

# Southeast Virginia Dressage Association

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## Half Halt



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### Southeast Virginia Dressage Association

*Have you or a friend ever thought of trying Dressage?  
SVDA Offers the following Schooling Shows to practice your  
skills. These shows are a great way to show in a relaxed  
atmosphere. Want more information? Check out our website  
[SVDA Website - Click Here](#)*

### 2010 SVDA Schooling Show Schedule

Date	Location	Judge	Open	Close
6/13/2010	<a href="#">Happy Valley Eq-Suffolk</a>	Niki Vogel	5/17	6/1
7/11/2010	<a href="#">Terra Ceia Farm-Suffolk</a>	Nancy Lowey	6/14	6/28
9/19/2010	Bridlewood Farm-Wakefield	Tristin Hardy-Butler	8/23	9/7
10/3/2010	<a href="#">Sterling Meadows-Va Beach</a>	Margaret Little	9/7	9/20
11/7/2010	<a href="#">Marturia Farm-Chesapeake</a>	Deri Jeffers	10/11	10/25

### 2010 SVDA Recognized Shows

Date	Location	Prize List	Open	Close	Times	Schedule	Entry Status	Results
5/2/2010	Carlton Farm-Williamsburg	<a href="#">Here</a>	3/1/10	4/23/10	<a href="#">Here</a>	<a href="#">Here</a>	<a href="#">Here</a>	<a href="#">Here</a>
8/15/10	Carlton Farm-Williamsburg	<a href="#">Here</a>	6/1/10	7/28/10				

# Volunteers

## June 18th Schooling Show

### Happy Valley, Suffolk

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Entry Secretary (1): Janelle Gregory

Show Secretary A.M. (1): Tina Bodner

Show Secretary P.M. (1): Eileen Darden

Ring Transportation to (1): Sandy Johnson

Ring Set up: (4)

- Anita Rees
- Grace Williams
- Gabrielle Fleming
- Nancy Pettet

Lunches & snacks (1) Anita Rees

Scribe A.M. (1): Anna Schreibel

Scribe P.M. (1): Anna Schreibel

Ring Steward A.M. (1): Renee Hall

Ring Steward P.M. (1):

Runner A.M. (1):

Runner P. M. (1): Marylyn Leonard

Ring Take Down (2): Anita Rees, Eileen Darland

Ring Transportation from (1): (will be tent, tables and chairs)

SVDA Rep:

AM –

PM –



## Fix-A-Test Clinic Information

Clinician: Tristin Hardy Butler

**Clinic Date: 6/20/10**

Clinic Cost: \$25 for Juniors; \$25 for Adults

Clinic Closing Date: 6/6/10

Location: Bridlewood Estates, 2601 Nansemond Parkway, Suffolk, VA 23434

**Please submit the test you will be riding on your clinic application.**

If you need a reader, please provide your own. If you do not provide a reader, you will be expected to ride your test from memory.

**THE DAY OF THE CLINIC:** Up to 18 riders will be welcomed to join this clinic, and since the lessons will run every ½ hour, timing will be tight. Please be warmed up and ready to ride your test at the designated lesson time, just as you would when showing at a specific time.

Lessons are 30 minutes in length. The rider will warm up on their own, then at their lesson time will enter the arena, ride the test one time, and then converse with Tristin for ways to improve the test score. These movements will be coached, and then the rider will have the opportunity to ride the test again at the conclusion of the lesson. There will be a scribe for the tests and to write additional comments. Riders will be able to keep their tests and comments to study for later use.

Volunteer positions available – contact [Tristin@elfenridge.com](mailto:Tristin@elfenridge.com) or [Renee.Hall@merial.com](mailto:Renee.Hall@merial.com) :

Please note: For everyone's enjoyment dogs must be well mannered and kept on a leash. If your dog causes a disturbance you will be asked to remove them from the property. Thank you for your consideration.

