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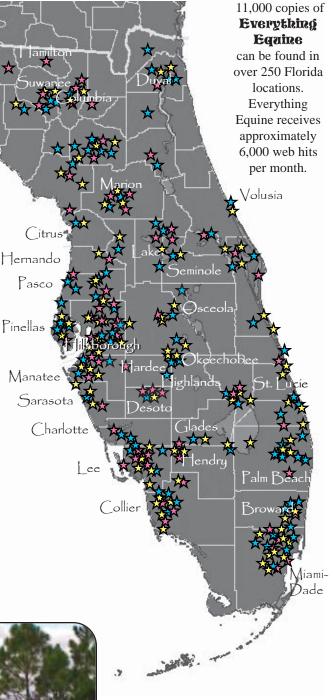
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Picayune Strand State Forest & Triple V Farm Benefit For:

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(Therapeutic Horseback Riding For Children & Adults With Disabilities)

Date: January 16, 2010 **Time**: 10am to 3pm

Event will be held at **Triple V Ranch** (Owned by Dr. Virginia Condello) **2960 Newman Dr, Naples, FL 34114**

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(Top 3 Hands Win!) 1^{st} Place = \$150.00 2^{nd} Place = \$100.00 3^{rd} Place = \$50.00 Raffle Tickets (2 types of raffles): \$1.00 raffle or \$5.00 raffle (price per ticket) Please See Our Website for a Complete List of Raffle Prizes 50/50 Raffle Tickets for \$1.00 each (Winners need not be present)

Raffle Tickets

Entry Fee: \$35.00 (Enter by Jan 4th and receive \$5.00 in raffle tickets)

Entry fee includes a t-shirt and lunch (lunch from 11:30 to 1:30)

You may enter at the event or by visiting our website and registering online. On the web: <u>www.naplesequestrianchallenge.org</u>.

You may come anytime, but all trails must be completed by 3 pm

Riders must present current Coggins at event

Trail Info: HIKERS = Approx 3 miles & HORSES = Approx 8 miles

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Odd Things that Horses Eat

Sarah L. Ralston, VMD, Ph.D., dACVN, Department of Animal Science, Cook College, Rutgers University Fact Sheet #062 - Reviewed 2004

Horses are adapted to a diet based primarily of forages. Their digestive systems are geared toward the digestion of high roughage feeds that change slowly (for example, sudden access to a bag of grain or lush pasture after they have eaten only dry hay for the previous 5 months is likely to result in colic). However, with domestication, confinement, and modern technology, we are often confronted with horses that consume some really "odd" things with apparent relish. Feeding practices around the world differ and horses in other countries are commonly fed things that average American horse owners would never consider offering to their horses. For example, European horses are routinely fed silage, horses in Saudi Arabia munch happily on dried fava beans, and Irish horses are offered a weekly pint of ale or stout! With the above digestive constraints and variation in mind, what is presented here is by no means an exhaustive list of non-traditional things that might be consumed by horses. It is a list of things that horses have been reported to eat by veterinarians and horse owners around the world. Those that might adversely affect the horse's health, and therefore be avoided or at least limited, are so identified.

Oddities often consumed by horses on pasture

No problem, assuming fairly limited quantities and otherwise balanced ration:

Dandelion

Thistle (NOT Russian Knapweed or vellow star thistle–Centaurea spp) Sunflower seeds and plant Peanut plants Raspberry/blackberry bushes Wood/bark of most trees (NOT Prunus spp or black walnut or locust)

Potential problem if eaten in large quantities

Buttercup Morning alory Pokeweed St. Johnswort Gum-weed Astragulus and Oxytropis spp/ (vetches and locoweed) Avocado leaves Bracken fern Most bulb type flowers (tulip, iris, etc.) Wilted red maple leaves Acorns/new oak leaves

Avoid at all costs (Lethal or severe toxicity potential)

Lily of the Valley Larkspur Tomato or potato plants Rhubarb leaves and roots Poison hemlock Foxglove Leafy spurge Mustards Jimsonweed Alsike clover Blue flax Sorghum (Johnsongrass and Sudan grass) Oleander Privet Japanese Yew (all Taxus spp) Azalea Rhododendron Mountain Laurel Pits of peaches, cherries, or avocados Horsechestnut Russian Knapweed or yellow star thistle-Centaurea spp

