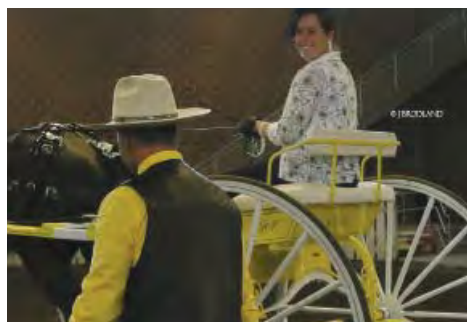
- 1st Loud Bridge Emerald / Jenson Shires, LLC, Blair, NE
- 2nd GBR Defender's Chrome / Greybell Ranch Shires, Vale, SD

Yearling Stallions

- 1st Eastoft Delegate / Soaring Eagle Farm, Springfield, MO

Two Year Old Stallions

- 1st Crossington's Tobias / Soaring Eagle Farm



Junior Champion Stallion

Crossington's Tobias

Reserve Champion Stallion

Eastoft Delegate

Stallions 4 years & over

- 1st Howell Brothers Opie / Wareing Shires

Senior Champion Stallion

Howell Brothers Opie

Grand Champion Stallion

Crossington's Tobias Res. Gr. Ch: Howell

Reserve Grand Champion Stallion

Brothers Opie

Mare Foal

- 1st GFS Scotch Bottom Rock Star / Greenlee Farms, LLC, Pine Grove, PA
- 2nd GBR Defender's High Hopes / Greybell Ranch Shires, Vale, SD

Yearling Mare

- 1st Dua He Chi's Angel / Wareing Shires

Junior Champion Mare

GFS Scotch Bottom Rock Star

Reserve Junior Champion Mare

Dua He Chi's Angel

Yeld Mare 4 years & over

- 1st West Wind Grand Emily / Soaring Eagle Farm
- 2nd RM's MT Autumn / Soaring Eagle Farm
- 3rd Hickory Hill Eleanor / Greenlee Farms, LLC
- 4th Shire Valley's Annabella / Greenlee Farms, LLC

Brood Mare 4 years & over

- 1st Jenson's Diplomat Destiny / Jenson Shires LLC
- 2nd RM's Holly Goes Lightly / Greenlee Farms, LLC

Senior Champion Mare

West Wind Grand Emily

Reserve Senior Champion Mare

Jenson's Diplomat Destiny

Grand Champion Mare

West Wind Grand Emily

Reserve Grand Champion Mare

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Best Mare Bred & Owned by Exhibitor Champion

Jenson's Diplomat Destiny

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NATIONAL SHIRE SHOW RESULTS *continued*



Best Mare Bred & Owned by Exhibitor

Reserve Champion

GFS Scotch Bottom Rock Star

Best Breed

Landcliffe Master

— GROUP CLASSES —

Mare & Foal

1st RM's Holly Goes Lightly &
GFS Scotch Bottom Rock Star
Greenlee Farms LLC, Pine Grove, PA

2nd Jenson's Diplomat Ebony &
Loud Bridge Emerald
Jenson Shires LLC, Blair, NE

Produce of Dam

1st Produce of Jenson's Commodore's Sweetie on
Jenson's Diplomat Sandy and
Jenson's Diplomat Special S / Jenson Shires LLC

Get of Sire

1st Deighton Royal Diplomat on
Jenson's Diplomat Sandy, Destiny and
Reba / Jenson Shires LLC

Breeder's Group - Stallion & 3 Mares

1st Loud Bridge Emerald (S), Jenson's Diplomat
Destiny, Jenson's Diplomat Ebony, Jenson's
Diplomat Emily / Jenson Shires LLC

— PERFORMANCE CLASSES —

Ladies Cart

1st Jack / Cadee Miller / Dakota Thunder Shires,
Sioux Falls, SD

2nd Landcliffe Master / Jamie Ridgely / Wareing Shires,
Blackfoot, ID

3rd RM's Holly Goes Lightly / Melissa Alexander /
Greenlee Farms LLC, Pine Grove, PA

4th Northeast Aristocrat's Abigail / Charity Greenlee /
Greenlee Farms LLC, Pine Grove, PA

5th RM's MT Autumn / Shelly Lewis /
Soaring Eagle Farm, Springfield, MO

6th Jenson's Diplomat Destiny / Megan Denny /
Jenson Shires, LLC, Blair, NE

Registered Stallion/Gelding Cart

1st Ace / Joe Biren / Dakota Thunder Shires,
Sioux Falls, SD

2nd Howell Brothers Opie / Wayne Wareing /
Wareing Shires, Blackfoot, ID

Registered Mare Cart

1st Jenson's Diplomat Destiny / Megan Denny

2nd RM's MT Autumn / Shelly Lewis

3rd Shire Valley's Annabella / Charity Greenlee

4th RM's Holly goes Lightly / Melissa Alexander

Men's Cart

1st Jenson's Diplomat Reba / Raymond Helmuth /
Jenson Shires

2nd Nick / Wayne Wareing / Wareing Shires,
Blackfoot, ID

3rd Cody / Joe Biren / Dakota Thunder Shires,
Sioux Falls, SD

4th Shire Valley's Annabella / Tom Greenlee /
Greenlee Farms LLC, Pine Grove, PA

Draft Horse Under Saddle – Western (4)