The NAJYRC (North American Junior and Young Rider Championships) is the premier equestrian competition in North America for junior and young riders, age 14-21. Young equestrians come from the United States, Bermuda, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean Islands to vie for team and individual FEI medals in the three Olympic equestrian disciplines of show jumping, dressage, eventing and the World Equestrian Games discipline of reining. The competition is run under rules of the FEI (Federation Equestre Internationale), the international governing body for equestrian sport, and is the only FEI championship held annually on this continent.



# 2010 SVDA JR/YR USDF REGION 1 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE

## FUN, FUN AND MORE AND MORE FUN!!!

### Who can participate:

The Junior/Young Rider Region 1 Team Championships are open to all USDF Region 1 members 21 yrs or under (in the year of 2010) who would like to participate. Your SVDA membership gives you a qualifying USDF affiliate membership.

### Benefits of the SVDA sponsored team:

1. You will be eligible for all or part of the costs of entries and stabling to be paid
2. You will receive a Team polo shirt and saddle pad, and possibly polo wraps (fundraising!)
3. You get to have fun with the other members with decorations, costumes and team spirit
4. You will stable with other participating SVDA members
5. You will receive assistance and coaching at the competition and assistance with entries
6. You will be eligible for other planned activities such as a low cost clinics
7. Scores can be counted towards schooling show year end awards
8. Opportunity for discounted lessons with Tristin to prepare (not mandatory)

### To participate as part of the SVDA team you must:

1. Be a current 2010 SVDA member (go to [www.gosvda.org](http://www.gosvda.org) for information)
2. Participate in the fundraising (approximately \$350 per rider)
3. Let Tristin Hardy Butler know of your interest as soon as possible (**see intent form**)
4. Have at least 4 volunteer points for SVDA by July 1<sup>st</sup> – this will also help for your year end award requirements.
5. Be able to competently ride dressage Intro A & B tests or higher (through FEI)

**NOTE: This year you must have your volunteer hours and fundraising committed prior to mailing entries in May – not necessarily completed but confirmed through Robyn Nunnally for volunteering and through Tristin for fundraising.**

### Updates:

- **Theme: Super Hero's!** Decided by majority vote from the members present at the meeting in April. Sharon DeCant and Kristy Drum will help organize for decorations and costumes.
- **Members:** We currently have 13 girls signed up from ages 7-21. Brooke and Madisyn DeCant, Ingrid Goldblatt, Stacey Johnson, Leah Backus, Brittany Taylor, Ashley Drum, Alea Hansinger, Ellen Bouchard, Paige Christiansen, Janette Jackson, Kristen Leonard, Louise Murray.
- **Hotel:** Book Early! Hampton Inn 703-669-8640, Best Western 703-777-9400, Days Inn (703) 777-6622, Comfort Suites (703) 669-1650
- **Golf Carts:** I will see who is supplying the carts this year and post info. Usually about \$200+ for the weekend.
- **Sell that Pizza and Cookie Dough!** This is our last big fundraiser. Whatever we don't earn we will need to pay for ourselves. We have raised about \$1200, we need to raise about \$3800.
- **Volunteering:** Contact Tristin if you need ideas of how to volunteer.

### Upcoming Activities:

- **June 20<sup>th</sup> – Fix a Test** with Tristin @ Bridlewood Estates - see clinics and programs on website for entry info
- **July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> – Team Championship Show** – Friday travel to Morven Park in Leesburg, VA. Saturday and Sunday competition. Sunday awards ceremonies.



