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Northern New Mexico Horsemen's Association Newsletter

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Learn How APNM Helps Equines, Families at August 25 Program Meeting

Equines and their families alike are dealing with the impacts of the pandemic and related economic issues throughout our state. And, drought conditions make it all the more difficult for some to adequately care for their horses, mules and donkeys. That's where the Animal Protection New Mexico (APNM) steps in.

At our **Wednesday, August 25 program meeting**, learn what APNM does to help equines – and other animals. For more than 40 years, it has helped pass key legislation, provide resources such as hay to equine owners in need through its emergency hay funds, help pay to geld, prevent abuse and neglect and maintain an emergency hotline.

Our speaker, Victoria Murphy, will explain these and other special services offered to equines by APNM. This promises to be a very useful program.

We will meet in person at the Pecos Trail Café, 2239 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe. The program starts at 7 pm. As before, feel free to join others for dinner at 6 pm, before the program. See you there!

Please RSVP at contact@nmha.org, so we may advise the restaurant.



About APNM

Since 1979, the Animal Protection New Mexico (APNM) has been advocating for the rights of animals by effecting systemic change, resulting in the humane treatment of all animals. What began as a small, dedicated group of people, APNM has, among other



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successes, helped pass dozens of laws to protect animals, while dramatically increasing the visibility of issues that New Mexico's animal population regularly faces.

As a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, APNM depends upon donations, volunteers and grants to continue its mission. For more information, go to www.apnm.org/horsehelp.

Pix from "Coming Out" Party

Hope those of you who attended our party last month had a good time. It was great fun seeing each other, having lunch and listening to the wonderful music of Bill Hearne and his Trio.



Here are a few photos from the event!

We hope you also enjoyed hearing about NNMHA plans for the rest of the year and beyond - rides, clinics, a return to regular program meetings, and more. It was great fun saying, "It's so nice to see you in person."





Kudos to the members who organized the event and thanks for the Sheriff's Posse's hospitality at its quarters and a presentation on the important role of the Posse.

See you at future program meetings and other events.

As always, if you have questions or comments, please contact any Board member or send an email to contact@nmmha.org (NNMHA's email address).

Rhinos – Unique Species Facing Heart-breaking Crisis in South Africa

It started in a book club meeting. The book being discussed posed the question, "What would you do if you could do anything?" Our speaker, Dr. Diana DeBlanc, DVM, told others she wanted to work with rhinos, much to their surprise.

Before she knew it, they found a place for her to volunteer, the Care for White Rhinos Sanctuary in South Africa. She was the in-house vet there, and she shared her first-hand experiences at our July program meeting.

Five species of rhinos still exist today, but in very small numbers. They once roamed many places around the world and were known to early Europeans who depicted them in early cave paintings.

Today, their numbers have sharply dwindled to barely more than a few thousand, mostly due to poachers killing rhinos for their horns. Horns are highly prized in some cultures and one large rhino horn can fetch up to one million dollars.



Poaching Puts Species on Endangered List

DeBlanc explained rhinos are killed every day, despite that many now live in national parks and are accompanied by armed guards. For that reason, this unique species is on the edge of extinction. The work of DeBlanc and her colleagues are focused on saving and fostering rhinos, often young rhinos that have been orphaned when abandoned by poachers.



In the parks, rhinos form “crashes” or small groups and each crash has its own 24/7 guard. If crashes gather, there can be many rhinos and several guards in one location.



Even with this level of protection, however, entire sanctuaries can be wiped out by gangs of poachers.

In one case, DeBlanc talked about saving a single remaining female rhino and her offspring that were in another sanctuary that was attacked. All the other rhinos were killed.

She and others (by helicopter) found both the mom and the baby rhino in separate places, tended to the female’s wounds, contained both and relocated them together.



When feasible, horns are safely removed from adult rhinos to avoid poachers. But, all this care comes at a significant cost – helicopter fees, veterinarians, medical supplies, feed, and more. DeBlanc explained some babies are so malnourished when taken in by a sanctuary, that they require IVs before they can be fed with large bottles. (See photo.)

On a lighter note, rhinos and horses share several characteristics – rhino horns are the same natural material as horse hooves, horses and rhinos both eat alfalfa hay and

both can run fast! However, rhinos can grow to 5,100 pounds and babies stay with their moms for three years.

How to Support Saving Rhinos

Several world organizations exist to help deal with this crisis, including www.councilofcontributors.com. DeBlanc noted that donations from wealthier countries can buy a lot in South Africa to support these efforts. Please visit this website for more information or to support this worthy cause.

Thanks to our speaker, Dr. Diana DeBlanc, DVM, for her presentation. Her photos, videos and insights certainly told the story of these amazing, endangered animals and the severe poaching crisis they face.



Auditing Trail Obstacles Clinic

If you would like to audit our Trail Obstacles Clinic on Saturday, August 7, you may do so at no charge. The deadline has passed for participating in the clinic, but auditing is still possible. This is NNMHA's way of supporting equestrian events in northern NM. Nina Courtney is conducting the clinic in the El Dorado area. For more information about auditing, contact Joyce Davis, by text 505 490-5390 or email bjmrkitty@gmail.com.

PLEASE NOTE: All participants (everyone in attendance) **MUST** be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 – that means a full two weeks past the last vaccination. In addition, any pandemic protocols required at the time will be in place.

Horsin' Around at the State Fair

Numerous equine events are being held during the 2021 NM State Fair, Sept. 9 - 19, including Western Dressage competition, horse breed shows, a mule-donkey show, open competition in Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Ranch Horse Pleasure and Reining, Trail, Showmanship, Hunter classes, English Discipline Rail...and more.