2nd Loud Bridge Louis / Megan Denny /
Jenson Shires LLC

3rd Eziekiel / Henry Stiller / Light Horse Livery,
Elkhorn, WI

Draft Horse Under Saddle – English (2)

1st Loud Bridge Louis / Megan Denny /
Jenson Shires LLC

Registered Shire Team

1st Jim & Hank Joe Biren / Dakota Thunder Shires,
Sioux Falls, SD

2nd Landcliffe Master & Pace Farm Mitt /
Wayne Wareing / Wareing Shires, Blackfoot, ID

3rd XS Heart Black Pearl & Northeast Aristocrat's Abigail /
Charity Greenlee / Greenlee Farms LLC,
Pine Grove, PA

Grade Team

1st Rob & Pat / Wareing Shires / Wayne Wareing

2nd Bud & Max / Dakota Thunder Shires / Joe Biren

Unicorn

1st Dakota Thunder Shires / Joe Biren

2nd Wareing Shires / Wayne Wareing

3rd Jenson Shires LLC / Raymond Helmuth

4th Greenlee Farms / Tom Greenlee

4 Horse Hitch

1st Dakota Thunder Shires / Joe Biren

2nd Wareing Shires / Wayne Wareing

3rd Jenson Shires LLC / Raymond Helmuth

4th Greenlee Farms / Tom Greenlee

Shire Open Six-Horse Hitch

1st Dakota Thunder Shires / Joe Biren

2nd Wareing Shires / Wayne Wareing

3rd Jenson Shires LLC / Raymond Helmuth

4th Greenlee Farms / Tom Greenlee

Supreme 6-Horse – All Breeds (9)

3rd Dakota Thunder Shires / Joe Biren

4th Wareing Shires / Wayne Wareing

7th Jenson Shires LLC / Raymond Helmuth

8th Greenlee Farms / Tom Greenlee



THANK YOU LISA

Your determination and organization skills have led the way to a successful 5-Star National show at the Iowa State Fair. We appreciate how you placed the Shire front and center! With a record setting attendance year!



The Livestock Conservancy

By Missy Wade

What is The Livestock Conservancy and Why Should I Become a Member?

The Organizational Statement of the Livestock Conservancy; protects genetic diversity in livestock and poultry species through the conservation and promotion of endangered breeds. These rare breeds are part of our national heritage and represent a unique piece of the earth's biodiversity. The loss of these breeds would impoverish agriculture and diminish the human spirit. We have inherited a rich variety of livestock breeds. For the sake of future generations, we must work together to safeguard these treasures. While most people today no longer consider horses a part of livestock, they were indeed a big part of agriculture until roughly 1945, when the tractor over took real horsepower. During this time and beyond the steady decline of horse breeds and other livestock became evident and on March 17, 1977, a handful of concerned citizens gathered at the Vermont Department of Agriculture to sign incorporate papers for the American Minor Breeds Conservancy. In 1993, the American Minor Breeds Conservancy changed its name to the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy and in 2013 the name was shortened to The Livestock Conservancy. Over the years, the Conservancy may have had several name changes, but the one thing that never changed was the goal to protect and preserve our heritage breeds. The Livestock Conservancy does research, education, outreach, marketing and promotion, and genetic rescues to help ensure the future of rare breed agriculture.

They have a central office in Hillsboro, North Carolina, where the staff help to develop projects, produce marketing materials, connect breeders, facilitate research, and more. The staff members also travel around the country to conduct workshops, spread the word about heritage breeds, and assist with research and fieldwork. The Livestock Conservancy has a Conservation Priority List (CPL) that each breed must conform to certain genetic and numerical parameters to be considered. They have a five category list that they track the different breeds; Study, Recovering, Watch, Threatened, and Critical. Critical criteria consists of fewer than 200 annual registrations in the United States and estimated global population less than 2,000. The Livestock Conservancy conducted their first Shire census in 1985, and listed the Shire in their old category similar to their Critical category list today. The next few years, because the Shire population had increased, it was moved out of critical, then in 2008, the Shire was moved onto the Watch List, and 2009 back to the Critical List, where it still remains. They will review the Shire census in 2019 and decide if it should stay on the Critical or if it can be moved up a level to Threatened.