Potential Treats

Perfectly acceptable treats (fed in limited quantities(<1-2 lbs/feeding) Carrots, apples, grapes Bananas Peas Green beans Lettuce Celerv Dried beans, such as pinto, red, fava (however should be cooked or heat treated) Watermelon rinds Squash Mangoes (not the seeds) Raisins Bread/bagels/cake (NOT if they

contain chocolate or poppy seeds) Pasta, macaroni Potato chips and potato products Rice products (not raw rice) Barley products Corn products Dairy products Eggs Fruit juices Hot dogs, hamburgers, tuna fish, ham or even roastbeef sandwiches! Most dog and cat foods

Beware large quantities, but probably acceptable in very small amounts (<2 to 4 ounces/day)

Cabbage, broccoli, kale, chard, collard greens, brussel sprouts Spinach Rhubarb stems (NOT the leaves or roots) Garlic and onions (large amounts may cause anemia) Turnips Radishes Avocado (NOT skins or seeds) Lathyrus spp. beans (India) Sunflower seeds Sugar candies such as jelly beans, gummy bears, peppermints. etc.

Safe in very limited quantities BUT WILL CAUSE POSITIVE DRUG TESTS

Morning glory plants Sassafras Willow leaves and bark Yucca Tobacco (consumed, not inhaled) Valerian root Carrots in very large quantities only (over 5 lbs day)! Persimmons (seeds also may cause impaction) Chocolate in any form Licorice Cinnamon products Nutmeg Hot pepper/chili flavored products (Nacho chips, etc) Non-decaffeinated coffee or tea in any form Caffeinated sodas Alcoholic beverages Some dog/cat foods (Beware "bakery waste" as an ingredient-may contain chocolate)

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Summary

There are obviously a wide range of things that our horses may enjoy consuming, not all of which are good for their health. Many horses would refuse to even sniff many of the items listed above. Knowing which potential treats are safe, at least in limited quantities, is important for horse owners. You never know what might be offered to your horse! For more information on signs and sources of toxicity the author recommends the following resources:

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Lewis, Lon. 1995. Feeding and Care of the Horse, 2d ed.

Williams and Wilkins, Philadelphia, PA. Excellent chapters on toxic plants and feed induced diseases.

Toxic Plants Website: Excellent site with many links to other resources: http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/plants/ plants.html.

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PONIES IN THE PADDOCKS

The objective of the game is to make more paddocks than your

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opponent. Take turns drawing a line between any two adjoining dots, horizontally or vertically. If there are three sides joined already, draw the fourth one to finish the paddock. Initial your pony and go again. The winner has the most ponies in their paddocks. OOKESLEGACOXGMV 2 Z MOTNLVBNHRPHTFQXQZGL D M C K B C V D Z M Z N P Z B D Z C R Q D εz E KAUF MADE E X DAG SN KE XOLREJJKLKTCMNDR NR RPOGOMKFNOHAM GARGAROTUWNCT/C/NAM N in GONZSNIW BAVYC B WALLAR A A AV TTENERBAC BOEZE ibi ie HARLENDERSIX ZOP REPSION 9/1/1 てもめののももものもあ DAAGESDEEE KND9:OGOBRIDGDGH 6/6/M/DGLEBARR R A Q A/2/0/W/D/D/D/W/D/W/D/W/V C.N ZOKTMOOWRGDK 151 N/S/C 8/V XE.T N.R.B. HZNNCSLOS W/E/R Ð 30 R D BH 2 HTRXRRXNBNDJMGV LMDSCHOICESUPP QK RLANDGENERA LBMLCHEFEEDC Enter To Win GIVE -A Sponsored by: Name For MD's Choice Address Equine Products, please see page 23. One winner per month, offering choice of: Phone Number Arthrosamine Arthrosamine Total Joint Alternate Number Total Joint Health for Health for dogs or humans Beefy Chewables Email Address 120 count 60 count \$39.99 value \$24.95 value Please indicate if you would like Arthrosamine for Congratulations to ___Dogs or ____Humans. Bobbi Poole of Okeechobee, FL. who won last month's drawing! Mail to: Must receive entry by the 20th Everything Equine of the month. One entry per Winner is chosen by luck of the draw. Odds of winning 460 6th St NE person per month. Winner is depend on how many entries received. Naples, FL 34120 chosen by luck of the draw.



Can you recommend any supplements for ponies?



I have a question regarding supplements for my daughter's nine-year-old medium pony. The pony has allergies to alfalfa and soy, she will also frequently tie-up. It has been very hard to find a diet and supplements that suit her. She lives on beet pulp and timothy hay. She does get electrolytes daily, and a joint supplement. I have read that horses with her health issues should be on a good multivitamin. Do you agree with that? Is she getting what she needs on this diet,

and if not, do you have any suggestions for supplements?