Horse show events take place at the Indoor Horse Arena at the north end of Main Street and most begin at 9 am. It's great to see the State Fair and equine events back in action. For dates, show details, entry requirements and forms, stall reservations and fees, go to www.statefair.exponm.com/participate/competitions/horse-shows.

Member News – HIPICO Events

Events continue at HIPICO, so be sure to regularly check www.hipicosantafe.com for details. The Great American/USDF Region 5 & RMDS Championships and Open Show is Sept. 16-19. Come see beautiful dressage in action.

And, if hunter/jumper is your thing, put the NMHJA Fall Festival, October 1-3, on your calendar now.

Plans Underway for Clinics, Trail Rides

Planning got underway at the Board meeting in July for Ridge Riders group trail rides, hopefully starting later this year, and clinics as early as spring next year. Several locations were suggested for rides – all to beautiful NM landscapes! Tentatively, there may be trail rides in October and November, dates to be determined.

It was decided to ask attendees at the “Coming Out” Party to complete a survey to gather input regarding different types of clinics and recommended clinicians. This feedback is being used to plan and organize clinics.

Based on survey results, the most popular topics for future clinics include: obstacle training, horsemanship, cowboy dressage, western dressage, starting a horse, reining and gaited riding, mostly in that order. Other suggested topics include liberty training, driving, bonding, groundwork, drill team and donkey training. We appreciate your input!

Thanks to Kathy Olshefsky and Ed Srsic for presenting their ideas for rides, and to Joyce Davis and Carol Marthens for suggestions regarding clinics. They all put forward great ideas for these popular activities. Going forward, the Board and other members will continue to make plans for trail rides, with help from others, and Joyce and Carol will be organizing clinics, with help from others, of course.

Please look for updates and details about clinics and rides in our newsletter and separate emails. Information will also be posted on the NNMHA website, www.nnmha.org.

Host a Ride on Your Favorite Trails

Speaking of trail rides, we welcome ideas from you where to ride! You probably know of great trails that also have sufficient parking and plenty of that gorgeous northern New Mexico scenery.

We're particularly interested in areas that are a reasonably short driving distance, so more time can be spent riding. We can even host a moderate riding group and a more advanced group per ride, if there is sufficient interest.



So, share your ideas of trail ride locations. We also need “hosts” who know the particular area to be on hand. **Hosting a ride simply calls for working with Board members and others in planning a specific ride and helping riders get organized once at the location.**

To find out more, ask questions or offer to host a ride, please contact any Board member.

Are You Savvy about Social Media?

We need a **Facebook Manager** to create a presence for us on Facebook and a few other social media outlets. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity, we want to share information about our programs and activities with the public. That's a good thing, since our mission is to encourage and support equine well-being and equestrian activities throughout northern NM. If you are even a little social media savvy, we want you! Contact any Board member to discuss.



Do You Know...

Applying fly spray to a damp horse – after a bath, perhaps – is just as effective as the same amount of spray applied to a dry horse. If you follow the manufacturer's instructions, your horse will be protected.

However, if the horse is dripping wet, then the product will be carried off with the excess water. Likewise, after hosing off or following a downpour.

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Classifieds

Do you have something equine-related to sell or services to provide? Short classified ads may be placed by any member in good standing. Please send an email with exact wording for your ad to: Sandra, smithcom@goldengate.net, or Karen, redmule@kdt.net.

STUART H. GARBER, DC, PhD, AVCA

Animal chiropractor with 39 years of experience. Certified in animal chiropractic by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association. Equines and canines, but also happy to treat any critter with a spine. By appointment: 505 913-7493.

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Trainer offers lessons, training, show coaching. Specialty: ranch riding, reining and ranch trail. Contact: sfcolores@sprynet.com, 505 473-4147.

LYNN CLIFFORD

The Ride of Your Life Horsemanship instruction and The Inner Equestrian Life coaching/counseling, Santa Fe. By arrangement: www.lynnclifford.com, 505 231-5353.

THE TRINITY RANCH

Santa Fe's premier horse facility. Boarding, training, lessons, indoor arena, 150x300 jump course, 20x60 dressage court. Absolutely beautiful facility, exceptional staff, positive atmosphere. More info: www.santafehorse.com.

NORTHSIDE BOARDING

Ride out on miles of trails, five minutes from NM599/La Tierra Rd. Reasonable rates, relaxed atmosphere. Prices from \$300-\$375 for pens 12x60 and larger. Arena, round pen, three tack rooms, wash rack, trailer parking. Horses fed grass mix or alfalfa twice daily. Boarders provide extras, we feed. Owner lives on premises. Contact: Carolyn, Centaurus Ranch, 505 474-0821.

BOARD YOUR HORSE

At the "Happy Horse" place, RANCHO MARIPOSA. Horses fed quality hay three times a day, grain twice a day. Turned out regularly in large pasture and ring, blanketing. Every stall and shed has a paddock and shavings. Indoor arena, sand riding area, dressage ring, round pen, trails available. Caretakers live on site. Lessons and training available. Manager has 40 years professional horse experience and cares for

your horse the same way she does her own. Please come and visit us! We're located on "Ranch Road" off of 285, just SE of Eldorado. Call Barbara at 505 466-1005.

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NNMHA encourages and educates our members and the broader northern New Mexico community with regard to equine wellness and equestrian activities

You are welcome to contact Board members with questions or comments about plans or activities. Board meetings are held each month, and members are invited to participate in Board meetings. Meetings may be online or in person. Please contact any Board member for more information.



***I have no special talents.
I am only passionately curious.
Albert Einstein***