How can The Livestock Conservancy benefit our Shire breed? First they are a nonpartisan, non-profit organization that reports the facts of each breed given to them. They keep a running census of each of the heritage breeds year after year. They have many on-going projects, but the Master Breeders Program is one that I feel can really benefit our breed. This program is based on the fundamental premise that the existence and continuity of "old-time" (Master) breeders' knowledge is critical to conservation. Master Breeders are historians who help bridge production knowledge from this generation to the next. They are a critical resource for conservation. This project includes in-the-field interviews with recognized Master Breeders, documentation and teaching of their methods, and publication of the findings. This can be a huge conservation tool for the preservation of the Shire. But in order to have a Shire Master Breeders Program, the Association, Shire breeders and owners

must be willing to join The Livestock Conservancy and support their efforts.

The Livestock Conservancy offers several types of



memberships and benefits. One of the main benefits as a breeder is being listed in the breeder's directory, both online and in print. Once joining, you will receive a nice printed directory of all breeders and products from across the country. You can also get online and create a profile and be eligible to place

free classified ads and also be added to the online interactive map, where you can search for an individual animal breeder and/or product. You also receive a full color quarterly newsletter, plus other benefits depending on the type of membership chosen. One of the biggest benefits as a member is receiving a discounted rate to attend the annual National Heritage Livestock Conference. This year the conference is being held in historic Williamsburg, VA, November 9-12. This conference is packed full of various clinics conducted by speakers from all over the country, with options of full day or ½ day clinics. One Friday afternoon clinic is 'Social Media Marketing Options for Your Breeds', given by ASHA Life Member Dayla Kohler. Dayla is the Editor-in-Chief for the successful Foothills Times Magazine, and the owner of Kohler Farms-A Shire Horse Breeder, Dayla has diligently kept up with the changes in Facebook's Algorithms. She has an extensive understanding of their Pixel Recognition Software, Hashtags, and the top 5 online marketing options. On Saturday evening, she will also be speaking on Preserving the Shire Horse in America. Dayla purchased her first Shire in 2001, and became involved with the conservancy back in 2013 when she moved to North Carolina, and has since been a speaker at every annual conference. Because of her affiliation with the Livestock Conservancy, every year Dayla gets invited to the MOTHER EARTH NEWS FAIR in Asheville, NC. Dayla says that the Shire exposure is amazing at these events. If you would like to learn more about the Livestock Conservancy, become a member, or even donate to them, visit their website, <https://livestockconservancy.org/>. There are many people quietly promoting our beloved Shire horse at various events across our country, and a non-profit organization that is willing and dedicated to continue this preservation. We as individuals, breeders, and ASHA need to join together and support the efforts of the Livestock Conservancy, for the greater future of the Shire.

2017 MAINE ASHA REGIONAL SHIRE SHOW RESULTS, SKOWHEGAN, ME

August 18, 2017

Judge: Kelvin Egan, Braeside, Ontario

8 Exhibitors / 7 States

4 Horses Shown ↻ 2 Farms Represented

Yeld Mare

1st Illusion Farms Jersey Girl / Little Brook Shires, Arundel, ME

2nd Illusion Farms Spring Song / Little Brook Shires

3 Year Old Mare

1st RM's M T Lexi / Caldwell Farms Shires, Turner, ME

Senior Champion Mare

RM's M T Lexi

Reserve Senior Champion Mare

Illusion Farms Jersey Girl

Yearling Mare Junior Champion

Illusion Farms Rustic Liberty / Caldwell Farms Shires, Turner, ME

Grand Champion Mare

Illusion Farms Rustic Liberty

Reserve Grand Champion Mare

RM's M T Lexi

Supreme Champion All Breeds

Illusion Farms Rustic Liberty



2017 NEBRASKA STATE FAIR DRAFT SHOW RESULTS, GRAND ISLAND, NE

August 24 - 27, 2017

Judge: Brad Schreiber, Plainview, MN

4 Exhibitors / 2 States

4 Horses Shown ↻ 2 Farms Represented

Draft Horse Cart Mare (8)

4th RM's MT Autumn / Jeff Gower / Soaring Eagle Farm, Springfield, MO

5th Jensen Shire Hitch / Megan Denny / Jensen Shires, Blair, NE

Draft Horse Classic Cart (10)

10th Jensen Shire Hitch / Megan Denny / Jensen Shires, Blair, NE

Draft Horse Team on a Hitch Wagon Mares (5)

5th Jensen Shire Hitch / Megan Denny / Jensen Shires

Draft Horse Unicorn — Mares (5)

4th Jensen Shire Hitch / Raymond Helmuth / Jensen Shires

Draft Horse 4 Horse Hitch — Mares (5)

3rd Jensen Shire Hitch / Raymond Helmuth / Jensen Shires

Classic Series Draft 6 Horse Hitch — Division 1 (6)

4th Jensen Shire Hitch / Raymond Helmuth / Jensen Shires

Classic Series Draft 6 Horse Hitch Finals (11)

10th Jensen Shire Hitch / Raymond Helmuth / Jensen Shires

Clydesdale/Shire Halter Stallions 2 Years Old (1)

1st Crossington's Tobias / Jeff Gower / Soaring Eagle Farm, Springfield, MO

Clydesdale/Shire Halter Stallions Yearlings (1)

