

July 2015

UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION



The Pull

If we ride long enough, (and sometimes this is only our first or second ride while others go years) we will have our horse pulled or make the decision to pull our horse from competition. When the veterinarians do this they are doing this to protect the welfare of our horses. They are looking out for horse (or mule) and their continued health. The control judge does not care about our horse's record or how long they've gone without being pulled. They want to see our horse sound for another day or make it through the next few days without requiring veterinary intervention. It's a tough job and I believe most of our vets cheer for our partnerships and hope for us to be highly successful with many, many miles together. But when something's up, we rely on them to help us stop.

I've also see some courageous rider option – metabolic, and rider option – lameness pulls this year. I've seen people stop their rides and focus on their horse. Thank you for doing this, because you know your horse, their habits, their way of going. You too want to have more miles together with your equine partner.

We riders are ultimately responsible for our horses no matter what the control judge says. We are often horribly disappointed when the pull happens, but we should really listen to not only our horses, but our veterinarians. Many vets are open with talking about your horse's condition if the vet area quiet and there is time to discuss and further evaluate your horse.

Thanks for riding and stopping riding as well. Continued happy trails,
Theresa Meyer
UMECRA President



Date	Ride Name	Location
7/25-28	Bonecrusher Ride	Palmyra, WI
8/2-9	Shore-to-Shore	L.Huron to L.Michigan MI
8/8-9	Louise Reidel Memorial	Arkdale, WI
8/22-23	Northern Highland	Merrill, WI
8/29-30	Rock River Charity	Utica, IL
9/5-7	White River Fall – Labor Day	Hesperia, MI
9/12-13	Charity Cup	Pillager, MN
9/12-13	Keweenaw	Marquette, MI
9/12-13	Lincoln Trail	Kinmundy, IL
9/18-20	Colorama Classic	Greenbush, WI
9/19-20	Tin Cup Springs	Reed City, MI
9/25-27	Run for the Ridge	Fairfax, MN
9/26-27	Pine Marten Run	Welmore, MI
10/1-4	DRAWarama	Palmyra, WI
10-3-4	Legendary Run	Leonard, ND
10/10-11	Iron Oak	Arkdale, WI
10/10-11	Oak Leaf Run	Hamilton, MI
10/16-17	Point Chaser	Wabasha, MN
10/24-25	AHDRA's Big River	Keithsburg, IL

Shore to Shore is ON!!!!

A few changes – it's one ride, not 3, but still 7 days and the trails are the same! Check out the new ride flyer on the UMECRA webpage!!!
More information further down in the newsletter!

Looking for new places to ride in your area and beyond?

Check out <http://trailmeister.com/>

Lots of information there on trails and all things trails! Search by city, state, even zip codes! You can even add trails that you know about!

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“When I bestride him, I soar, I am a hawk: he trots the air; the earth sings when he touches it; the basest horn of his hoof is more musical than the

pipe of Hermes.”
– William Shakespeare, Henry V

**Let the games begin....
Ride Results!**

<i>ApDra 6/13 - 12 Mile Competitive Drive</i>			
Tim	Casserly	Auran Bachlava/Amir Sa	1
Alice	Hubert	K-Macaroni	2
Jeanne	White	Chessica	3
<i>ApDra 6/13 - 25 Mile Competitive HW</i>			
Barb	Gardner	RR Roman Scooter	1
Jon	Wagner	Mi Victory Dance	2
<i>ApDra 6/13 - 25 Mile Competitive LW</i>			
Laura	Husser	CDWD Margarita	1
Maxine	Bernsdorf	CH Shamm Bashire	2
Cathy	Hansen	Moonstruck	3
Linda	Jacobson	Chub Lake Jack Daniel	4
Kathy	Schauer	Morning Glory XX	5
Kristine	Wacker	Patch Adams	6
Laura	Savatski	My Low Rider	C
Ruth	Casserly	Auran HarleyDvdsn	C
Laura	Standley	Aliviia	C
Melinda	Stewart	McCues Miss Behavin	C
Lukas	Dragunas	Khepera Shakreekh	C
<i>ApDra 6/13 - 12 Mile Competitive Novice</i>			
Susan	Grossenbache	NW Otono Blue Sky	1
Art	Anderson	Pick N Asset	2
Beth	Rudy	Wineglass Dora	3
Karri	Krambs	Rambo	4
Paulette	Stelpflug	Omar	5
Kaylie	Hulsky	Lilly	6
Kimberly	Rosecrans	Magic	MO
Shirley	May	Pieta CreoQue	MO
<i>ApDra 6/13 - 50 Mile Endurance HW</i>			
Wes	Elford	Suzie Q	1
Walter	Freiberg	Chazz	2
Guy	Worthington	JG Randie	3
Jim	Andriakos	WBNelsons Thunderbyr	4
Deb	Searle	Sultann Sundance	5
Kathi	Soukup	TSF Time	6
Jen	Allen	WMA Shadrach	C
Stephanie	Crispin	Tioga Peak	C
Taryn	Dentinger	TKO Rhio Bask	C
Robin	Schadt	Kayheart	Pull
Jill	Feller	Trouble MHF	Pull
<i>ApDra 6/13 - 50 Mile Endurance Jr</i>			
Ainsley	Suskey	Mi Lucky Charm	1
Brenna	Baemmert	Missy	2
Charlie D	Koester	Lu-Nor Soverign	Pull