Remember to Join

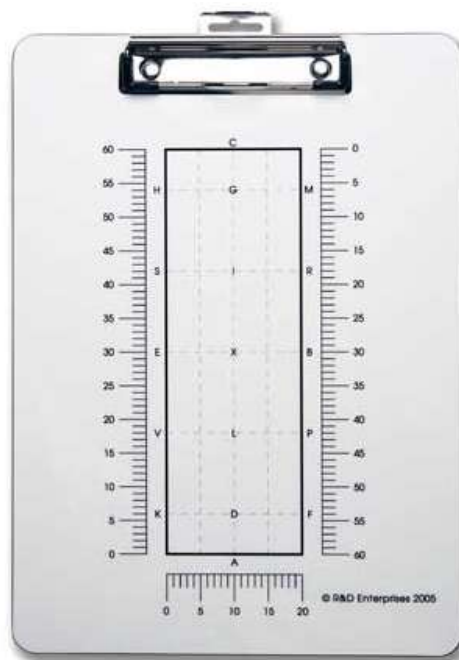
Make sure your scores count for year end awards.

Senior Member \$45.00

Junior Member  
\$35.00  
(Under 18 years of age)

Family: \$75.00 two members  
\$25.00 for each additional member

Farm: \$75.00 two owners  
\$25.00 for each additional member  
– limit four members total



Great Idea for studying your tests!  
Use a clip board and draw your test!  
Tracing paper work best when mapping out your pattern.

*Show Results for May SVDA Show*

[Click Here](#)



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- Training round pen
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- Training
- Shows
- Sales

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Additional fees apply for private paddecks, show turn-out and training



Bridlewood Estates  
2601 Nansemond Parkway  
Suffolk, Virginia 23434

**For Information  
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757-923-FARM



## *Junior/Young Rider Team Report*

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**June 2010**

**The FEI Junior/Young Rider program of Region 1 is having a fundraiser which includes a silent auction where you can bid on items on-line. Some of our local instructors and service providers will be donating their services so you can bid on local services and other neat items. Two SVDA members are trying out for this FEI team, which is similar to the Pan Am Games for riders 21 and under. Kya Endreson and Witchazel are trying out for the FEI Junior Team (equivalent of 3/4<sup>th</sup> levels) and Jessica Zoskey and FA Patriot are trying out for the FEI Young Rider Team (PSG).**

**Please go to**

**<http://campaign.constantcontact.com/render?v=001rUMZSB4OvtE9o12884Q2B23v0nJQjj4r-1EIUBiJnt-I0IDN9I0dfRPIj9t1RwBWBXYpdUI441TidSV37oi6QXIAE-SSq7dYbVJWrHVU51JduVvJdXalDg%3D%3D>**

**To see more information on the fundraising weekend and silent auction to support our local riders. And check back for updates through June 10<sup>th</sup>.**

### **About Half-Halt**

Half-Halt is published monthly by the SVDA and provided as a service to its members. News items, show results, calendar of events, photos, classifieds and services directory are incorporated into the newsletter.

**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER  
IS THE 25th OF EACH MONTH**

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SVDA encourages its members to submit articles, member updates, information and pictures for publication, however, SVDA reserves the right to edit, reject or use materials as and when deemed appropriate.

SVDA Members:  
Submit your Show  
Scores for publication  
in Half-Halt by  
emailing Carol at:  
[Sesroh1@verizon.net](mailto:Sesroh1@verizon.net)



# Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location	Judge/Contact
June 6	SVDA Clinic – Janice Mumford	Terra Ceia Farm, Suffolk	Kathy Rowse
June 13	SVDA Schooling Show	Happy Valley, Suffolk	Judge: Nicky Vogel
June 20	SDVA Clinic – Tristin Hardy Butler	Bridlewood Estates, Suffolk	Renee Hall
July 11	SVDA Schooling Show	Terra Ceia, Suffolk	Judge: Nancy Lowery
July 24 & 25	Catherine Haddad Clinic	Tigchelaar Dressage at HHEC 7414 River Road, Hanover, VA	Lani Tigchelaar 703-980-4403 or email TigchelaarDressage@msn.com
August 1	Sanctioned Schooling Show	Happy Valley, Suffolk	Judge: TBD
August 15	SVDA Recognized Show	Carlton Farms, Williamsburg	Judge: TBD
August 22	SVDA Clinic Danielle Rowland	Silverleaf Farm, Suffolk	Kathy Rowse
August 29	Sanctioned Schooling Show	Bridlewood Estates, Suffolk	Judge: Janice Mumford
September 2	ERAHC Classic Open Dressage Show: USDF/USEF.	Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA	Judges: Brian Ross and Carter Bass " Contact Linda Denniston 301-447-6240 or visit <a href="http://www.erahc.org">www.erahc.org</a>
September 5	SVDA Schooling Show	Bridlewood, Wakefield	Judge: Tristin Hardy Butler
September TBD	Patti Pierucci	TBD	Kathy Rowse
October 3	SVDA Schooling Show	Sterling Meadows, Va. Beach	Judge: Margaret Little
October 16	Kris Montgomery	Wellington	Kathy Rowse
October 30	Patrick & Lani Tigchelaar	Silverleaf Farm, Suffolk	Kathy Rowse
October 31	Patrick & Lani Tigchelaar	TBD	
October 8 - 10	The VADA - Southwest Chapter Annual Adult Camp	Stone Bridge Farm in Natural Bridge	Marie Klimchuk SWVADA 2010 Camp Coordinator
November 7	SVDA Schooling Show	Marturia Farm, Chesapeake	Judge: Deri Jeffers
December 4	Patti Pierucci	Silverleaf Farm, Suffolk	Kathy Rowse
December 5	Patti Pierucci	TBD	

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# Member News



(Left Photo) Congratulations Tristin Hardy Butler on her acquisition of "Alea" from Ann Beth and Alexis Taves! Tristin and Alea won the SVDA training level championships in 2009, and Kya Endreson has successfully shown Alea at training and 1<sup>st</sup> level this year.

(Right Photo) Tristin Hardy Butler and Elfenkonig Reserve Champion FEI at the SVDA Spring Fling in Williamsburg with their 62% at I-1.



Kya Endreson and Witchazel earn two 1<sup>st</sup> and one 2<sup>nd</sup> place at her FEI Jr Qualifying show in Leesburg, VA May 22-23. Kya has a very competitive average and is in the running for the Region 1 FEI Junior Team. Several more qualifying shows will take place throughout June so we won't know until July who makes the team. Having fun with the blue!

Kathy Rowse & Basie at Dressage in the Meadows  
I-1 freestyle 62.37% 5th



Danielle Rowland and Terra Ceia Farm's "Fenix". They were reserve champion at 3<sup>rd</sup> Level and champions at 3<sup>rd</sup> level at Dressage at the Meadows.



Amanda St. John and Larks Rugged Bidder at Dressage at the Meadows with scores of 1st 3 - 62.00% 5th  
1st 4 - 61.579% 5<sup>th</sup>



*Member's continued*



Marylyn Leonard posted scores in the upper 60s to 70. She was the Training level champion both days as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> Level Reserve Champion at Dressage at the Meadows.

Congratulations to Nutmeg Phalon on her scores at March Magic:

Training test 3 - 66.4 - 1st place  
Training test 4 - 66.4 - 2nd place  
Training test 3 - 65.2 - 5th place  
Training test 4 - 68.00 - 1st place

From: Sharon Mote, Jennifer Gibbs and Kim and Tommy Phalon



Wendy and Louise aka "Weeze" Murray welcome home Gustav a 7 year old registered Oldenburg GOV gelding!

At only 17.2H Gus is the perfect size for his petite rider and they will be competing on the 2010 SVDA Junior Team in July.