1st Westwind Grand Emily Colt / Jeff Gower / Soaring Eagle Farm, Springfield, MO

Clydesdale/Shire Halter Stallion Junior Champion

Crossington's Tobias

Clydesdale/Shire Halter Stallion Reserve Junior Champion

Westwind Grand Emily Colt

Clydesdale/Shire Halter Stallion Grand Champion

Crossington's Tobias

Clydesdale/Shire Halter Stallion Reserve Grand Champion

Westwind Grand Emily Colt

Clydesdale/Shire Halter Mares 4 years & over (4)

1st RM's MT Autumn / Jeff Gower / Soaring Eagle Farm

3rd Jensen Diplomat Destiny / Dean Jensen / Jensen Shires, Blair, NE

Clydesdale/Shire Halter Mare Senior Champion

Westwind Grand Emily

Clydesdale/Shire Halter Mare Reserve Grand Champion

Westwind Grand Emily

Clydesdale/Shire Halter Mares

Nebraska Bred & Owned

Jensen Diplomat Destiny / Dean Jensen / Jensen Shires

Clydesdale/Shire Halter Produce of Dam

1st Jensen Diplomat Destiny / Dean Jensen / Jensen Shires

Clydesdale/Shire Halter Get of Sire

1st Jensen Diplomat Destiny / Dean Jensen / Jensen Shires

Clydesdale/Shire Halter Stallion & 3 Mares

1st Jensen Diplomat Destiny / Dean Jensen / Jensen Shires

Clydesdale/Shire Halter Best 3 Mares

1st Westwind Grand Emily / Jeff Gower / Soaring Eagle Farm

2nd Jensen Diplomat Destiny / Dean Jensen / Jensen Shires

Draft Horse Riding — English Attire (3)

1st Jensen Shire Hitch / Megan Denny / Jensen Shires

Draft Horse Riding — Western Attire (6)

1st Jensen Shire Hitch / Megan Denny / Jensen Shires

2017 Horse Progress Days

By Karla Stoner



This event is held each year with a mission to show that draft animal power is possible, practical and profitable by promoting the combination of animal power and the latest equipment innovations in an effort to support sustainable small scale farming and land stewardship. This year had very good crowds and good weather except for a strong thunderstorm that came through the area on Saturday afternoon, closing the show early and canceling the final breed demonstration. The event draws an international crowd and official attendance data is conservatively estimated at 28,000.



Booth cost was \$300, with half of that cost shared by the American Shire Horse Educational Foundation (ASHEF). There was also a \$112.50 payment to ASHA and ASHEF for one-half the booth spaced that was used by the PA Draft Horse and Mule Association.



Information on the breed, ASHA, the Youth Program and ASHEF were available throughout the show and many items were picked up. One membership application was also taken. The electronic photo album and an ASHA national show video were run continuously and drew a lot of attendees to the booth. As usual a number of questions were answered about Shires, including several about availability of Shires for sale. International visitors to the booth included people from Africa, England, Germany, Ireland, Scotland and Sweden.



ASHA Merchandise was offered for sale, with \$207.75 income over the two days. Additionally, many thanks to Vicky and Gene McCaffrey for donating a large number of 'vintage' Shireland t-shirts (Fox Valley Farm/Tom Smrt) to ASHEF for a fund raiser. The shirts were purchased at the spring Martin's Auction in PA and are being sold at \$5 each for adult sizes and \$3 each for youth sizes. HPD sales raised \$58.00 for ASHEF. Additional shirts will be offered to the membership and at future events.



Tom and Charity Greenlee brought six of their Shires to the event for breed demos and field work both days of the event. Former member and PA resident, Elam Fisher, Jr. also had two Shires at the event for people hauling and those horses did a great job both days. The barns were open to the public and several people who stopped by the booth inquiring about Shires were referred there. Joe Mishka of Rural Heritage generously offered to video the Shire field work in high definition and has sent the footage to Karla for the promotional video.



The 2018 Annual Horse Progress Days will be held on June 29th and 30th in Clare, MI, which is north of Lansing and west of Bay City, MI. Jan Baumgras, Dan Hubbell and Butch Ruppert have been notified about this up coming event and will be making plans. Mid-West members should plan to attend this unique event. For more information, visit the Horse Progress Days website later this year: www.horseprogressdays.com.



A Message From Your **VICE PRESIDENT**

As we draw closer to our next annual meeting I would like to remind all members that the annual meeting is so much more than just a meeting ASHA holds once a year. It is an opportunity for all members to come together to meet and greet each other, share ideas and speak with their elected officers. As the VP and membership committee chair, I would like to personally invite everyone to this year's meeting. I am very much looking forward to seeing old faces and meeting new faces too.

