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2012- another successful year!



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AMHA SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR 2013 CONVENTION

It's not too early to start thinking about next February and AMHA's annual Awards Banquet! If you know an influential Morgan icon whose contributions to the breed should be recognized, please consider nominating him or her for a special AMHA honor. A list of past recipients and details of each award can be found at www.morganhorse.com/membership/honors

REVISED WESTERN DRESSAGE RULES

The Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA) rules incorporate elements of both Western and Dressage disciplines. The revision of the rules was a collaborative effort on the part of member feedback, evaluation of respected horse people, and equine organizations, and edited by a team of our Advisory Board members championed by Anita Owen, FEI Olympic Dressage judge.

The resulting rules are designed for use by judges and show managers, but also for riders of all experience levels. These rules are an educational tool with highlights that include detailed gait descriptions, movements, and goals and objectives, all of which will help design a progressive learning and training program regardless of intent to show or ride in any other discipline. Go to <http://westerndressageassociation.org/western-dressage-rules-tests/> to see the new WDAA Rules!

U.S. FINISHES SIXTH AT THE FEI WORLD SINGLES DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP

On Sunday, September 16, all three U.S. drivers completed the cones phase of the FEI World Driving Championships for Singles, securing a sixth place team finish. This strong finish demonstrated a marked improvement for the U.S. Driving Team after having placed 11th at the 2010 World Championships. Leading the U.S. individually was Sterling Graburn, who completed his second World Championship in 22nd place.

WANT TO SERVE AS A FMHA OFFICER?

The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to put together a slate for the FMHA Annual election. Anyone interested in serving in any office or committee should contact Rick Davis.

The Annual Meeting is planned for January 19, 2013 in Ocala

FMHA SUMMER'S END SHOW

Thanks to the efforts of show chairs Glenn Winograd and Tami Johnson and our generous volunteers and sponsors, we had another successful Summer's End show in September. The casual atmosphere was perfect for a last prep for the Nationals or ring experience for youngsters. The Progressive Party and Barbeque Dinner always add to the fun for exhibitors. Congratulations to all the winners.

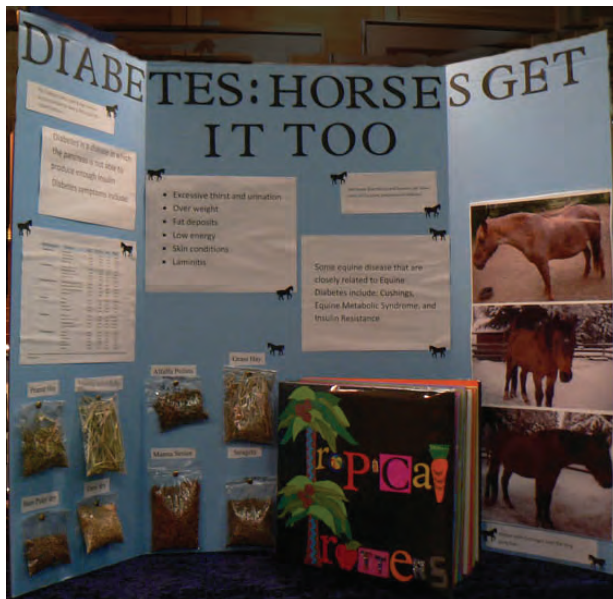
TEN WAYS TO BECOMING A BETTER EQUESTRIAN

- #10. Drop a heavy steel object on your foot. Don't pick it up right away. Shout, "Get Off, Stupid! GET OFF !
- #9. Leap out of a moving vehicle and practice "relaxing into the fall." Roll lithely into a ball and spring to your feet.
- #8. Learn to grab your checkbook and write out a \$200 check without even looking down.
- #7. Jog long distances carrying a halter and a carrot. Go ahead and tell the neighbors what you are doing - they might as well know now.
- #6. Affix a pair of reins to a moving freight train and practice pulling to a halt, smile as if you are having fun.
- #5. Hone your fibbing skills: "See, moving hay bales is FUN!" and, "No, really, I'm glad YOUR LUCKY performance and multimillion dollar horse won the class. I am just thankful that MY HARD WORK and actual ability won me second place."
- #4. Practice dialing your chiropractor's number with both arms paralyzed to the shoulder and one foot anchoring the lead rope of a frisky horse.
- #3. Borrow the US Army's slogan: Be All That You Can Be -- bitten, thrown, kicked, slimed, trampled, frozen...
- #2. Lie face down in a puddle of mud in your most expensive riding clothes and repeat to yourself, "This is a learning experience, this is a learning experience,....."
- #1. THE NUMBER ONE EXERCISE TO BECOME A BETTER EQUESTRIAN:
Remember, its never the horse's fault...



FLORIDA MORGAN FOLKS AT THE BIG SHOW IN OKLAHOMA

Whether there to compete or spectate, FMHA members were out in force at the Grand National. In spite of the usual Oklahoma fall weather - wind, rain, and temps from the 30's to the 80's, it was a great show. Aside from those showing in the rings, Casey Stein competed in the Youth of the Year contest. The Tropical Trotters were awarded 2nd place in the youth club contest



Tropical Trotters display and scrapbook