



# Paddock Paper

Northern New Mexico Horsemen's Association Newsletter

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## Continued Drought Calls for Having Evacuation Plan that Works



"If you see ash from a fire, you should have left a long time ago," warns our May meeting speakers, Cheryl Nigg and Kit Weidner. "If you see smoke or smell it, evacuate. Don't wait." They spoke from personal experience and as active members of the Peco Chapter of Back Country Horsemen, as well as the East Mountain Emergency Response Team (CERT).

**Their key point: Have a plan.** Worsening wildfire conditions throughout the Southwest mean you and your equine(s) may need to evacuate, with limited notification. That scenario creates a situation of panic. Basic preparations now can help to ensure a safe evacuation – should the need arise.

### Get a Plan Together

- Ensure your trailer is ready to go – including spare tire, fire extinguishers and lights in working order
- Keep your vehicle's gas tank full
- Store extra sacks of feed and containers of water in your garage
- Customize a disaster kit for your equines, including equine meds, basic grooming tools, extra halters and leads, wraps, first-aid antiseptic, in a five-gallon bucket, backpack or other container that will keep contents dry and clean
- Have documents (horse photos and proof of ownership, insurance information, special medical care requirements)
- Prepare a kit for yourself – flashlight, eyeglasses, prescriptions, knife, change of clothes, raincoat, extra boots or shoes, gloves



- Know that cell service may be spotty at best, so have phone numbers, directions and other evacuation information in writing and on hand
- You will not be allowed to make return trips, so plan on a single evacuation trip

### **Return Home**

- Keep animals off-site until the emergency is over
- Be aware of lingering smoke, loose animals, downed power lines, contaminated water on your way home and upon arrival
- Make sure you have secure fencing, corrals or stalls, available water and feed/hay

*Note: This presentation will be posted on the NNMHA website, so you may review it at your convenience.*

*The New Mexico Livestock Board is in charge of large animals during disasters. You may contact the Board, 505 841-6161, for additional planning help and during any disaster.*

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## **More Resources for Evacuation Plans**

As we heard from our meeting speakers, very dry conditions call for knowing what to do and the importance of acting quickly and decisively in case of fire or other disasters. They recommend we create a plan tailored to our specific needs. To that end, another excellent resource is a publication from the Santa Fe County Fire Department. One section is specifically for ranchers and rural residents.

To view and download the publication, simply search for or google **Santa Fe County Fire Department**. Under that heading, click on Forms & Information and then open the publication, “**Santa Fe Ready, Set, Go Guide – Personal Wildfire Action Plan.**” It takes a very practical approach that works for any property.

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## **Board is Moving Forward on Key Opportunities**

The Board meeting last month offered a welcome change – we meet in person. It was great to see each other again. Numerous topics were discussed, with progress on several fronts.

With an earlier decision made to support horse shows and clinics, NNMHA provided assistance to the Zia Classic, sponsored by the Arabian Horse Association of NM. The all-breed event took place over three days at HIPICO in May, and it was a great opportunity to showcase the availability of excellent show grounds and facilities in Santa Fe.

Work continues on fine tuning our vision and values statements, based on our new mission statement. Discussion also included establishing working committees for programs, events, scholarships and partnership/advocacy. It is anticipated these committees will be in place over the next couple of months, so be thinking about which committee interests you! Initial plans are that committees will be made up of a Board member and several volunteer members.

Based on our earlier member surveys, there is great interest throughout our organization for trail rides. We may also partner with other riding groups, too.



However, we need a coordinator to spearhead this effort, called Ridge Riders, and work with a host for each ride. Many of us want trail rides, but that will take volunteer help!

If this interests you, please contact any Board member. We'd love to hear your ideas.

We have a banner! It will be displayed at events and other activities that NNMHA is supporting, involved in or hosting.

## Dates for Your Calendar

**Heads up – our June meeting is Wednesday, June 30, 6 pm.** Our speaker is Cynthia Culbertson, “**Hoofbeats Through History – The Story of the Horse in New Mexico.**” The influence of this state on the history of the horse in the Americas is fascinating. Not to be missed!

She has served as a consultant and co-curator of equine exhibits internationally, including a UNESCO World Heritage Museum. Cynthia is also the author of several books and a lecturer and narrator for various multiple educational programs.

This meeting will be online, so details will be sent via email as the date nears.