We will be setting our quarterly teleconference meetings as well so everyone will be able to mark their calendars for the teleconference calls. I would like to remind everyone that they are open for all members to call and listen in. This is a great feature to be able to listen in on current events and discussions. With that being said, remember there is a lot of emails and phone conversations leading up to each teleconference facilitating the information on the agenda can be covered in a timely manner. You probably will not hear the full story or you may not understand what is going on in its

entirety. Please remember it is to listen in only and if you have any questions please contact the appropriate official or chairperson after the meeting.

The Rules committee will be working on organizing data on the possibility of opening our stud book for genetic expansion (grading up). This topic is being approached with great caution and detail. There has not been any decisions made on this topic and we are still in the information gathering stage. I am sure everyone has read the articles in the past newsletters on this topic and has opinions on them as well. I can assure you that there is and will be a lot of careful deliberation to do what is best for the Shire horse. Please provide any thoughts about genetic expansion to the Rules committee chair at greenleefarmsllc@gmail.com by December 1st, 2017 in order to be included in the discussion development prior to the 2018 Annual Meeting.

ASHA Annual Meeting

By Jim Paulson

ASHA annual meeting will be February 9-11, 2018 The committee for the ASHA annual meeting cordially invites all ASHA members and Shire enthusiasts to attend our annual meeting to be held this coming February in Tampa Florida. We all held our breath as hurricane Irma rolled through but we are confident that there will be no lasting effects. Our base hotel will be close to the Tampa/St. Petersburg airport. Here we will conduct our member meetings as well as our board meetings. This will also be a great place to renew friendships and make new ones. Our Education Day is going to be on Saturday this year and we are planning on going to visit farms in the Ocala, FL area, have demonstrations, discussions and learning opportunities.

One of the topics will be, what is an ideal Shire horse? Is it the same for all purposes? What makes a good pedigree? What are considerations for stud selection? Another topic that is under discussion and the ASHA Board seeks input from as many people as possible is the idea of genetic expansion in the Shire breed. One method under consideration is the use of Shire stallions on registered Clydesdale mares. What are the ramifications of this? If allowed, what would be the restrictions? The member meeting would be an excellent forum for this discussion.

Hopefully the weather will be wonderful and you will have a wonderful winter break in Florida! Plan to join us and add days to your stay! Watch our Facebook page for the latest updates and start checking your flights now!

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Youth Achievement Program: Nicholas & Maverick

By Dayla Kay Kohler

Some boys are good at football & some are good at baseball,
but to be good at handling an 18.1 hand, 1 ton Shire, is a skill that not many boys have the guts for.



In November of 2015, Jenni Tevlin and her family purchased Jenson Diplomat Maverick (born 6/16/11). When her son, Nicholas Streltsov first met Maverick, he thought Mav was “very imposing” and the most massive horse he had ever seen up close. It took Nicholas a while to get accustomed to Maverick’s “towering figure” in the stall, just grazing in the paddock, and it definitely took time to get used to his size while on Mav’s back. Nicholas said, “It was like being on top of a moving sky scraper!”

Once Nicholas realized their “giant horse was really just a giant bay teddy bear,” his confidence with Mav grew quickly. His short term goal was to adjust to Mav’s slower reaction time in the saddle. When Nicholas would pull on the reins and sit for the halt, it would take Mav a few more steps to stop than Nicholas was used to when riding hot-blooded horses that stopped on a dime.

Nicholas had some long term goals with Maverick but he ramped up those goals when he officially became part of the ASHA Youth Achievement Program in July, 2017. Since Maverick is boarded at a barn that is on his way home from school, and just a 10 minute walk away from his house, Nicholas is seeing his hours with Maverick add up quickly. Together they are working on being more compatible both on the ground and in the saddle. Nicholas wants to be a better rider for Maverick so they can enjoy their long trail rides; he really wants to “click” with Maverick no matter what they are doing.

Lastly, and most important, Nicholas is working on giving Maverick a better hug. Because Mav is so tall and his neck is so thick, Nicholas wants to properly thank his tall friend so he is growing up as fast as he can so he can wrap his arms around the big Shire that makes him feel “like he is King of the World!”

We are all looking forward to the many adventures Maverick & Nicholas have ahead of them and the surprises they will receive from being a part of the ASHA Youth Achievement Program!

All-North-American Shire

By Travis Howell

The All-North American Committee would like to remind all shire horse exhibitors that have entries that have or will qualify at an All-North-American qualifying show that the entry deadline is November 15th for the 2017 contest. Please mark your calendars and let's make this the highest turnout of the programs history.

The 2017 Nomination form can be found at <http://shirehorse.org/all-north-american-contest/> or in this newsletter.

NEED ASSISTANCE? OFFICE HOURS

Make sure your service is uninterrupted. Please be sure to inform the ASHA office of any changes.

Do we have your email address? If we do, you have been receiving occasional copies of ASHA’s e-news.

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9 AM TO 3 PM EASTERN TIME

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY

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

Breed Promotional Events

By Karla Stoner • ASHA Show Committee Eastern Representative

~ 2017 COMPLETED EVENTS ~

Equine Affaire / State Fairgrounds – Columbus, OH – April 6-9. ASHA/ASHEF and Shires returned to this event with an information/merchandise booth and Shire breed demos. Attendance was about 89,500, with most of them coming through the breed barn. Several membership applications were picked up along with lots of brochures. Thanks to Todd and Emily Riedel for bringing Shires!