ApDra 6/13 - 50 Mile Endurance LW			
Katie	Bachhuber	JG Sammy	1
Roberta	Harms	Lady Jane	2
Janell	Thompson	BA Mikeera Bey	3
Eileen	Kirsch	Sabins Scooter	4
Haley	Elliott	Zephyrus TF	5
Belinda	Cook	BF Four by Four	6
Carol	Wagner	Cheyenne	C
Nicole	Mauser-Store	Peso	
ApDra 6/13 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Adam	Heil	Mariah by Dbl D	1
Lori	Windows	Ella N Fires Jane Doe	2
Linda	Miller	Crescent Moon Jet	3
Christina	Hyke	Karinos Fire	4
Laurie	Henschel	Ebony's Bravo Moon	5
Lisa	Docter	HS Kiger Danielle	6
Jen	Moore	Sidney Rain	C
Colleen	Morgan	Hur Panz Sweet Kiya	C
Ann	DeLang	Chocolate Martini	C
Melissa	Coolich	JG Force	C
Jan	Worthington	Valentine Cookie LTD	C
Jessica	Zirbel	Ashe	C
Tracey	Roush	Dallas	C
Tracy	Johnson	Mombo Number Five	C
Kimberly	Fosler	BZ Cojeseryn Sahar	C
Christoph	Power	WineGlass Debonair	C
Martha	Power	SA Te Jat	C
Allison	Goetz	Shadowtrax	C
Mary	Otto	Noor Qahlbi	C
Tracy	Rhyner	Ala Catch Ya Later	C
Debra	Moe	WMA Silver Sword	C
Kristin	Glaze	Fadbai Killian	C
Laura	McCormack	Coal	Pull
ApDra 6/14 - 12 Mile Competitive Drive			
Tim	Casserly	Auran Bachlava/Amir Sa	1
Alice	Hubert	K-Macaroni	2
ApDra 6/14 - 25 Mile Competitive HW			
Jim	Andriakos	CR Cosmic Eclipse	1
Stephanie	Crispin	AllAboutMajestic	1
Deb	Searle	WOA Ravens Premier	3
Robin	Schadt	Sassy Aspen	4
ApDra 6/14 - 25 Mile Competitive Jr			
Haley	Elliott	Ella N Fires Jane Doe	1
Brenna	Baemmert	RFR Crimson Crescent	2
ApDra 6/14 - 25 Mile Competitive Lw			
Lori	Windows	JA Bannarr	1
Jeanne	Crispin	CR Tequila Rose	2
Linda	Jacobson	Chub Lake Jack Daniel	3
Laura	Savatski	Murphy's Law	3
Ruth	Casserly	Auran HarleyDvdsn	5

ApDra 6/14 - 12 Mile Competitive Novice			
Beth	Rudy	Windglass Dora	1
Kaylie	Ramsey (Hulsey)	Lilly	2
Christoph	Power	H. Bikaver	MO
ApDra 6/14 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Jr			
Charlie D	Koester	MRPF Penique Brillante	1
ApDra 6/14 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Roberta	Harms	JM Cest La Vie	1
Jon	Wagner	Mi Victory Dance	2
Guy	Worthington	New Millineum	3
Colleen	Morgan	SC Cassa Nova	4
Janel	Thompson	Willow	5
Tracy	Johnson	Mombo # 5	6
Lisa	Docter	HS Kiger Danielle	C
Nicole	Mauser- Storer	Sosas Playboy at Sonset	C
Melissa	Coolich	MCA Chassmyne	Pull

SE Minn - 6/19 - 30 Mile Competitive HW			
Laurie	Brown	VC Makita	1
Sherry	Scheibelhut	Vallies SharDonae	1
Bonnie	Mielke	Ola Loki	3

SE Minn - 6/19 - 30 Mile Competitive LW			
Laura	Husser	CDWD Margarita	1
Nancy	McCoy	Gizmo	2
Bev	Specht	JH Arabalest	2
Linda	Jacobson	Chub Lake Jack Daniel	4
Maxine	Bernsdorf	CH Shamm Bashire	5
Ruth	Casserly	Auran HarleyDvdsn	6
Karen	Sylvara	Spot Me Wild	P

