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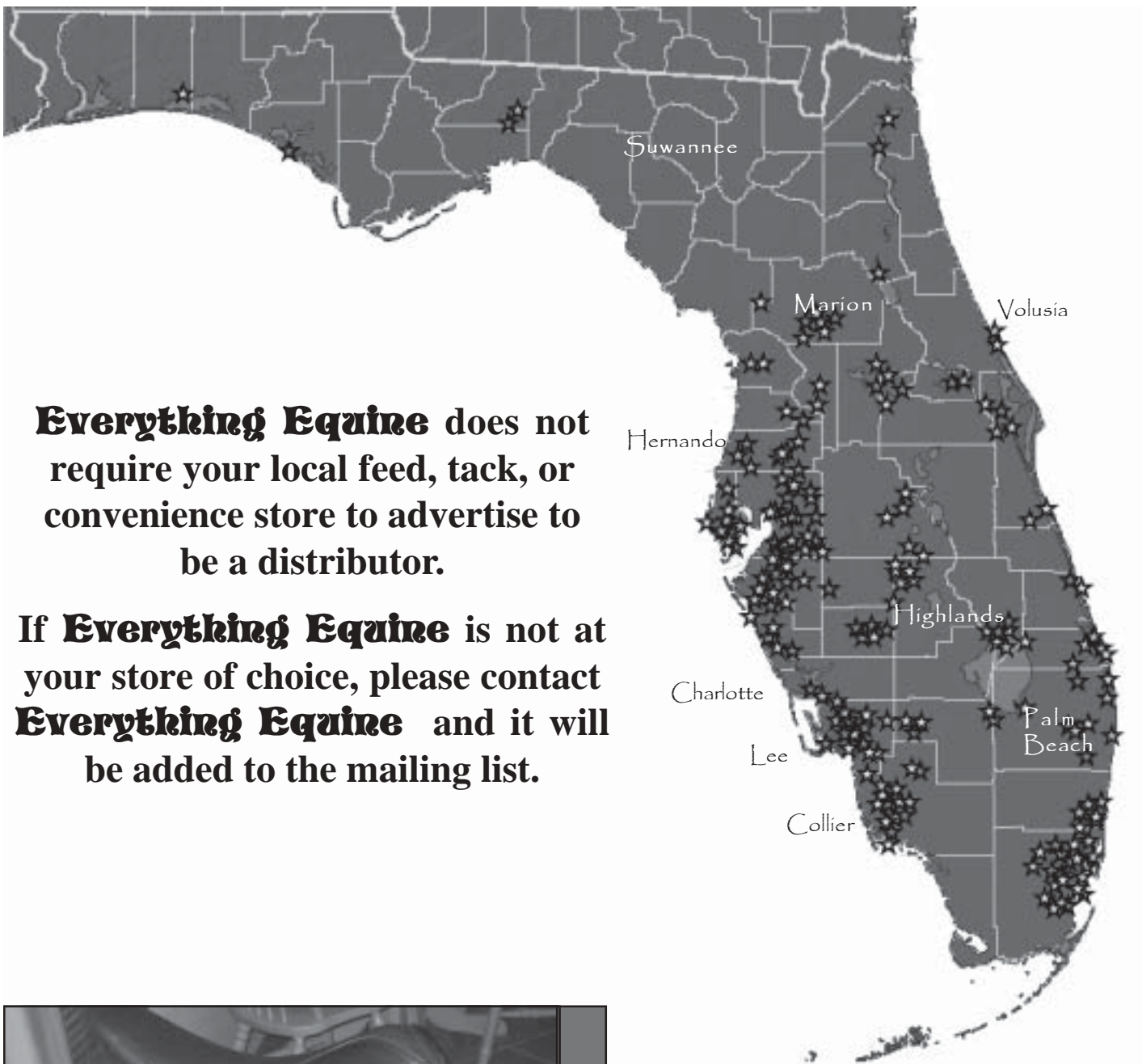
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DINING ETIQUETTE: Always pull all of your hay out of the hay rack, especially right after your stall has been cleaned, so you can mix the hay with your fresh bedding. This challenges your human, the next time they're cleaning your stall - and we all know how humans love a challenge (that's what they said when they bought you as a two year old, right?).