I usually don't recommend feeding a lot of supplements, especially if the horse/pony is on a good balanced diet. Ponies in general usually only require good quality hay balanced with a mineral supplement. If they are exercising regularly they may require a small amount of grain to provide additional energy. But with her soy allergy I would avoid doing that if at all possible. When you start mixing a lot of supplements you risk throwing your horse/pony's diet out of balance.

In terms of the tying-up I would make sure that the beet pulp you are feeding has no molasses in it. Horses that suffer from tying up need as few sugars in the diet as possible. If horses need extra energy it should be provided as fat instead of carbohydrates. In this situation I would also recommend a vitamin E supplement without selenium. This vitamin is found in very low levels in most grass hay and if she is not on grass at all it might be part of the tying up problem. You can feed up to about 2,500 IU/day for a pony. Horses can get about 5,000 IU/day. Read the supplement label to see how many IU are in an ounce or scoop. Make sure it is a pure E supplement and doesn't have loads of other products in it (especially selenium).

As for the electrolytes, they are only needed when she is sweating profusely, for example, after intense exercise or on a day with 100-degree temperatures. Daily supplementation of electrolytes is of no benefit and may throw off the natural electrolyte balance. The joint supplement could be helpful if she is suffering from a joint problem, however, not all horses will respond the same way. These supplements are not used as a preventative measure for future joint problems.

My final recommendation is this: back down on the electrolytes and check your joint supplement to see if it is necessary. If so, give only a pure supplement (only glucosamine, chondroitin sulfate, or MSM; it may have some magnesium or vitamin C) along with a multivitamin formulated for horses/ponies. Check the vitamin E content of this supplement as well. Most don't have more than 100 IU/scoop, so I would still recommend the straight E supplement. However, if all your supplements have additional or superfluous ingredients, you may be overdoing vitamins and minerals unnecessarily and I would not give the multivitamin.

Answer provided by Carey Williams, Ph.D., Rutgers Cooperative Extension. http://www.esc.rutgers.edu/ask_expert/ate_nuts.htm#s4p







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4. I will NOT bite my farrier's butt just to say "Hi."

5. I will NOT confuse my human's hair for really soft hay.

6. I will NOT blow my nose on my human

7. I will NOT try to mooch goodies from every human within a One-mile radius.

8. I will NOT lay totally flat in my stall with my eyes glazed of and my legs straight out and pretend I can't hear my human frantically screaming "Are you asleep?"

9. I will NOT chase the ponies into the electric fence to see if it is on.

10. I will promise NEVER to dump the wheelbarrow of manure over while my human is mucking my stall.

11. I will NOT grab my lead rope in my mouth and attempt to lead myself.

12. I will NOT pull my shoes off the day after being shod, just to prove that I can.

13. I am neither a beaver nor a carpenter. I promise I won't eat or orally remodel the barn or the new fences.

14. I am NOT a battle steed and will NOT act like one.

15. I will forgive my human for my very bad haircut, even though I look ridiculous.

16. I will accept that not every carrot (sugar lump or cookie) is for me.

17. I will NOT bite the butt of the horse in front of me during a trail ride just to say "Hi."

18. I will NOT jump in the air and turn 180 degrees every time I see a deer.

19. I will understand that deer are NOT carnivorous.

20. I will gladly come from the pasture when my human wants my company.

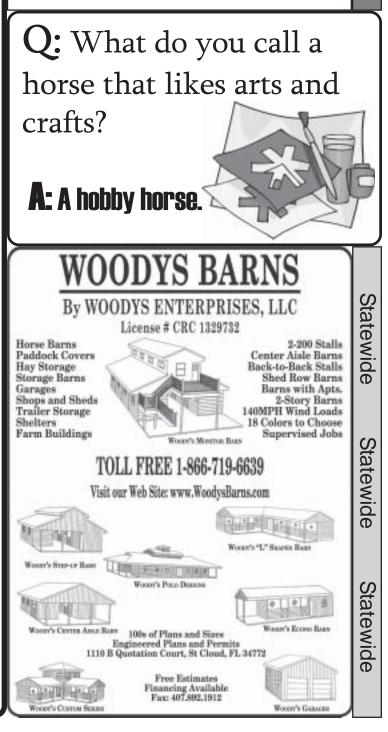
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Why does my horse walk on one track instead of two?