SE Minn - 6/19 - 60 Mile Endurance HW			
Joel	Hildebrandt	BE Spartacus	1
Sheryl	O'Brien	Wild River Sundancer	2
Edward	Hauser	Stevie Ray	3
Barry	Saylor	MD Colorful Touch	4
Janet	Sarver	Pswoosh	P

SE Minn - 6/19 - 60 Mile Endurance Jr			
Grace	Steffl	Indiana	1
Cassidy	Wiethoff	Black Jack	2

SE Minn - 6/19 - 60 Mile Endurance LW			
Emily	Stover	Vallies Jazirah	1
Roberta	Harms	Lady Jane	2
Peggy	Pasillas	Mattanahs Joker	2
Theresa	Meyer	Queen Heartt	4
Dana	Gasner	Remington	5
Sheila	Schneider	Gypsy B Miss Behavin	6
Scott	Campbell	JG One And Only	6
Sarah	Maass	Royal Opus	6
Colleen	Morgan	Hur Panz Sweet Kiya	6
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Paula	Goligowski	Little Bay	C
Chip	Jack	WF Everlasting	C

SE Minn - 6/19 - 30 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Charlotte	Tuhy	Raffia's Image	1
Dale	Lunde	Images Princess Haily	2
Diane	Merz	Sterling Illusion	3
Jean	Allen	Walor AF	4
Diane	Schermerhorn	Shaylee Bay	5
Morgan	Watson	Dejets Propelled	6
Cassandra	Roberts	Mystery Czarq	C
Ann	Anderson	Jets TAHR Mindy	P
Debra L	Juettner	Rena	P
Jen	Moore	Sidney Rain	P
Ashley	Phillips	?	P
Lynda	Zimmerman	HDR Petrolero de Nevado	P
SE Minn - 6/20 - 25 Mile Competitive HW			
Ed	Barbo	Psyche on Fire	1
Becki	Sanford	Strya Major Chord	2
Katja	Wiedrich	Sweet Honey Dew	3
SE Minn - 6/20 - 25 Mile Competitive LW			
Laura	Husser	CDWD Margarita	1
Ruth	Casserly	Auran HarleyDvdsn	2
Candy	Barbo	Piero	3
SE Minn - 6/20 - 60 Mile Endurance HW			
Walter	Freiberg	Chazz	1
SE Minn - 6/20 - 60 Mile Endurance LW			
Jodi	Johannessen	PR Bay Muscrana	1
Colleen	Morgan	SC Cassa Nova	2
Morgan	Watson	Djets Tigress	3
Roxy	Welling	Estres Chic	4
Cassandra	Roberts	Belle Loraine	5
Scott	Campbell	JG Kings Major	6
Sheila	Schneider	Gypsy B Miss Behavin	C
Robertta	Harms	JM Cest La Vie	P
Kym	Life	Jedwab	P
Cassidy	Wiethoff	Harlequin	P
Cody	Collins	Lazers Legacy	1
Mary	Lambert	Psyches Amore	
SE Minn - 6/20 - 30 Mile Limited Distance Jr			
Bohdan	Jakopak	Rocks Strolling Jim	1
Alexis	Unangst	Lil Bits George Amir	2
Emma	Christopherson	My Name Is Bob	3
Cassidy	Wiethoff	Harlequin	
Ashley	Phillips	Djets Propelled	1
Lisa	Docter	HS Kiger Danielle	2
Lynda	Zimmerman	Lluvia del Norte	3
Kristen	Sequin	Mmona Lisa	4
Brittnie	Leonard	Sunnys Chico D Oro	5
Sarah	Maass	Royal Ajax	6
Summer	Jakopak	DCC Diablo	C
Autumn	Jakopak	Jewel	C
Robertta	Harms	JM Cest La Vie	P
Joel	Hildebrandt	Lacy Bay Express	P

SE Minn - 6/20 - 12 Mile Competitive Novice			
Tishna	Flemming	Leeroy	1
Susi	Schuchard	TADancing Star	2
Melissa	Norton	Gristan	3
Clay	Flemming	Encore	4
Ken	Meyer	Samarii	MO
Carmen	Steuck	Phoenix	MO
SE Minn - 6/21 - 30 Mile Competitive LW			
Bev	Specht	JH Arabalest	1
Jan	Rivard	Jewell	2
Holly	Egerer	Zippy's Ace of Diamonds	3
SE Minn - 6/21 - 30 Mile Limited Distance Jr			
Grace	Steffl	Indiana	1
SE Minn - 6/21 - 30 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Jodi	Johannessen	Denndi Moore	1
Diane	Merz	Sterling Illusion	2
Ann	Anderson	Jets TAHR Mindy	P
Don	Schermerhorn	High Ole Matilda	P

White River Summer 6/13 - 50 Mile Endurance HW			
Carl	Dosmann	Paper Icon	1
Earle	Baxter	Country Hill Cameo Bay	2
Ken	Wright	Samaha Gameela	3