Debbie Basta earned the following scores at Dressage at the Meadows:

Musical Freestyle, 5th place: 63.75%

Third Three, 2nd place: 60%

Fourth One, 3rd place: 57.4%

Third Three, 1st place: 62.558%

Fourth One, 1st place: 63.256%  
High Score Champion

Fourth Level, 63.256%





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Contact: Tristin Butler @ 757-615-4975  
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**Fees:**

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\$50 non-refundable deposit will hold your space and will be applied to the cost of the camp

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- By prior arrangement only

Early—Available beginning at 7:15am  
Late—available until 6:00pm

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- Horsey arts and crafts
- Informative and fun hand outs
- A notebook to decorate and organize information
- A grooming goodie bag
- A customized camp t-shirt (provide size when registering)
- Camp photo
- Snacks

**Campers Will Need To Bring:**

- Boot with a heel
- Comfortable clothes—
  - jeans, riding pants or stretch pants
  - extra shirt
  - shorts to change into
  - extra socks
  - sweat shirt or jacket as needed
- Helmet—ASTM or SEI riding or bicycle helmet
- Lunch in a small cooler—including water and Gatorade



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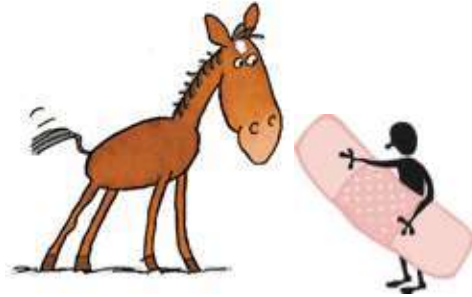


# First Aid for Horse Wounds

Your horse has an open wound. If you stay calm and follow a first-aid plan you can get him the help he needs. Here's how.

By the Editors of EQUUS magazine

FROM  
**EQUUS**



## First Things First

Assess the situation quickly to get a general idea of the wound's severity and your horse's reaction. Your own safety is a paramount: If the horse is panicking or thrashing, keep yourself at a safe distance until he settles down or professional help arrives.

*Extricate* your horse from any entanglement, if possible, so he doesn't try to struggle to break free, further exacerbating his injury. Again, take care not to endanger yourself in the process.

*Control heavy bleeding* by covering the wound with a pressure bandage or pressing directly on a wound that can't be bandaged. Only gushing or spurting blood poses a major danger to your horse's well-being--he has nine gallons of blood and would have to lose nearly four to be in real peril. Sterile gauze pads are ideal, but clean leg wraps, towels, a handkerchief or even your hand will do. Hold it in place until veterinary help arrives.

*Determine* whether the wound is a Red Alert--a potentially life-threatening injury that requires an emergency call to your veterinarian. In addition to heavy bleeding, signs of a Red Alert include:

- clear, yellowish fluid--sometimes mixed with blood--oozing from a deep cut or puncture near a joint or tendon
- an injury more than skin deep in the eye or jaw
- severe lameness or deformation/distortion of the affected or nearby area
- an embedded foreign object

Also, look for signs of shock even with a seemingly minor wound. These include irregular breathing, shallow pulse, an unfocused look in his eyes, and cold ears and feet. Do not attempt to move or treat the wounds of a horse who seems to be in shock. Cover him with light blanket(s) and call your veterinarian immediately

## What You Can Do

If there is no sign of a Red Alert you may be able to administer first aid yourself. Here's how to proceed.



*Remove foreign material.* Splinters, gravel, nails or other objects embedded in a wound introduce bacteria then facilitate their proliferation.

*Retain any object* you remove, particularly from a puncture wound. If complications arise, your veterinarian might find it useful to examine the item. Additional pieces may remain in the wound. Do not attempt to remove any object that has penetrated the horse's eye or torso.

*Wash* the wound with tap water or, better yet, physiologic saline solution. It stings less than plain water because it matches the chemical composition of body fluid. You can make your own saline solution by dissolving two tablespoons of table salt in a gallon of distilled water. Whether you deliver the cleansing liquid by garden hose, spray bottle or syringe, use the minimum amount of pressure to fully rinse the wound surface. Excessive force can aggravate the injury. A pressure of 10 to 15 pounds per square inch--about the amount of pressure you would use to wash your hands--effectively removes approximately 80 percent of the contaminating material.

