



Paddock Paper

Northern New Mexico Horsemen's Association Newsletter

November 2021

Horsemanship Clinic Scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 14 - Register Now

A "Confidence Through Horsemanship" Clinic will be held at the Loal Tucker Horsemanship Arena, in Lamy, 10 am – 2 pm, 48 Cerro Alto Road, Lamy. Register to participate now; there only a few openings left.

NNMHA is proud to be sponsoring this clinic. We are helping to defray the costs for participants and eliminating the costs for auditors. The public is welcome!

Loal is a third-generation rancher and horseman and a highly respected trainer and clinician. He offers clinics on a variety of skills, including Horsemanship, Confidence, Ranch Versatility, Working Cattle and Trail Confidence.

Loal is a member of the NM Mounted Search and Rescue team and has been involved in The Horse Shelter's Trainer's Challenge.



Board member Joyce Davis attended this clinic some years ago and thought it was one of the best she's attended in the area. The space is limited to eight riders; the clinic fee is \$75 per person on a first-come/first-serve basis. Auditors may attend at no cost (bring something to sit on, if you want).

All attendees will be required to complete respective liability waivers. For more information or to register, contact Joyce, bjmrkitty@gmail.com, 505 490-5390.

Congratulations, Newly Elected Board Members - Thanks to All for Voting

The votes are in (25% of members voted) and Evalyn Bemis, Helen Newton and Paula Zima will be serving on our Board for the next two years, beginning in January. They are enthusiastic about NNMHA and the future of our organization.

Each candidate brings valuable experiences that lend to furthering our mission and vision. We know they will work hard on behalf of both members and the northern NM equine community.

Thanks, Evalyn, Paula and Helen!

Save Dates—Dec. 11 or 12 Holiday Party

Plans are underway for our regular holiday party, to be held on Saturday, Dec. 11 or 12. Details to come!

How to Help Equines and Their Families in Need – Thanks to APNM

About two dozen members and guests attended our in-person meeting at Pecos Trail Café last month. The business meeting was opened by President Howard Gershon who asked everyone to briefly introduce themselves, then made a few announcements. Elections for the three open Board positions closed after the meeting (see related article).

Our guest speaker, the Animal Protection New Mexico's (APNM) Equine Program Manager, Victoria Murphy, began her presentation with the mission for the organization regarding horses, mules and donkeys: humane care for equines through the use of a direct-offer, short-term safety net for owners.

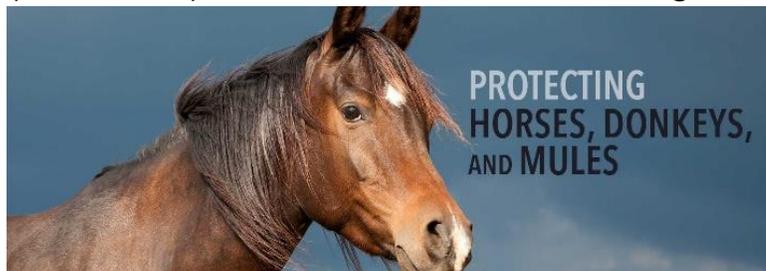
The organization's Equine Protection Fund (EPF) was established as a result of an increasing number of hotline calls in 2010 regarding neglected horses. Victoria showed telling graphs that illustrated the history of the APNM's various equine programs.

More Horses Being Served

APNM began offering assistance for horses in 2010, and over the course of eight years it has served an estimated 1,000 equines, with the number of horses supported per year slowly rising. However, a graph comparing second quarter services in 2019 with the same quarter in 2020 was startling: ten horses given support in Q2 2019 became nearly 850 horses in Q2 2020, largely due to pandemic effects.

During the pandemic, roughly March 2020 through current time, feed assistance has boomed to individuals impacted by loss of jobs. Victoria shared a map that showed recipients are scattered across the state.

Pre-pandemic, the EPF programs could largely be divided into four parts: short-term (two month) feed assistance; lower cost gelding/reproductive clinics; veterinary



payments (offered only to licensed shelters with unusual circumstances); and, assistance with humane euthanasia/disposal. The pandemic has affected the implementation of these, but not the general outline.