White River Summer 6/13 - 50 Mile Endurance LW			
Lisa	Moorhouse	Moulins SAL-LAS WPA	3
Rebecca	Grams	LW Classic Diamond	6
Linda	Hamrick	RTM First In Line	1
Amy	Yatsko	It's A Mad Mad World (Captain	2
Shannon	Loomis	Quest For Star	C
Amy	Scharmen-Burgdolf	Coosa Valley Indiana Jone	4
Diane	Meinders	Bears Northern Light	5

White River Summer 6/13 - 50 Mile Endurance Jr			
Morgan	Loomis	The Perfect Angel	1

White River Summer 6/13 - 30 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Mary	Goericke	My May Flyer	P
Angel	Chmurynski	Yankee Zarr	2
Tina	Williams	Sonny	1
Diane	Maxey	LW Constant Sohn	5
Connie	Rawski	JC Zymone	C
Jim	Rawski	JC Hasil	6
Lisa	Germann	Over Brooks Image	3
Sandy	Smiley	Comet	P
Myra	Fleming	Boomerang	4
Calvin	Voogt	Story	P
Sandy	Barber	Morocco	P

White River Summer 6/13 - 30 Mile Limited Distance Jr			
Aya	McCarty	Dynamo Dash	P
Katelyn	Fleming	RTM Fancy	P
Whitney	Meinders	Honey	P

White River Summer 6/14 - 50 Mile Endurance Hw			
Earle	Baxter	I Am Amazing	1

White River Summer 6/14 - 50 Mile Endurance LW			
Rachael	Meinders	Mattingley KC Heart	1

White River Summer 6/14 - 30 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
DJ	McQueen	Moon Is A Star	1
Barb	Kurti	Kulta	4
Cassandra	Green	Tryllerika	3
Shannon	Loomis	Quest for Star	2
White River Summer 6/14 - 30 Mile Limited Distance Jr			
Morgan	Loomis	The Perfect Angel	1
White River Summer 6/14 - 30 Mile Competitive HW			
Sandra	Wright	LW Raajas Chip	1
White River Summer 6/14 - 30 Mile Competitive Jr			
Whitney	Meinders	MS Dasani	1

Maplewood West 5/30 - 50 Mile Endurance HW			
Edward	Hauser	Stevie Ray	1
Joel	Hildebrandt	BE Spartacus	2
Sheryl	O'Brien	Wild River Sundancer	3

Maplewood West 5/30 - 50 Mile Endurance LW			
Jodi	Johannessen	Denndi Moore	1
Candy	Barbo	CR Windsor	2
Peggy	Pasillas	Mattanahs Joker	3
Mary	Lambert	High Tail Hanna	4
Suzanne	Warren	PPF Geyms Sonly	5
Chip	Jack	WF Everlasting	6
Dana	Gasner	Lil Bits George Amir	C
Cassidy	Wiethoff	Black Jack	C
Grace	Steffl	Indiana	C
Leah	Schnobrich	Buffy	C
Colleen	Morgan	Hur Panz Sweet Kiya	

Maplewood West 5/30 - 30 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Charlotte	Tuhy	AS Cookies N Cream	1
Hanna	Mork	Chazzy	2
Teresa	Fett	CR Eastir Lyllee	3
Diane	Schermerhorn	Iron Lady Hawk	4
Ann	Anderson	Jets TAHR Mindy	5
Jackie	Erickson	SN Aladdin Abu	6
Beth	Potter	Nakitas Bluesy Deux	C
Lynda	Zimmerman	HDR Petrolero de Nevado	C
Emma	Christopherson	My Name Is Bob	C
Sarah	Maass	Royal Ajax	C
Debra L	Juettner	Rena	C
Amber	Larson	Missing Memory	C
Janet	Sarver	Pswoosh	C
Kathryn	Vadnais	Nobel Effects	C
Paula	Goligowski	Little Bay	C
Crystal	Payment	KJ Sterling Psylver	C
Megan	Grashel	Marchesa Garbo	C
Kasey	Corcoran	Nassar	
Michelle	Splonskowski	Dancer	
Diane	Merz	Sterling Illusion	

Maplewood West 5/30 - 30 Mile Competitive HW			
Bonnie	Mielke	Ola Loki	1
Laurie	Brown	VC Makita	2

Maplewood West 5/30 - 30 Mile Competitive LW			
Darlene	Molitor	Vallies Amerah	1
Bev	Specht	JH Arabalest	2
Victoria	Robison	SC Zhivago	3
Sarah	Kieser	MRA Whirlwind	4