My horse puts one foot in front of the other so that when he is being ridden in soft dirt he leaves only one track. Why does he walk this way?

Many horses that "tight rope walk," or walk in one track, do so because of conformational abnormalities (angular deformities at their joints). Most of the time this will

not be a severe enough problem to cause lameness. Putting protective bell or splint boots on these horses while riding is recommended. This is because of their increased risk of interference with the movement of their legs. In severe conditions, extremely heavy work could cause lameness due to excessive, abnormally placed stress on their joints.

> Answer provided by Carey Williams, Ph.D., Equine Extension Specialist, Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

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A Christmas Story.....

by: Half Bast Connie

There was a festival a horse sanctuary had, in hopes to adopt one or two horse! The ponies and "unicorns" received an invitation, were requested to attend, of course! The white ponies were dropped off when after Hurricane Charley, people were trying to recover.... Plain white ponies at sanctuary but, at my place, they were "unicorns" we discover!!!

Animal Control came to the festival in anticipation of finding homes for some dogs and a cat! The cat slept curled up in a circle but they claimed, in a barn, he'd make short work of a rat! The rescue horses stood in paddocks made from gates Tractor Supply said they could use! Rumor among some claimed Santa was comin', but some were skeptical and thought it a ruse!

They all claimed he'd ride in on a white horse for his fifteen minutes of fame..... And children would stand wide-eyed, as from green saddlebags, he withdrew candy cane!

I was the first one to see him. It was high noon said the old tower clock! I was giddy and laughed like a child for Santa really did "rock"! So handsome in a red suit and snow white beard. In the saddle he sat tall! It became very still and quiet, not a sound in the bustle of the crowded mall!

The white horse wore a long turn-out blanket of red. Like a cloak it blew in the wind! There was tinsel of pure gold around the hooves and the cloak had white fur trim! The white horse's name was "Candy". Her former owners claimed she was useless and old! But with Santa on her back, she was beautiful and elegant, a sight to behold!

Then it came time for a "costume contest". Oddly enough Santa's number turned out to be 25! So ironic, as it's the day all presents in the world were predicted to arrive..... There was a cute white dog in red who did an assortment of tricks—stood up on two feet! And the crowd standing around all knew the dog would win, would be hard to beat!!!!

Then, prancing before the judges, was the "Unicorn, Snow" who stood up on back feet, waving hooves with sparkling glitter of gold!

He was an example that proved that there was a lot of magic in those rescue horses that former owners said were useless and old!

Now all of us know the judges had no choice but to say Santa was their number one pick! As he sat on Candy's back, nobody was prepared for the words that came from ole' St. Nick... "I think", he said, "Snow should be number one, as well, for all year he makes a difference in the life of a child!!"

Then Santa received a standing ovation. There was clapping and yelling as the crowd went wild!

All year long I see old men, round and fat and with whiskers of white.... We might accidentally put Santa in a home. No sled or reindeer to race through the night! Don't throw away people or horses just because they are an old sage..... Just think about it for awhile....We don't really know SANTA'S REAL AGE!

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Many thanks for all the submissions! The artwork is priceless.

Keep sending in your artwork! There will be another drawing in September. Remember, you may submit up to two drawings per month. The winner is chosen at random.

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You may submit up to two drawings per month. Each drawing increases your chance to win. Please print your name, age, phone number, and address on the back of each of your drawings and have your parent sign, giving permission to print your artwork.

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All drawings submitted will be printed in the upcoming months' issues.

Horse tales is an area where original, unpublished works by local writers and artists will be featured. If you have a short story, poem, work of art or anything that you've created and are interested in seeing in print, please submit to Everything Equine. Everything Equine provides this opportunity for children and adults alike to show their creative abilities and talents to the entire community. Please limit your submissions to horse related tales that coincide with an equestrian or farm

Five Rules to Follow to Avoid a Hoof Soaking Disaster

Although soaking can be an effective way of treating the hoof against disease, there can be serious consequences if done carelessly. Experts have collaborated to recommend five rules that can help you avoid a hoof soaking disaster.

Why Hoof Soaking can be Dangerous

Submerging the hoof in any liquid for an extended period of time can wash away the natural protective coating provided through transpiration. Over time soaking can weaken the entire hoof structure and leave healthy hoof tissue subject to damage. Since many commercial preparations and harsh household products may work well on hard surfaces by burning pathogens to death, they can also do serious harm to new hoof tissue. Keep in mind that a

healthy hoof will grow out an astonishing rate of 3/8" a month. Damaged cells will prevent this normal hoof growth.