DOORS: Any door, even partially open, is always an invitation for you and your human to exercise. Bolt out of the door and trot around, just out of reach of your human, who will frantically run after and chase you. The longer it goes on, the more fun it is for all involved.

FRESH BEDDING: It is perfectly permissible to urinate in the middle of your freshly bedded stall to let your humans know how much you appreciate their hard work.



GROUND MANNERS: Ground manners are very important to humans; break as much of the ground in and around the barn as possible. This lets the ground know who's boss and impresses your human.

HOLES: Rather than pawing and digging a BIG hole in the middle of the paddock or stall and upsetting your human, dig a lot of smaller holes all over so they won't notice. If you arrange a little pile of dirt on one side of each hole, maybe they'll think it's gophers. There are never enough holes in the ground. Strive daily to do your part to help correct this problem.

NEIGHING: Because you are a horse, you are expected to neigh. So neigh - a lot. Your owners will be very happy to hear you protecting the barn and communicating with other horses. Especially late at night while they are sleeping safely in their beds. There is no more secure feeling for a human than to keep waking up in the middle of the night and hearing you, "Neigh, neigh, neigh..."



NUZZLING: Always take a BIG drink from your water trough immediately before nuzzling your human. Humans prefer clean muzzles. Be ready to rub your head on the area of your human that you just nuzzled to dry it off, too.

PLAYING: If you lose your footing while frolicking in the paddock, use one of the other horses to absorb your fall so you don't injure yourself. Then the other horse will get a visit from the mean ol' vet, not you!

SNORTING: Humans like to be snorted on. Everywhere. It is your duty, as the family horse, to accommodate them.



VISITORS: Quickly determine which guest is afraid of horses. Rock back and forth on the cross-ties, neighing loudly and pawing playfully at this person. If the human backs away and starts crying, swoosh your tail, stamp your feet and nicker gently to show your concern.

Submit your club or organization's event and it will be posted free
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January 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> <i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> Every Tues & Thurs Mounted Drill Team—Lee Co Posse Arena 239-454-4395	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> Every Tues & Thurs Mounted Drill Team—Lee Co Posse Arena 239-454-4395	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> <u>PGHA H/J & Perf. show 941-639-4278 or 239-825-4533</u>
<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> Natural Horsemanship Clinic—Everglades Ranch Thurs—Sat 239-455-8552	<i>13</i> Centered Riding Clinic Everglades Ranch Fri—Sat 239-455-8552	<i>14</i> <u>PGHA Speed show 941-637-8097</u> LCHA Speed show www.leecountyhorsemans.com
<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> <i>Ad and payment deadline</i>	<i>21</i> Horse & Tack Auction 5pm Arcadia 863-494-1888 Cracker Day Rodeo See page 13
<i>22</i> Cracker Day Rodeo See page 13 LCHA H/Jshow www.leecountyhorsemans.com	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>
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The total equine population in the U. S. numbers approximately six million, but the number of horse owners is increasing rapidly. Prospective owners must realize the extensive commitment in time and money that being a responsible owner entails, since the horse is totally dependent on its caretaker for its welfare. Whether you are lucky enough to stable the horse where you live or employ the services of a local boarding facility, there are many aspects of horse management that should be considered.

Nutrition

Feeding horses is a science wherein the old adage "little and often" must be followed. The horse's stomach is extremely small in relation to its overall size, so it cannot efficiently utilize a large amount of feed at one time. The bulk fiber portion (e.g., forage, pasture, hay) is the most important part of a horse's diet. Quality grass pasture is the ideal feed for horses and often all that is required for the adult horse. In the winter, or under circumstances when pasture is not available, horses should have good quality hay that is free of dust and mold and does not contain thorny weeds or unpalatable material. In general, horses should be fed dry hay at a rate of 1.5 to 3.0 percent of their body weight. This quantity should be adjusted depending on the horse's desired and existing condition, the quality of hay fed, and the expected activity level. Large round bales are an excellent source of hay if made properly and stored inside without exposure to the weather. They also provide activity to keep bored horses from chewing on the fences for lack of anything else to munch on. The quality of hay depends on harvesting management and species of grass or legume. The center and outside of several bales should be evaluated. Generally, the outside of the bale should be dry and light green to yellow in color. The center of the bale should be



light green in color and never black or wet. Your local or state extension agent can help you evaluate hay quality.