Maplewood West 5/31 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Jodi	Johannessen	Denndi Moore	1
Joel	Hildebrandt	Lacy Bay Express	2
Ann	Anderson	Jets TAHR Mindy	3
Dale	Lunde	Images Princess Haily	4
Sarah	Maass	Royal Ajax	5
Teresa	Fett	CR Eastir Lyllee	6
Colleen	Morgan	SC Cassa Nova	C
Lynda	Zimmerman	Lluvia del Norte	C
Susan	Boline	Ranger	C
Autumn	Jakopak	Jewel	C
Bohdan	Jakopak	Rocks Strolling Jim	C
Summer	Jakopak	WL Tagged To Win	C
Diane	Schermerhorn	Iron Lady Hawk	C
Marco	Kellog	Mingo	
Jutta	Schmidt	Watch Me Ima Big Star	

Maplewood West 5/31 - 30 Mile Competitive HW			
Bonnie	Mielke	DLF Boudicca XX	1

Maplewood West 5/31 - 30 Mile Competitive LW			
Peggy	Pasillas	Mattanahs Joker	1
Nancy	Salazar	Nebulucnt	2
Sarah	Kieser	MRA Whirlwind	P
Mary	Aschenbrener	Mattingley Hour Glass	P

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Points, Points, Points....

The following rides are included in the Year-To-Date points:			
Brighton Spring	Border Battle Boogie	White River Summer	
MnDra I	Grand Island	SE Minnesota	
Kettles N Bits	Maplewood West	Hopkin's Creek	
White River Spring	Ahdra's Endure	Endless Valley	
Glacier Trails	ApDra		
Please report any errors ASAP! Thanks - robinschadt@aol.com			
Rookies are listed in red / italics			

Competitive - HW			
Jim	Andriakos	CR Cosmic Eclipse	51.8
Laurie	Brown	VC Makita	47.4
Bonnie	Mielke	Ola Loki	46.4
Ken	Wright	Samaha Gameela	44.4
Stephanie	Crispin	AllAboutMajestic	44.2
Sandra	Wright	LW Raajas Chip	35.2
Andrea	Pfeifer	Nite Tripper	33
Shannon	Weston	Samaha Spirit Dancer	33
Barb	Gardner	RR Roman Scooter	30.4
Melinda	Capuano	Frederico	27
Deb	Searle	WOA Ravens Premier	26
Carl	Dosmann	Paper Icon	24.4
Sherry	Scheibelhut	Vallies SharDonae	24.2
Ed	Barbo	Psyche On Fire	21
Sarah	Mowrer	Arazi's Thunder Rose	20
Becki	Sanford	Strya Major Chord	20
Bonnie	Mielke	DLF Boudicca XX	19
Sarah	Mowrer	KW Magnum Archie	18
Karen	Sylvara	Spot Me Wild	17
Katja	Widedrich	Sweet Honey De	17

Competitive - LW			
Laura	Husser	CDWD Margarita	95.2
Ruth	Casserly	Auran HarleyDvdsn	79.8
Bev	Specht	JH Arabalest	58.2
Linda	Jacobson	Chub Lake Jack Daniel	52.6
Lori	Windows	JA Bannarr	52.2
Melinda	Stewart	McCues Miss Behavin	48.2
Maxine	Bernsdorf	CH Shamm Bashire	46.2
Jan	Rivard	Jewell	34
Kathy	Schauer	Morning Glory XX	34
Sally	Hoff	John Henry	32
Kristine	Wacker	Patch Adams	31.6
Victoria	Robison	FC Zhivago	28.8
Diane	Meinders	Backstreetsstrutter GSA	22
Jeanne	Crispin	CR Tequila Rise	21
Lori	Windows	Mahrtina	21
Holly	Egerer	Zippy's Ace of Diamonds	20.8
Cathy	Hansen	Moonstruck	20
Laura	Savatski	Murphy's Law	20
Leslie Rea	Bennett	Catchu Latr WLA	17
Nancy	Salazar	Nebulucent	17
Competitive - JR			
Whitney	Meinders	MS Dasani	45.2
Brenna	Baemmert	RFR Crimson Crescent	44.2
Lukas	Dragunas	Khepera Shakreekh (Ricky)	27
Haley	Elliott	Ella N Fires Jane Doe	22
Ravyn	Swanson	Proud Rageyma	22
Haley	Elliott	Zephyrus TF	21
Fianna	Gruebner	Party Party	11
Rachael	Meinders	Mattingley KC Heart	11
Miranda	Miller	Brittany Rolsthedice	11
Competitive - Drive			
Tim	Casserly	AmerSam PMK/Auran Bach	37.14
Alice	Hubert	K-Macaroni	32.4
Jeanne	White	Chessica	10.32
Aaron	Mowrer	Arazi	10
Katz	Jackson	Feather Ridge Crystal	4.8
Rookie Nominations - Endurance			
Haley Elliot	Zephyrus TF		44
Bethany Borg	Dun Adoby Fox		22