*Scrub* the wound gently but determinedly with gauze squares, especially if it is heavily contaminated. To prevent the wash solution from becoming sullied, pour water or saline onto the square rather than dip it into a bucket. Discard each square as it becomes soiled with dirt and blood. Continue scrubbing until the gauze remains clean of visible dirt and only stained by a little fresh blood. A thorough, gentle scrub session may take as long as 15 to 20 minutes.

*Medicate* an obviously superficial wound with an over-the-counter antibiotic paste or other ointment such as ichthammol. Not only will this help prevent infection, but the greasy coating will help keep insects and dirt off the actual surface of the healing tissues. Reapply the medication daily or more frequently until the horse has formed a protective scab over the area. Deep or contaminated wounds may require a systemic antibiotic to fight infection from within. Your veterinarian can administer that as well as a tetanus booster if your vaccination records indicate he is in need of one.

*Bandage, if necessary.* Most cuts and abrasions do not require bandages, but there are certain situations when a properly applied dressing can help protect the quick-growing and fragile replacement skin.

If you decide to bandage a wound, approach the task layer-by layer, with this simple and commonly used procedure:

1. Position a nonstick dressing that allows excess fluid to pass out through the wound and medication.
2. Over this layer, wrap conforming gauze wrap to hold the dressing in place,
3. Then add layers of sheet or roll cotton or a shipping quilts to protect the wound, absorb fluids and prevent swelling.
4. Secure the entire dressing with an elastic veterinary bandage.

*Monitor* the wound's progress. Inspect the wound daily for the first few days looking for signs of trouble, such as gray or greenish appearance of the tissues, a foul odor or excessive fluid drainage. After a couple of weeks, you'll also want to be on the lookout for proud flesh, a pink, cauliflowerlike mass of granulation tissue bulging from the wound that delays or halts healing. When tending to a wound, reapply any recommended ointment or bandaging, but avoid any needless meddling, which will only lengthen the healing process.



# Volunteer Hours

Debbie Basta	4	Corinne Meadows	4
Aimee Batten	8	Toni Meranda	8
Lisa Bolash	4	Sarah Miller	26
Ellen Bouchard	4	Janice Mumford	12
Melinda Brown	7	Louise Murray	6
Pam Burdette	8	Wendy Murray	35
<hr/> Melisa Chamberlain	12	Robyn Nunnally	36
David Christiansen	16	Mike Owen	4
Laurie Curtis	2	Shawn Owen	17
Selwyn Curtis	2	Sydney Owen	4
Brooke DeCant	6	Katherine Owens	3
Madisyn DeCant	6	Nancy Pettet	7
Sharon DeCant	8	Kim Phalon	6
Reeta Edmundson	13	Anita Rees	11
Ginger Endreson	6	Beth Rippel	8
Kya Endreson	3	Diane Rombs	12
Susan Forester	11	Jennifer Rombs	12
Jennifer Gibbs	4	John Rombs	12
Ingrid Goldblatt	1	Tiffany Rombs	12
Allan Gonyo	2	Danielle Rowland	1
Carol Gonyo	17	Donna Rowland	21
Janell Gregory	1	Kathy Rowse	39
Rene Hall	8	Marianne Rudisill	4
Alea Hansinger	4	Julie Shilling	4
Tristin Hardy Butler	22	Nancy Slack	8
Valerie Harrell	5	Nancy Speisser	8
Betty Johnson	2	Julie Spencer	8
Sandy Johnson	30	Amanda St. John	12
<hr/> Stacey Johnson	10	Allison Taylor	8
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7. If you're wondering if you left the water on in the barn, you did. If you're wondering if you latched the pasture gate, you didn't.

8. One horse isn't enough; two is too many.

9. If you approach within 50 feet of the barn in your "street clothes," you will get dirty.

10. You can't push a horse on a lunge line.

11. If a horse is advertised "under \$5,000," you can bet he isn't \$2,500.

12. The number of horses you own increases according to the number of stalls in your barn.

13. An uncomplicated horse can be ruined

with enough schooling.