Conservative Approach to Soaking

Hoof infections are difficult to treat because they are hard to reach. There are many nooks and crannies for pathogens to hide, and you cannot easily detect their presence behind the hoof wall. Another issue is that the infection may be a particularly aggressive form of fungus or anaerobic and aerobic bacteria, or any combination of them. How do you kill the broad spectrum of pathogens by soaking them without harming sensitive hoof tissue? How often and how long a time period is it safe to soak? How much soak is required to be effective? How do you prevent waste or spilling of the soak? To find out answers to these questions we asked the researchers who have worked on these issues.

During the last decade there was a world wide epidemic called white-line disease. Two companies collaborated to develop a new delivery system for treating the disease and other hoof infections. They recognized that soaking the hoof could be a simple and effective way of treating the hoof against infections, if done correctly. They recognized too, that there may be serious consequences if



This recent photo of a damaged hoof was taken after six month of aggressive treatment. Is it a strain of a new killer hoof fungus, or the result of the treatment?

the soaking was done incorrectly. Several months later both companies developed products that would work in harmony with the other's. Even after ten years, both products are still being used together as a successful treatment option.

It is amazing the hear so may horror stories about horse owners who have inadvertently damaged the feet by over soaking, not realizing that safer options may exist. It appears that controlled soaking may the answer. There are several companies that make soaking products. We are just focusing our attention on the two with over ten years of experience with soaking.

The researchers at SBS Equine Products developed a unique product called Sav-A-Hoof Soak. The product contains a powerful fungicide as well as broad spectrum bactericide that is very effective and long lasting. This longer contact time allows for a more conservative method of treatment. Another company, Davis Manufacturing, were successful at molding the Davis Horse Boot. The product is a one piece, high top, medical boot that was engineered specifically for soaking the hoof, not as a riding boot.

Another breakthrough component was the development by SBS and Davis of a fiber matrix pad which is included inside the boot. The pad is washable and reusable. It's purpose is to hold the Soak in place. The pad reduces evaporation and helps to prevent the liquid from sloshing around and spilling out. The fibers also wick the key ingredients to the affected areas of the feet. This reduces the danger of over soaking because only the pad needs to be saturated with the Soak, not the entire hoof.

A few years ago SBS came up with a non-liquid soaking material called Sav-A-Hoof Med-isole. It is a gel. When the pad is saturated with the gel, it makes the chances of over soaking almost impossible. (The product is not to be confused with Sav-A-Hoof Gel, which is a concentrated gel product made for voids and cracks.)



Products are available that reduce the inherent dangers associated with hoof soaking

Five Rules to Avoid Disaster

Hoof Soaking is a simple concept for treating deeply rooted infections, yet a risky one. This method is recommended only when other less invasive methods have been tried first. We must never forget that soaking has the potential to cause irreversible cell damage to the hoof if done incorrectly.

Hoof soaking is not an exact science because every situation is different. We asked the experts to share their best recommendations on hoof soaking with us. The rules selected are designed primarily to keep us from getting into trouble and give us the best chance of success.

Rule 1. Clear Debris from Voids Use a hoof pick and brush before washing the hoof to clear trapped debris from voids. This helps to open up blocked passageways for the Soak to work better.



Rule 2. Wash Hoof before Soaking Thoroughly wash off hard surface dirt with soapy water before each soaking session. This will help prevent contamination of the soaking material.



Rule 3. Use Boots Made for Soaking Soaking boots are injection molded in one piece construction, and produced in many sizes. They are made of a flexible plastic to make it easier to slip on or off the hoof. The resin used to make the boots should be compatible with the chemicals used to treat the hoof. Form fitting soaking boots require much less volume of Soak than would a bucket. This is a good thing. Look for boots with a closure top that is well above the hairline. This helps prevent the liquid contents from spilling out.

Rule 4. Use Commercial Soaking Preparation Use only commercially products that are specifically recommended for hoof soaking. Read the labels to make sure the ingredients are not harmful to hoof tissue. They should also be effective against both fungus and bacteria. Never use household products for soaking. They can cause irreversible damage the hoof. Products that bind to hoof protein work best.

Rule 5. Limit Soaking Time Limit soaking contact time to 30 minutes, and no more than twice a day. Stop soaking if the hoof becomes soft and punchy. A longer contact time may be permitted when doing a controlled soak; that is, if the boot has a soaking pad inside with just a few ounces of Soak in it. For more informative articles go to sbsequine.com/articles.

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