Mid-West Horse Fair, Alliant Energy Center / Madison, WI – April 19-20. Members Michelle and Scott McKinster and Judith Watland took Shires to this event this year and promoted ASHA & ASHEF.

Draft Horse Youth-Novice Expo / Franklin, PA – May 25-28. Clinic for two days included seminars and hands on experience with drafts, followed by two day open show. Tom and Charity Greenlee (PA) partnered with Ryan Mullen, a Clydesdale breeder in WV, to help put on this event.

YMCA Trout Lodge & Camp Lakewood Triangle Y Ranch / Potosi, MO – At the request of the director of this camp, information on Shires and the youth program was sent out for ~200 youth campers who arrived in early June.

Shire Demo for Home School Student Group / Springfield, MO – June 19. Member Burt Stanley and his granddaughter took 2 Shires to a gathering of home school students to talk about draft horses and especially Shires.

24th Annual Horse Progress Days / Leola, PA – June 30 & July 1. This event showcases draft animal power as possible, practical and profitable. As usual, a very unique and informative experience with lots of horses and good food. Shires were well represented by Tom & Charity Greenlee and Elam Fisher, Jr. Karla Stoner managed the ASHA/ASHEF booth.

National Shire Show / Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, IA – August 13-15. Along with a lot of great Shires, ASHA/ASHEF had an information booth at the show. Videos and the electronic photo album drew a lot of attention. Over 60 Shire brochures and numerous flyers for ASHA and ASHEF flyers were picked up.

~ 2017 UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Keystone International Livestock Exposition / Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA – Oct. 5-7. In addition to the Shire Show, there will be an ASHA/ASHEF information booth at this event. Karla Stoner: bloomforge@peoplepc.com.

Black Hills Horse Expo. / Rapid City, SD – October 21-22. Member Kim Julius will be promoting Shires at this event with her horses and information on ASHA and ASHEF.

Equine Affaire / Eastern States Exposition Grounds, W. Springfield, MA – Nov. 10-13. ASHA/ASHEF information / merchandise booth, breed stall and breed demos. Contact: Vicky McCaffrey at oxkill@capital.net (horses) or Karla Stoner at bloomforge@peoplepc.com (booth).

Note: 2017 has been a record year for requests for Shire information, especially from new sources or events in new areas of the country. A few of these have resulted in new ASHA members.

ASHA sincerely thanks everyone who is making the time and effort to promote the breed by taking Shires to these events. The public exposure for the breed is invaluable.

If you have an upcoming promotional event with Shires or recently participated in an event, we would like to publicize it in the newsletter. Please send us information for any upcoming event or a short report and pictures for a recently completed event. Contact Jan Baumgras (secretary@shirehorse.org) or Karla Stoner (bloomforge@peoplepc.com).

Show Schedule

Mark Your Calendars

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

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Visit shirehorse.org for updates

**FULL LIST OF 2018 SHOWS WILL BE IN THE
WINTER & SPRING BULLETINS**

OHIO REGIONAL SHOW OHIO STATE FAIR

August 2 - 4, 2017

An update will be featured in the Winter newsletter. Thank you Todd, for running a successful show. ASHA appreciates your hard work!

Shire History

By Clark Jensen

We are looking to start collecting and compiling the history of the Shire in America and history of our own association. If you have information or a story that you could share on a breeder or owner of a Shire, please send them to me. We are wanting to try to go back to the beginning of when the association was formed, so any articles or information from that time period would be great. Also of interest, the time period of the 1920's and 1930's. I know there are a lot of Shire people out there with information that could really make a difference when telling the history of our beloved Shire.

Please send it in, or point me in the right direction, and let's watch the stories unfold. Thank you, Missy 540-330-5481 or drafts@RoyalKnightShires.com.

COLORADO REGIONAL SHOW COLORADO STATE FAIR

August 31 - September 1, 2017

Since this show was taking place at the time of the Fall newsletter, the coordinators are planning an update us all in the Winter newsletter. THANK YOU to Victoria Hauser and Kim Murchison for your continued support of the Shire. Best of luck with your show!

Judge Committee

By Wayne Wareing

Our committee is working to update the list of recommended judges for the National and regional shows.