Rookie Nominations - Competitive			
Jim	Andriakos	CR Cosmic Eclipse	54
Sally	Hoff	John Henry	34
Andrea	Pfeifer	Nite Tripper	34
Melinda	Capuano	Frederico	33
Kristine	Wacker	Patch Adams	29.6
Competitive - Novice			
Beth	Rudy	WineGlass Dora	20.1
Kaylie	Ramsey (Hulsey)	Lilly	16.68
Art	Anderson	Pick N Asset	7.8
Melissa	Norton	Guston	7.68
Lynn	Haase	Fuzz	6.6
Donald	Hudson	A Ali Aseel	6
Cathy Jo	Luck	Chase	6
Amy	Scharmen-Burgdolf	Coosa Valley Indiana Jones	5.4
Susan	Grossenbacher	NW Otono Blue Sky	5.28
Tina	Opinker	Jet	5.28
Suzanne	Burrows	H. Wineglass Bacchus	5
Keri	Wesley	Gotta Flirt	4.8
Susi	Schuchard	TADancing Star	4.8
LeAnn	Williams	Bree	4.8
Dana	Blattner	Cody	4.32
Laura	Vartanian	Stryder	4.32
Kathy	Brost	KPR Fantasia	4.2
Molly	Bonjean	Jakes Harmony	3.84
Tiahna	Flemming	Leeroy	3.84
Lauren	Castle	Savannah	3.6
Endurance - Jr			
Ainsley	Suskey	Mi Lucky Charm	108
Grace	Steffl	Indiana	74.4
Cassidy	Wiethoff	Black Jack	70
Leah	Schnobrich	Buffy	46
Charlie D	Koester	Impact PSY	44
Charlie D	Koester	MRPF Penique Brillante	42
Brenna	Baemmert	Missy	38
Charlie D	Koester	Lu-Nor Sovereign	22
Endurance - LW			
Linda	Hamrick	RTM First In Line	88
Roberta	Harms	Lady Jane	84
Scott	Campbell	JG Kings Major	82.4
Jodi	Johannessen	PR Bay Muscrana	79.4
Katie	Bachhuber	JG Sammy	76
Cody	Collins	Lazers Legacy	68
Rachael	Meinders	Mattingley KC Heart	60
Sheila	Schneider	Gypsy B Miss Behavin	58.4
Peggy	Pasillas	Mattanahs Joker	56
Belinda	Cook	BF Four by Four	52
Melissa	Coolich	Rumor SWA	50
Linda	Jacobson	Majer Ridge Scarlet Debut	49
Emily	Meyer	Vallies Jazirah	46.4
Jodi	Johannessen	Denndi Moore	44
Nicole	Mauser-Storer	Peso	42
Candy	Barbo	CR Windsor	38
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Or straight on the trail! If your horse is safe and the trail is suited for a longer canter, by all means, try this in the great outdoors.

There is no greater feeling of cantering on – and on, and on. Although you probably ride the canter regularly in your daily rides, there is something different about “living in” (an expression I first heard from Robert Dover) canter until it becomes normal – and effortless.

Just like the other gaits, the canter offers both the horse and the rider many learning experiences. Although we often ride the three-beat gait during any given ride, chances are that you’re in and out of it in less than a minute. Because even just one minute of consistent canter seems like an awfully long time when you aren’t used to it!

So here is something to practice: if you think your horse is fit enough, go ahead and give this a try. After an adequate warm-up, head into the canter. And don’t stop. You can even time it with a watch. Go long enough to start to find the benefits below, but not so long that you’ll run your horse into the ground.

If your horse loses balance and falls out (without you asking for the downward transition), calmly get your balance, put the trot back together, find your good trot rhythm, and head off into the canter once more. You can change leads through a simple change (through walk or trot) or flying change. Just be sure to pick up the new lead and continue on as if nothing happened.

Start with one minute in canter. Then as you and your horse get fitter over the next few weeks, go to two minutes non-stop, then three. As with anything else in riding, the more you canter, the more effortless it becomes.

As you and your horse continue along, you will both strengthen and let go of tension. But there are many more benefits you will discover.

Balance and Coordination

Many horses don’t expect to maintain the canter for very long. For that very reason, they learn to

disengage in the hind end after several strides and get longer and longer and... trot!

If you work at maintaining the canter, the horse learns that he should stay active in the hind end in order to feel better balanced. He'll learn to respond better to your seat and leg aids. He'll develop that "oomph" that he needs to keep going.

A longer canter will also give your body a chance to develop balance. You'll negotiate through the energy surges and drops from your horse. Your core muscles will work longer and develop their own intricate contractions and releases that will help your body stay in the saddle and maneuver within the horse's movement.

As you move around the arena, you will go from straight lines to curves to turns and circles. Both of you will strengthen in your ability to work through these changes of balance if you just give yourself enough time to adapt.

Conditioning

When the horse canters, his breathing rhythm ties into the rhythm of the strides. Canter long term develops the lungs and muscles, making for a workout that is quite different from the walk or trot.

Same goes for the rider. If you canter long enough, you get a nice core workout that you might feel the next day!

