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Quote of the Month

*It's a lot like nuts and bolts - if the rider's
Nuts, the horse bolts! ~Nicholas Evans*



Submitted by: Riley Chador

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MOVIE NIGHT

FEBRUARY 27TH
RILEY'S HOUSE 1329 PINE TRAIL
PINE TRAIL, 96146
6:00

WE WILL BE WATCHING MOONDANCE ALEXANDER.

BRAD PAISLEY CONCERT

FEBRUARY 21ST
RENO EVENTS CENTER, NV
7:30PM
BRAD PAISLEY, MIRANDA LAMBERT, AND JUSTIN MOORE

CONSIGNMENT TACK SALE

FEBRUARY 21ST
RENO LIVESTOCK EVENTS CENTER PAVILION
9AM - 3 PM

Horse Funnies

Top Ten Spook List
by the Horse

10. Blowing Paper
"At any moment it could whip up into our faces, covering our noses. We could suffocate. And don't try to tell us you'd do CPR."
9. Barking Dogs
"What? You've never read Steven King's CUJO?"
8. Puddles of Water
"Quicksand."
7. Trash Cans
"They've been known to swallow horses and transport them into another dimension."
6. Babies and Li'l Kids"Long lost tribe of horse-eating pygmies."
5. Plaid Horse Blankets.
"Hey, when was the last time you wore plaid? It adds at least 100 lbs."
4. Ropes and Hoses on the Ground
"Dreaded North American trail snakes."
3. Ponies.
"Cute, clever, hardy. They want to take over the World."
2. Windy Days.
"Two words: impending tornado."

And the number one scary thing in the minds of horses?

1. Carts and Wagons
Look. You put a human on our backs; we can always buck them off. But hitching a horse to a wheeled object. It's just not right. No matter how fast the horse trots, the dang cart is still running after him. Oh, the Horror!!!

Submitted by: Aly Holmer

The 5 Senses

Horses have the same five senses as humans: smell, touch, hearing, taste and sight.

Sight is one of the most important of the five senses. A horse can almost see all the way around them, and each eye can see individually. Horses have great vision however they don't see color very well. The colors all blur together in particular blue and red. Horses can also see well in the dark.

Smell is another important sense; it helps horses distinguish what they smell. It is used to recognize other horse, treats etc.

The next sense is touch; horses are very sensitive and can feel when any fly lands on them. They love to be scratched but can also get nervous when being rubbed on their faces and stomachs.

Horses can hear different things in both ears and can rotate them to focus on any point of sound. Horse's hearing is very good; their ears also help you determine whether they are paying attention or not.

The last sense is taste, this sense is not as important as the others. Horses have very good taste; it is very much like ours. A horse that loves a certain treat will eat it until it is gone. It is important to keep grain bins and stall doors locked.

Riley Chador

Does conformation matter?

The answer is yes. Conformation is one of those things that has to be excellent if you want to win a halter class, but it's not all about halter. Judge Clay Cavinder writes "when judging a horse's conformation I look for the combination of characteristics that are most advantageous to the horses function or use". So maybe it's not so important for everything.

A 2000 Bay Appaloosa Shoulda Astor Faster won 19 world and NSBA titles, saddles, and even a trailer. The Hitch is that this amazing mare had horrible conformation. When Astor was a yearling her withers and rump kept growing, but her back never caught up. This caused her to be very swaybacked

Owner Ellen Myers said they couldn't sell her or even give her away. But, when they started riding her Ellen's husband said "it was like riding a cloud". Ellen says, "When we first started showing Astor I'd keep a blanket on her everywhere we went, because I was afraid people would make fun of her. But now I don't care who laughs at her, and no one who knows her does. She's earned trophies, and respect, and taught people that it's possible to overcome a handicap." Well, I guess that goes to show you that conformation isn't always important.

Sage Chador

Homemade Mane & Tail Detangler

Calgon Bath Oil Beads (dry)
Water

Mix the Calgon with water - one part Calgon to three parts water. Place in a spray bottle. It will help recondition your horse's mane and tail. It also helps detangle knots. Apply liberally and work the knot out with a comb or stiff brush.

Submitted by: Riley Chador

Point Totals

Lolly Buranzon- 61.5
Riley Chador- 11
Sage Chador-11
Jessica DeArgon- 36.5
Fiona Delforge-45
Aly Holmer-2
Danielle Hyde- 33
Madeline Hyde- 62
Carley O'Connell- 210.5
Anna Vogelsberger- 13
Lauren Wangler- 25
Addi Wingate- 32.5
Great Job!