If you would like to make a suggestion, please feel free to contact Committee Chairman, Wayne Wareing, at: duahechi@aol.com or call (208) 521-7375



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The Foundation Starts Here

Prebiotics & Probiotics for Horses

By Dr. Tania Cubitt & Dr. Stephen Duren • Performance Horse Nutrition

Horses have a unique digestive system. The front portion of the digestive system, the stomach and small intestine, utilizes enzyme digestion to break down food material. The bag portion of the digestive system, the cecum and colon, have a microbial population (bacteria, yeast, fungi) that ferment and breakdown fiber. Without micro-organisms in the hindgut, horses would not be able to digest and utilize plant material such as hay and pasture. These microbes in the hindgut break down and ferment fiber, producing volatile fatty acids that serve as a significant energy source. During this fermentation of plant fiber microbes also synthesize B vitamins and other nutrients essential to the health and wellbeing of the horse. In order to efficiently digest fiber, the microbial population of the hindgut must be healthy and their numbers at appropriate levels. There are additives that can be added to feed or used as supplements that may assist in keeping the microbes in the hindgut healthy and primed for proper digestion.

Probiotics – The term “Probiotic” is opposite to “Antibiotic”. An antibiotic is a product that will actually kill or destroy certain bacteria. A probiotic is an organism thought to be beneficial to the host organism. According to the currently adopted definition by the food and agricultural organization, probiotics are: “Live microorganisms which when administered in adequate amounts confer a health benefit on the host”. In this case, the host can be either bacteria within the digestive tract or the horse. Bacteria such as *Lactobacillus acidophilus*, *Enterococcus* or *Streptococcus faecium* are the most common types of microbes used as probiotics in horses; but certain yeasts are also be used. dac® utilizes Yea-Sacc1026 which is a live yeast culture based on *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain 1026, a yeast strain specifically selected for its influence on animal performance. Another common term used for probiotics is direct fed microbials (DFM)

Many horse owners use supplements or commercial feeds containing some or all of these microorganisms with the purpose of keeping the hindgut microbial population stabilized. Any stress such as an abrupt change in feed, the stress of putting a horse in a trailer and taking him somewhere, a visit by the veterinarian or farrier, a strenuous showing or work schedule, can disrupt the gut. A high-grain, high-concentrate, low-fiber diet may also damage or destroy microbes in the hindgut. Small amounts of these important probiotics added to the diet on a daily basis may be beneficial, as there are a myriad of things that can stress horses. It's easy to change the gut microbes very quickly; the life cycle of some of the microbes is as short as 15 minutes. Thus it's a good idea to include them in the ration. It's an inexpensive insurance policy. Research on Yea Sacc1026 in horses has shown increased fiber digestion and phosphorus digestion in horses supplemented Yea Sacc1026. This led to further studies showing increased whither heights in foals from dams supplemented with Yea Sacc1026 throughout gestation.

Since these are living organisms, the question often comes up about shelf life of the products, and whether the microbes actually make it to the hindgut when fed— can they withstand the digestive

process through the first part of the digestive tract or withstand the temperatures involved in feed processing? dac® has carefully selected specific probiotics such as Yea Sacc1026 because of its ability to withstand feed processing temperatures. Its microencapsulated technology enables it to travel unharmed to the hindgut where it is most effective.

Prebiotics – Prebiotics are non-digestible food ingredients that stimulate the growth or activity of bacteria in the digestive system. Most (but not all) prebiotics are carbohydrates— long chains of sugar molecules bound together. Common examples of prebiotics include fructooligosaccharides (FOS), xylooligosaccharides (XOS), polydextrose, mannoooligosaccharides (MOS), and galactooligosaccharides (GOS).

MOS is a non-digestible sugar that has the same binding site on its surface as the small intestine. Many pathogens bind to the wall of the intestine and this is how they gain access to start their damage and the disease process. When you feed the horse prebiotics such as MOS the bad bacteria adhere to these sugars. Since these sugars (prebiotics) are non-digestible, the harmful pathogens are carried on through the digestive tract rather than causing disease.

dac® utilizes a MOS know as Bio-Mos® as it is particularly effective at binding pathogens. Bio-Mos® is derived from the cell wall of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* 1026. Bio-Mos® is the original natural solution to intestinal issues. It promotes good bacteria and builds natural defenses thereby maximizing animal performance and profitability.

Research has shown that Bio-Mos® can boost immunoglobulin's in colostrum by supplementing the dam with Bio-Mos® prior to foaling. Other research on Bio-Mos® has shown an increase in vaccination titers with certain vaccines

Use of Probiotics and Prebiotics – Horse owners who use their animals in strenuous careers often use these products in the horses' daily ration. This can help make a difference in keeping a high end performance horse functioning at their best.

Young and aged horses also benefit from probiotic and prebiotic use because their intestinal tracts usually are not functioning at peak efficiency. Foals lack a fully balanced level of bacteria in their systems and thus cannot completely and effectively digest food. Aged horses can have diminished intestinal function or other conditions that make it difficult for them to digest and absorb their food. dac® has recognized these weaknesses, and have included Yea Sacc1026 and Bio-Mos® in their supplements designed for young and aged horses.