Breath Development

Since the horse can only breathe with the canter strides, he will learn to breathe every step. Some horses puff in rhythm with the strides – those horses have already learned to regulate their breath according to the movement.

You might notice your own improvement in breathing as well. Many riders can easily hold their breath for the duration of a few canter circles. But even at just one minute, your body needs to finally let go and take a breath! You will be forced to breathe if you can maintain the canter long enough. Once you know how to breathe, you will have an easier time breathing at any gait.

Equalizer

The horse that speeds up in the canter will have enough time to settle down and discover that he'll run out of steam if he keeps rushing. He'll likely soften through the body, slow a bit in rhythm, and

find a happy place where he can just keep going, but at a nice controlled pace.

The horse that likes to quit will learn that he has to give a little more – and even more. Soon enough, he'll get used to giving more and will develop the balance and coordination needed to keep going.

Suppleness

Once the horse settles in the canter rhythm, his topline muscles will find a release and he'll develop a better swing within the movement. At the end of the canter session, you might discover that his back loosens in the trot as well. His longitudinal suppleness will develop seemingly on its own.

You will also benefit. Many of us freeze up at the idea of cantering (and not even know it). If you put your body in the situation, and keep it there for some time, your tension will slowly dissipate, especially as your muscles tire. Once the release happens, your body can work on maintaining better posture over the long term.

Of course, don't overdo it. Keep your horse's current fitness level in mind. If you do go for a whole minute, be sure to give your horse a nice walk break afterward so he can catch his breath. If your horse is fitter than that, find the "just enough challenge" point without pushing him beyond his ability. Always err on the side of caution when doing something new or difficult.

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Hoof Abscesses in Horses **By Christy M. West Jul 14, 2015** **Hoof Abscesses in Horses**

A hoof abscess is like a whitehead pimple: That little bubble of pus under the skin can be slightly sore or it can be incredibly painful, and the fastest way to get rid of it is to pop it and let it drain.

This common problem can cause sudden, severe lameness, but it often can be resolved quickly with the proper treatment approach. Yesterday your horse was perfectly sound, but today he won't touch one foot to the ground. There's no apparent injury or sign of a problem in his leg or hoof other than the sudden, severe lameness. What could have happened?

One strong possibility for the cause of this scenario is a hoof abscess--a localized accumulation of pus

within the horse's hoof. The good news is that abscesses can often be resolved quickly and easily with proper veterinary care and leave no lasting damage. Even better, they can usually be prevented by practicing good routine hoof care and management.

As an owner, how do you prevent abscesses and what do you do if your horse gets one? First let's discuss what they are and what causes them.

Hoof Zits

The simplest comparison we can make to define a hoof abscess is that it's like a whitehead pimple. That little bubble of pus under the skin can be slightly sore or it can be incredibly painful. You might feel soreness in that location well before the pimple shows its ugly head, or it might show up overnight in all its glory. And the fastest way to get rid of it is simply to pop it and let it drain; the pain relief is immediate because the pressure has been relieved.

This is the same way a hoof abscess causes pain in a horse; it usually starts with a localized, walled-off infection, which the body fights with white blood cells and inflammatory mediators. The buildup of infection, inflammation, and white blood cells expands, causing increasing pressure, particularly because the rigid hoof wall can't expand to relieve pressure. When lameness appears and how severe the lameness becomes will vary. Some horses might never get lame before the abscess ruptures on its own, or lameness might be transient and go unnoticed, especially if the horse is at pasture and not monitored often.

What Causes Abscesses?

Most abscesses begin with bacteria entering interior hoof structures, usually via the sole-wall junction (just inside the hoof wall). Anything that weakens hoof wall/sole integrity can make it easier for bacteria to invade, and internal hoof injuries (such as bruising) can also result in abscesses. Following is a list of common causes:

Environmental conditions cycling between wet and dry. In very dry conditions the hoof dries out and can shrink slightly like a dried-out sponge. This can result in tiny hoof cracks and fissures in the sole-wall junction that can then soften and fill with muck when the weather turns wet, allowing opportunistic bacteria to invade the hoof and cause an abscess.

Penetrating wounds can occur as a result of a horse stepping on a sharp object such as a nail, rock, or broken glass. "These may cause a perforation of the sole that packs up or seals over, and an abscess results two to four days later as a result of contamination," says Bruce Lyle, DVM, of the Aubrey Equine Clinic in Aubrey, Texas.

"Close" nails in a recently shod foot. Raul Bras, DVM, of Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, explains that a horseshoe nail placed too close to or into the foot's sensitive inner structures can introduce bacteria that cause an abscess. Even if the nail is removed right away and didn't introduce bacteria, it created a pathway into the hoof that can let in bacteria and result in an abscess later. Bras recommends flushing the hole with dilute antiseptic solution, such as Betadine, and wrapping the foot for three to five days (depending on the horse's turnout situation) to decrease the chances of infection.