Revised August 2002

Ideally, a horse should be fed two or even three times a day. Grain should be considered a supplement to the fiber part of the diet. Grains should be used when additional energy is necessary, or to balance the fiber portion of the diet. There are many commercial feed mixtures available, and you should choose the proper one depending on the intended use and amount of activity your horse will have. Most feeds come in either 'textured' or 'pelletted' varieties, and each type serves a purpose. Likewise, there are feeds for different life stages, i.e., growing, mature, or senior. Most horses do not require additional vitamin supplements, if fed the appropriate commercial feed. The most important thing is **DO NOT OVERFEED**. Obesity in horses can negatively impact the respiratory, digestive, and skeletal systems, causing serious conditions such as colic, laminitis (founder), gastric ulcers, and lameness problems.

It goes without saying that horses should have a constant supply of fresh water. Horses on hay drink far more water than horses on pasture. It is also recommended that horses have access to a trace mineral salt block at all times.

The horse's physical condition is totally dependent on the person who feeds him. If his ribs are showing, it is likely he's not getting enough to eat (assuming he does not have parasites). Conversely, if he's obese, he's getting too much. Horses should be fed individually to be sure they get their prescribed amount. If fed in a group, there may be one who wolfs down his own feed and then runs to the other buckets before the more timid horses are finished. Progressive loss in condition despite a good appetite indicates a need for consultation with your veterinarian.

Veterinary Care

When choosing a veterinarian, select one who has an equine practice or at least sees horses 50 percent of the time. Usually you can check with your local veterinary association or other local horse owners for a referral. It is important to develop a good relationship with your veterinarian since there is bound to be a time when you will need to call the doctor out for an emergency.

Consult with your veterinarian to set up a regular vaccination program to insure against serious diseases. These may vary depending on where you reside, and the expected travel plans for your horse.

Parasites are a leading cause of death, but can be prevented by periodic de-worming and frequent removal and management of manure. Your veterinarian can recommend a specific program based on the number of horses and their environment. For example, two horses on 75 acres of pasture would not have the same exposure level as 50 horses on 75 acres. It is important to reduce the worm burden in the environment, and not just to reduce parasites in a single horse. Pastures should be well-drained and properly maintained, i.e., regular mowing and harrowing. Signs of parasites include loss of condition, tail rubbing, dull coat, diarrhea, or constipation. There are several products approved that are effective against different types of parasites.

At least annually, your veterinarian should examine the condition of the horse's mouth and "float" or file down the teeth by rasping any rough edges that may have developed on the grinders. This sharpness can cause pain and prevents the horse from chewing his food thoroughly. If you notice him dropping feed from his mouth while eating, this is a strong indication that his teeth need attention. The veterinarian may have to extract some "wolf" teeth that could interfere with the bit. This is a simple procedure, not requiring surgery or anesthesia (unlike humans).

Hoof Care

When choosing a farrier (blacksmith), it is imperative to select a reputable one, perhaps recommended by your veterinarian or other horse owners. There is much truth to the saying "no foot, no horse," and poor hoof care can take up to a year to repair. The horse's feet need trimming every 6-8 weeks, depending on growth rate, use, and environment. If you intend to ride on hard or rocky surfaces, the horse will need shoes to protect the hooves and keep them from cracking and breaking. Depending on the environment, it may be necessary to apply a dressing routinely to help keep the hooves from drying out.

General Management Recommendations

In horse management, the key word is PREVENTION. Here are some precautions to avoid a catastrophe:

- Think safety first. Do not leave any sharp objects, i.e., wire, glass, pitchforks, etc., where a horse might injure himself.
- Don't leave any toxic substances, i.e., paint cans, antifreeze, gasoline, or poisonous plants/trees within the horse's reach.
- Keep electrical plugs and cords out of reach of horses.
- Provide a vaccination program recommended by your veterinarian.