Other scenarios where use for these products may be important is re-establishing proper gut function after the horse has been ill, off feed, or treated with oral antibiotics that killed some of the beneficial microbes in the hindgut. Medications that kill pathogenic bacteria

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Prebiotics & Probiotics for Horses *continued*

also kill good ones. If the gut has been compromised by stress, illness, antibiotic treatment or the horse not eating, it is critical to quickly re-establish these good microbial populations. In Europe where the use of antibiotics in animals is strictly controlled, BioMos® has been used successfully to eliminate bad bacteria and has replaced the use of antibiotics.

Therefore, the use of probiotics and prebiotics in horse feed is a valid, research based approach to keeping horses healthy. This is yet another way that supplement and feed manufacturers such as dac® Vitamins and Minerals can utilize technology to help keep your horse healthy.

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ASHA Family

By Jan Baumgras

Drought, fires, tornadoes, hurricanes, floods... natural disasters can happen to any of us, at any time. Often we are too proud to ask for help. People fear they will be rejected or told "no," it is embarrassing, or think it is a sign of failure. This year seems to be an especially active year and many members have been adversely affected.

The American Shire Horse Association would like fellow members to know that we are a tightly-knit family of Shire owners. Any time we know of a member in need, we have the ability to send out an S.O.S. through social media and other means to assist you to get connected to the help you are seeking. Shire membership is coast-to-coast and we have someone near you who may be able to assist you with whatever it is you need for your Shire.

If you find yourself in crisis due to a natural disaster, let us know of your situation. Please contact the ASHA office 1-800-302-6643 or email secretary@shirehorse.org. We will try to connect you with a member in your area who may be able to help!



Photos share by Texas ASHA members, Katie Urbanek & Linda Young.

Youth Achievement Program

The American Shire Horse Association Youth Achievement Program was developed by Sara Roberts in 1999. The purpose of the program is to recognize young people for spending time working and playing with Shires or Shire Sport Horses. Participants earn points for competitive events, non-competitive events, and just spending time with the horses. The points provide a little extra incentive to dedicate time and attention to the Shire breed and will earn you certificates and ASHA merchandise.

~ Registration Requirements ~

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Points are awarded as follows:

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Non-Competitive Events	7 points for participating	
Exercising/Caring for Horses	1 point per hour (<i>the hour doesn't have to be all at one time</i>)	

A certificate will be awarded at the 50, 250, 500, 750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 2000, 2500, and 3000 points level along with ASHA merchandise, according to availability, with a graduation plaque at the completion of 3000 points.

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2017 ALL-NORTH AMERICAN NOMINATION FORM

All entries must be submitted on this form. One form must be completed for each horse. For additional entries, you can make copies. Sign, date and submit the completed form, along with a copy of the horse's registration papers and an un-altered, good-quality, uncropped photograph of the animal taken during the current year to the address listed at the bottom of this page. E-mail submission is strongly encouraged (NOTE: if a reply is not sent, consider entry not received!) The photo must be of a standing pose (no action shots, no horses in harness, no photographer's proofs, or Polaroids) and should be clearly identified. Entry deadline is November 15. No exceptions. Late entries, incomplete entries, entries without photos or copies of registration papers will be considered incomplete and disqualified.

Be certain that your placing was in one of the qualifying classes at one of the qualifying shows (listing on previous page) and list ALL qualified placings. Jr., Reserve Jr., Sr., Reserve Sr., Grand & Reserve Grand Championships are not considered qualifying placings, but should also be included. All entries must be registered and DNA tested, including foals and geldings. Placings in futurity classes, bred & owned by exhibitor, etc. do not apply to this contest and should not be included.

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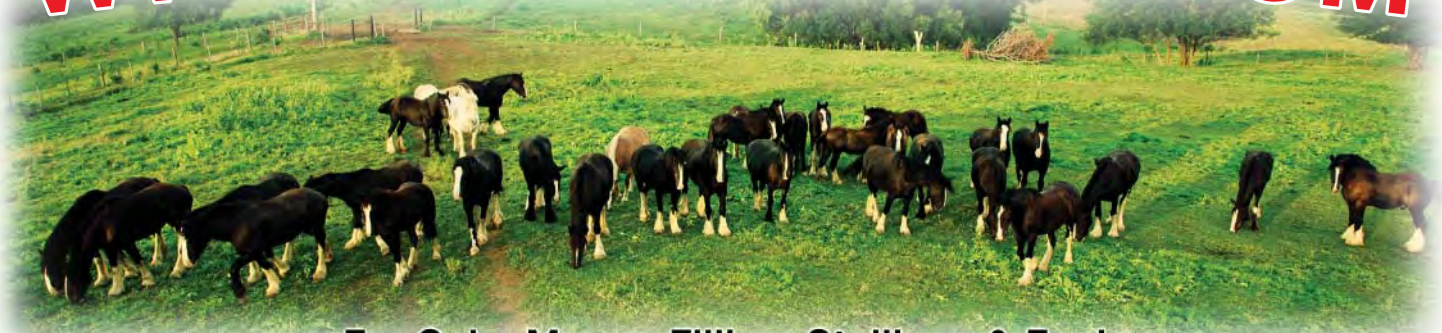
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