Ground conditions/bruising. Muddy or rocky ground can soften feet and/or cause bruises. "Some nonpenetrated bruises may abscess if bacteria are introduced through a small external insult or from circulating bacteria in the bloodstream, because the area of hemorrhage provides a great medium for bacterial reproduction," Lyle says.

Hot-fitting a shoe on a very thin sole. Lyle says if the sole is very thin and a hot shoe is seated on it, thermal injury to the underlying sensitive tissues can sometimes cause a sterile abscess (not caused by infection). Applying exothermic (heat-producing) hoof repair materials over raw or partly healed areas can do the same thing.

Poor hoof balance/conformation. For example, hoof wall flares can put additional bending stress on the sole-wall junction and cause cracks that can become contaminated. Also, Lyle says leaving the bars of the foot too long (or leaving any part of the foot longer so it gets more of a beating) can result in localized bruising and abscesses.

Management factors. Dirty stalls tend to be wet and contain lots of bacteria that can invade the foot. "Wet conditions are the usual culprit in our area, especially when preceded by dry conditions," says Lyle.

Bras notes that hoof wall/capsule defects can also make it easier for bacteria to invade, as can digital instability (such as that resulting from severe laminitis) or systemic infections. With the latter,

bacteria in the bloodstream get into foot tissues and "set up shop," causing an abscess from within.

Detecting Abscesses

"Clinical signs depend on the severity of the infection; therefore, lameness could vary from mild, minimal lameness progressing to moderate, severe lameness," says Bras. "Other clinical signs might include swelling, heat, draining tracts (pus, often gray or black in color, from the sole/corony band), increased digital pulse, and evidence of hoof injuries (that can introduce bacteria into inner hoof structures, leading to abscesses)."

In severe cases deep within the hoof, the abscess pocket or its effects, such as deteriorating bone, are visible on a radiograph.

"A hoof tester exam applying focal force is often vital to localizing an abscess within the confines of the foot," says Lyle. "As the pressure increases, so does the pain."

Also, when trimming the foot one might see a black spot on the sole or sole-wall junction where a crack or puncture is contaminated with muck. This stands out in contrast to the rest of the clean, trimmed sole. This contaminated tract might lead to an abscess (not all contaminated cracks will cause abscesses). Bras notes that most abscesses can be found this way.

Abscess Treatment

Similar to treating pimples, the basic abscess treatment strategy is to open it and let it drain. Some will even pop on their own, often after traveling up the hoof to the coronary band or heel bulbs where the wall is thinner and easier to break through.

When possible, a veterinarian drains an abscess through the sole for two reasons: One, the crack or puncture that can lead to an abscess generally is in the sole, and it can be followed to the abscess. Two, this puts a hole beneath the abscess so gravity can help pull out the pus. Cleanliness is essential during and after the procedure.

"Treatment requires cleaning the foot, locating the entry wound (if there is one), establishing drainage, softening the hoof capsule via foot soaks and poultices to encourage rupture/drainage, and keeping the foot wrapped and protected from further debris entering and causing further infection," says Bras. "Anti-inflammatory medication and antibiotics may

also be given if needed. After drainage is obtained, progressive improvement should be expected on a daily basis." If drainage and lameness continue, perform other diagnostic procedures to determine the true cause.

Abscesses that have gone undetected can undermine a large portion of the sole, which might need to be pared away. In such cases the foot might require longer-term protection such as a pad or a plate.

Some veterinarians avoid foot soaks to prevent oversoftening the foot. Bras soaks feet only when abscesses appear ready to rupture (based on X rays of the abscess at the coronary band or a localized bulge). After rupture, he might soak a foot in an antiseptic solution, such as chlorine dioxide.

"Prognosis depends on the severity of the infection and the tissues involved in the foot," he comments. "Superficial infections have a good prognosis, but deep infections (involving the coffin or navicular bone, coffin joint, navicular bursa, tendon sheath, or collateral cartilages) carry a more guarded prognosis (they're more involved than the typical, garden-variety abscess)."

Preventing Abscesses

"Good hoof care that leaves adequate sole for protection and develops a snug and uniform sole-wall junction is the best line of prevention," says Lyle.

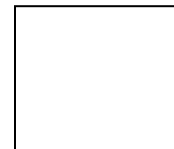
Good hoof care includes frequent hoof cleaning to remove rocks/mud and routine farrier care to keep the feet balanced and address any problems.

"If a horse has thin soles or is prone to bruising ... protect them with shoes, etc.," says Bras. "Keep the feet trimmed so they don't get wall separations that can lead to white line disease and abscesses. Be proactive; don't wait for things to happen."

Take-Home Message

Lyle explains, "The most important thing to know about abscesses is to get your lame horse looked at as early in the process as possible by a veterinarian who's interested in horses. Abscesses generally are straightforward and shouldn't require extravagant and expensive imaging to diagnose or treat, although exceptions do exist."

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