14. You can't run a barn without baling twine.

15. Hoof picks migrate.

16. Wind velocity increases in direct proportion to how well your hat fits.

17. There is no such thing as the "right feed."




18. If you fall off, you will land on the site of your most recent injury.

19. The least useful horse in your barn eats to most, requires corrective shoeing every three weeks and requires the services of the vet a minimum of once a month.



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## Miniature Therapy Horse Is "Most Heroic Pet in America"



May 24, 2010—Strebors Black Magic On Demand, a Miniature Horse registered with the American Miniature Horse Registry (AMHR), is spreading a special form of magic as a therapy horse. Known to her many fans as Magic, the black mini with blue eyes was recently named the “Most Heroic Pet in America” by the AARP (American Association of Retired Persons).



Magic, owned by Debbie and Jorge Garcia-Bengochea of Gentle Carousel Miniature Therapy Horses in High Springs, Florida, was featured in the 2010 May/June issue of AARP Magazine for her heroic efforts as a therapy mini. “I am so proud of her,” Debbie Garcia-Bengochea said. “She has worked with over 4,000 people, but the story that helped her win the ‘Most Heroic Pet’ title has to do with a woman who hadn’t talked in three years.”



Garcia-Bengochea said that in September of 2009, a reporter from the Ocala Star-Banner newspaper was taking photos of a Gentle Carousel visit at an assisted care facility. “A woman who had not spoken since she arrived at the assisted care facility three years earlier began talking to Magic. ‘Isn’t she beautiful’ were her first words and then ‘It’s a horse’,” Garcia-Bengochea said. “The activities director began to cry and told the woman she loved her.”

Garcia-Bengochea went on to explain that the woman answered “I love you too” – her first words spoken to another person in all those years. “Before Magic left the woman asked, ‘Will she come back again?’ The woman has continued to talk since that visit with Magic,” Garcia-Bengochea said. “AARP used this



event, and the story and photos the Ocala Star-Banner published, to select Magic as the Most Heroic Pet in America.”



Magic isn't the only Miniature Horse owned by Gentle Carousel that is working their magic everywhere from nursing homes to hospitals all across North Florida. “We have 26 minis in our program, which is a non-profit volunteer program,” Garcia-Bengochea said. “Our minis have sparkles in their coats and look amazing when they do their visits. We love minis and it's a great way to have them in the community.”

Garcia-Bengochea said the story of Magic being named the “Most Heroic Pet In America” has been picked up by news outlets in Argentina, Korea, New Zealand, Holland and Thailand, just to name a few. “Magic has been with people when they passed away and when they have awoken from a coma,” Garcia-Bengochea said. “Magic is requested so often that she actually has an understudy.”



The tiny black mini with blue eyes certainly seems happy to be representing the American Miniature Horse Registry, introducing people each day to the remarkable breed. “We can't cure the many diseases out there, but we do bring magic into the lives of sick people,” Garcia-Bengochea said.

For more information on this story and others go to the Gentle Carousel Miniature Therapy Horses site, [www.horse-therapy.org](http://www.horse-therapy.org).



## Loading the Disobedient Horse



By: Ron Meredith

Loading a horse into a trailer is not a separate skill that horses and their handlers need to learn. Loading is simply a response to the step cue you've taught your horse through heeding. The horse that has learned to stay at your shoulder, trust your consistency and trust that he's got your full attention whenever you're with him. He has learned that your step is a cue for him to take a step. So he will match you step for step and walk right into the trailer. The step cues are the same and the horse's response to them should be the same as if you were asking him to walk down the barn aisle or into an arena. When the horse understands heeding, walking into a trailer is just one step away from what he already knows.

When people have trouble loading their horses its usually because they didn't introduce the trailer properly in the first place. Horses that have been forced into trailers or had some other bad trailering experience get afraid of them. Other horses are not afraid. They have just decided that they are not going to get in the trailer and are simply being disobedient.