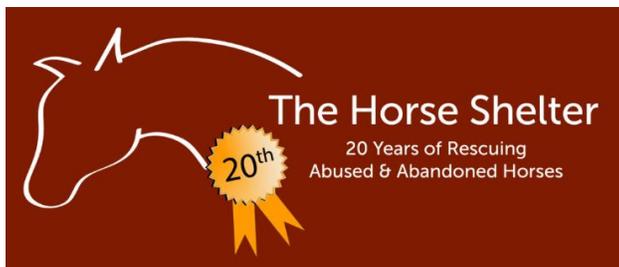
**Put Saturday, July 17 on your calendar now.** You heard it here first - it's a members "coming out" party that will be an in-person celebration, taking into consideration any pandemic protocols in place at the time. Details and location to come in our July newsletter. It will be fun to see each other in person.

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## Member News – Horse Shelter

It was recently announced that the Horse Shelter is at full capacity. That means adoptions and sponsorships are ever important. Plus, with increasing hay prices any donations that help offset this cost are very helpful. For more information, contact the Shelter directly at [www.thehorseshelter.org](http://www.thehorseshelter.org).

The Shelter is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and while some annual events may not



be held this year, the Gimme Shelter event is scheduled for Saturday, July 31. It will probably be held in a smaller location, rather than the rodeo grounds.

Trainers are already working with their horses! Depending on pandemic restrictions, this event may or may not be open to the public, so check the Horse Shelter website for updates.

Plus, Rhoda Rein was recently named Ranch Manager for the Shelter. She has an extensive background in breeding, riding and showing, as well as operating horse facilities.

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## Your Photos Wanted!

The NNMHA website is soon to be rejuvenated and we'd love to include photos from more recent member activities (past five years or so). Meetings, clinics, Ridge Rides, shows, or whatever - we have some, but more is good!

We saw plenty of cameras and phones at events, so please contact Karen Denison [redmule@kdt.net](mailto:redmule@kdt.net) with any questions or simply send them along.

Thank you!

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# Check Out the HIPICO Calendar

Speaking of news, be sure to periodically check the calendar of events on the HIPICO website. There are numerous events scheduled throughout the summer and fall, and who doesn't enjoy watching horse events at such a fabulous facility. Go to [www.hipicosantafe.com](http://www.hipicosantafe.com) for more information.

There, you will find, for example, the Santa Fe Dressage Association presents Dressage Santa Fe I and II, July 16-17, and July 18, respectively. September 16-19 is the Great American/USDF Region 5 and RMDS Championships and Open Show. The NM Hunter Jumper Association is scheduled for October 1-3.



The 2021 SWQHA/NMQHA Border Circuit was held at HIPICO on May 28-31, as was the NMHJS Spring Fling and the Janet Foy Symposium.

Lots going on, so be sure to check the HIPICO website frequently for current happenings and updates.

These events are a great opportunity to watch competitors in a variety of events. Lots of fresh air, outdoor fun.

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## Horse Treats – Plastic or Paper?

Most of us probably don't worry about the impact of packaging on the stability of horse treats. Treats usually don't last very long, right? But if you are wondering, a research study looked into this topic. To start, the researchers assumed that treat packaging is typically composed of either plastic and paper to improve shelf life.



The objectives of this research, conducted at Southern Illinois University, were to assess the impact of packaging on shelf life of horse treats and to evaluate the impact of packaging on horse preferences.

So, three packaging treatments were examined over a 12-month period. Treatments included: a control (stored in solid-sheet polyethylene bags at -80° C); polyethylene bags (stored at ambient temperature and relative humidity); and, paper bags (single ply paper bags at ambient temperature and relative humidity).

Moisture content and water activity increased in all treatments from month 0 to month 12, with paper packaging providing a greater fluctuation and containing visible mold at month 12. Thus far, no difference was observed in horse preference.

Finally, however, a trend for the number of treats consumed was observed, with treats stored in polyethylene bags increasing in preference while treats stored in paper bags decreased.

Conclusion? The researchers determined that packaging-type impacted not only product shelf life, but also horse preference for plastic-stored treats. Who knew!



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In the University of Minnesota Extension Horse e-Newsletter*

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## Do You Know...

There are approximately 10.3 million horses in the US, with 147,000 horses in New Mexico. The states that have the most horses are Texas, California, Florida, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Ohio and Missouri, in that order.

The ancestors of today's horses lived here and throughout North America 20 million years ago. About 15 million years ago, they migrated to Europe and Asia, becoming extinct in North America...possibly due to the lack of abundant food sources.

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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](mailto:smithcom@goldengate.net), or Karen, [redmule@kdt.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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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# Board and Committees

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*You are welcome to contact any board member with questions or comments about Club plans or activities. Board meetings are held each month, and members are invited to participate in board meetings. Due to the pandemic, meetings are online. Please contact any Board member for more information.*

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***With great power...  
comes great need to take a nap.  
Wake me up later.  
Rick Riordan***