- Feed little and often, but **DO NOT OVERFEED**. A horse's digestive system is very sensitive and reacts to any sudden change in diet. Consult your veterinarian regarding the appropriate diet for the horse's age and activity level.
- Always provide shelter from bad weather with a clean place to lie down. Horses really do enjoy lying down, despite the myth that they only sleep standing up. If you don't have a barn, a 3-sided loafing shed can suffice as protection from summer sun and flies and winter wind and storms.
- Clean fresh water (ice-free in winter) should be available at all times. This means scrubbing tubs and buckets regularly.
- Groom horse often to remove dirt and stimulate the skin and coat.
- Horses are happier if they have company. If you own only one horse, perhaps a neighbor's horse can suffice, or a miniature donkey, goat, or even a chicken can be a barnyard companion.
- Horses are creatures of habit, so stick to a routine. Feed them at approximately the same times every day. If you must go away, employ the services of a dependable caretaker, and leave the phone number of your veterinarian in case of an emergency.
- Learn first aid for minor abrasions, how to bandage wounds, and recognize when a cut needs stitches; also learn how to take the horse's temperature, pulse, and respiration. The veterinarian will ask you these vital signs when you call in an emergency.
- The first indication of illness is generally listlessness and/or lack of appetite. The temperature should then be taken, and any elevation over 101 degrees should trigger a call to your veterinarian.
- Pick out the hooves daily to remove stones and dirt and prevent thrush.
- If you are new at horse-keeping, choose an advisor—an experienced stable manager—to consult when necessary, join a horse club, read horse books. There are endless sources of information on all aspects of horse management.

With proper care and nutrition your horse may live well into his 20's, and provide you with a wonderful friend and companion for years to come. The rewards of horse ownership will last a lifetime.



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Pet dies from paste wormer - read and learn so it does not happen to you.

(from an email)... Things have been going pretty well here on the farm at Tall Pines, but there has been a tragic event that had taken place yesterday. I did my 60 day worming for all my horses on Saturday, the way I normally do it. I go around from pasture to pasture and administer the paste ivermectin into my horse's mouth...Just like thousands of horse owners do it. However, Some of the paste didn't hit the horses mouth and fell to the ground, which I really never gave any thought to, ever! One of my australian shepherds must have lapped up some of the ivermectin paste, and went into convulsions and finally died the next day.

It appears that collie type dogs, or as the vet called them, four white paw dogs have a toxic reaction to ivermectin. As displayed by my poor dog. I have had Aussies for many years and have wormed my horses the same way for the same amount of years, and never knew about this toxic reaction to collie type dogs! So, my question is: how many horse owners out there with collie type dogs are not aware of this problem??? Would it be feasible to write an article to the horse owner population and give them a heads up about this situation??? I would definitely want to know about this if it happened to someone else....Hope you can help.

Thanks, and happy holidays!

Joey Visceglie

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From Merck's online Vet Manual... Many canine parasites are susceptible to ivermectin at the dosages used in other animals; however, because some dogs are adversely affected at these levels, ivermectin is used in dogs only at 6 µg/kg body wt, given at 1-mo intervals, to prevent development of *Dirofilaria immitis*, the cause of heartworm disease. At higher doses (=100 µg/kg), some Collies are adversely affected by ivermectin; at much higher doses (200 µg/kg), these idiosyncratic reactions included depression, muscle weakness, blindness, coma, and death. Many cases of ataxia progress to paralysis and decreased consciousness. Relatively higher brain concentrations of ivermectin are found in sensitive Collies than in other dogs or host species, which indicates a reduced ability to efflux ivermectin out of the CNS. At an oral dosage of 0.5 mg/kg, milbemycin oxime is used for prevention of heartworm infection and for treatment of hookworms, ascarids, and whipworms from dogs. Moxidectin is highly effective for the prevention of heartworm infection at a dose rate of 3 µg/kg. The margin of safety of milbemycin and moxidectin in dogs, including those sensitive to ivermectin, appears to be similar to that of ivermectin.

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Report date: 7/18/05

Case num: 05-61726

Breed: Tennessee Walker

Sex: Mare

Color: Black

Age: 22 years

Weight: 1100

Height: 16 hands

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