Success Story with PZP Injection Program

In 2019, one of APNM's success stories involved earning a partnership with the Ramah Navajo Council and holding a gelding/PZP injection clinic there. This part of the reservation (near Grants) has no veterinarians, and faces a serious overpopulation problem, because horses are often turned out together to range for forage. If stallions are gelded and mares receive a once-a-year PZP injection as a community effort, the growth of the population is limited.

Plans had been in place to provide trainings for PZP injections (so tribal members could run their own effort), but the pandemic lockdown has interrupted that. APNM has also partnered with other tribes and agencies (like BLM) to provide services or facilitate placement of equines in need to appropriate rescues when that is the best outcome.

APNM also championed the establishment of the New Mexico Horse Shelter Rescue Fund, a check-off donation on state tax forms. Money gathered through that (about \$150,000 last year) is distributed directly to licensed shelters via the state Livestock Board.



Very generous donors have allowed APNM to serve more individuals (up to four horses per individual) for somewhat longer periods, though feed aid is reduced over time. But for the people whose personal stories Victoria relayed, this has been a lifeline

for people keeping family pets - cherished animals who are likely to have a better life, if they stay with their current owners - through a rough patch.

To Find out More...

Donations come in various forms and are always welcome. However, Victoria was quick to say that her primary reason for giving her presentation was to spread awareness of availability. No other agency or organization is doing what they are doing: providing assistance to keep horses home and out of shelters.



Thank you, Victoria, for letting us know about some of the challenges horse owners face today, and how APNM offers safety net services that keep animals and their families together through tough times.

She invited anyone who wants to learn more to visit their website, <http://apnm.org/horsehelp>, or email epf@apnm.org.

Annual Tack Sale on Saturday, Nov. 6 – Stop by NNMHA Display

The annual Mortensen Silver and Saddle tack sale is Saturday, Nov. 6, 9 am – 3 pm, 96 Bonanza Creek Road. NNMHA will have a display there, so stop by and say hello!

Other Board News includes Website Expansion, Giving Program

As we expand the capabilities of our website, members should feel free to let any Board member know what should be posted. There was discussion at the last Board meeting whether it would be of interest to members if summaries of Board meeting minutes were available. Please let us know what you think.



Speaking of the website, all “Paddock Paper” newsletters can now be found there. So, if you are looking for a previous article or news, it’s on the website! It is also our ongoing intent to post photos from various NNMHA events.

A Board subcommittee is working on guidelines for a giving program that will provide financial assistance for grants, sponsorships and scholarships. Such a program is at the heart of our 501(c)(3) organization, so we are excited to finalize it in the next month or so. Member input is welcome on this topic, as well.

Is It Time for Rabies Vaccinations?



You probably took care of most vaccinations and worming in the spring, so rabies vaccinations usually occur in the Fall. It's also a good time to talk with your vet about worming – that may or may not be needed again.

Do You Know...

Equine metabolic syndrome (EMS) is an endocrine disorder characterized by: increased fat deposits in specific locations of the body or overall obesity; insulin resistance, which leads to abnormally high levels of the hormone circulating in the bloodstream; and, a predisposition toward laminitis in the absence of other recognized causes. Remember when we used to simply call it “road founder” or “getting into the grain bin?”



Correction and Notes

The correct name of The **Horse Shelter's new Ranch Manager** is Rhoda Rein.

A **new tack and supply store** has opened in Moriarty, Rancho Elisa Stables, LLC Tack Shop, 505 832-5113. The shop carries a full line of equine supplies and new and used tack. Remarkably, you can sell used tack outright, rather than on consignment. Stop by and take a look!

If you think our emails look a little “wonky” sometimes, you’re right. The **new computer system we are using** is great for tasks such as updating and managing the member mailing list and posting photos and information on the website. However, it leaves a bit to be desired when it comes to graphics appearing as intended in emails. It’s a learning curve for us.

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.

TERRY BERG

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.

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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 get in touch with any Board member for more information.



***Unless someone like you
cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better.
It's not.
Dr. Suess***