If you have a horse who is just being evasive and disobedient, the tactics are a bit different than those you use to reintroduce the scared horse to a trailer. But you cannot lose your temper or start fighting. Disobedient horses are spoiling for a fight. Remember that a horse can only get the energy for a fight from the person who's fighting with him. If you're not fighting with the horse, he'll quit.

A horse can stand physical pressure for a long time but it can't stand mental pressure very well at all. If the horse is constantly made to pay attention to the trailer and to you and is constantly prevented from fighting, it will eventually just walk in with you. After all, you didn't let it have any fun by fighting with you.

Your first job is to get the horse's attention and keep his attention. The disobedient horse will try to change the subject by fighting with you or turning his head away or digging in before he reaches the trailer so you have to keep him paying attention to your step cue and any aids you use to reinforce it. Don't let him get away with changing the subject by fighting. I repeat, do not argue or fight.

You get the horse's attention and enforce your control by giving the horse no choice but to stay next to your shoulder. You stay behind the trailer and heed. You back, halt, walk forward, halt. You must use definite step cues. If the horse doesn't pay attention to them reinforce them with your whip aid. Tap on the hindquarters to reinforce walking forward. To ask for a halt, stop stepping. If the horse ignores that cue, turn your body parallel to the horse to cue for the halt and use your whip to block his chest. Push the handle of the whip on his chest at the front of his shoulder as an aid to reinforce your step toward his hindquarters to back the horse.



Keep the horse working. Go back and forward and back and forward, stopping closer to the trailer every time until the horse walks in with you. Never take the mental pressure off. It only takes one second of rest for the disobedient horse to build up the energy to try evading your cues and reinforcing aids again.

If the horse refuses to do what you ask it, ask it to do something else. For example, if the horse will not walk forward to the trailer and wants to back away or run to either side, then ask it to back. Ask it to do turns. Ask it to back, then walk forward. Back, forward, back forward. Get the horse's full attention back on you by constantly giving him something to do. Do it quietly without fighting or forcing.

When you feel the horse is paying attention and you have control, ask the horse to walk into the trailer. You will probably need to reinforce your step cue with a whip tap on the hindquarters to get the horse into the trailer. The timing of the whip aid is crucial. The tap must come just as the horse is deciding whether or not to take the first step into the trailer. If the horse does not listen to the whip aid the first time, don't keep tapping. Go back to reinforcing your step cue with a lot of definite heeding. Heed right behind the trailer, work for accuracy, and keep up the mental pressure. Then ask the horse to go in again.

Be sure that the horse understands what you want. Keep in mind that the obedience you want is about the step. When you use a reinforcing aid, you are reinforcing in the horse's mind that he must obey your step cue. You are not reinforcing the issue of entering the trailer. If the horse will not move forward and has stopped paying attention to your cues, you must strengthen the horse's understanding of the cue and of the response you want (which is to follow your EVERY step). Or else you need to slow down and regain relaxation by going back to something the horse understands such as lunging. If your horse likes to fight you about the issue of the trailer, spend his energy lunging [behind the trailer] before you even ask him to walk into the trailer. Finish with the trailer as the last lesson for the day.

The object is to use your step cues to get the horse to respond in a certain way whenever and wherever you want. So if you fight with the horse and manage to get him into the trailer the first day, you have accomplished nothing. You have accomplished something when the horse responds consistently to your cues.

There are a lot of people paying a lot of money going to clinics hoping to learn some mystical technique to put them in control of their horse. They think that a "real" horse person can just walk into a barn, take any horse, and go right to doing whatever they want with it. But there isn't a real horse person I know of who would ever even try to do that. Real horse people know that control over a horse comes from earning that horse's respect and trust. You earn that by always telling them what to do in a calm and horse logical way. Every new thing you ask is just one step away from what the horse already knows.

Instructor and trainer Ron Meredith has refined his "horse logical" methods for communicating with equines for over 30 years as president of [Meredith Manor International Equestrian Centre](#), an ACCET accredited equestrian educational institution.



The End!

