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## Message from the President

Hi Guys

Hope all is well. It is hotter than blazes so we have checked out some places north. We ended up at Rancho Oso near Santa Barbara. Oh my gosh, it was 25 degrees cooler than here. Fun times, great camp sites, and neat trails. Just make sure when you print out the trail maps on line, you print in color. The black white sheet will not show where horses SHOULD NOT BE. Yes, I printed in b/w. . . got a little hairy I must say. It is close to Solvang for a quick run into a neat tourist town. FUN, FUN TIME.

Our unit ride is September 27<sup>th</sup> will be in celebration of our unit's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday. Carol will be hosting this and she will show us a great time.

Don't forget to support our unit by attending the 2008 EDUCATION DAY. There has been a lot of effort by Allison from our unit and Terry from the San Geronio Unit. There will be many speakers with great information and demonstrations. Please mark your calendars and show your support.

We (I, you) are facing a major problem that will seriously restrict our access to the National Forests of California and the Nation. Have you ever tried turning your truck and horse trailer around on National Forest road without traveling more than one vehicle length off the edge of the roadway? Have you ever camped along a National Forest road with your equipment only one vehicle length from the edge of the roadway? If the Forest Service has their way the rule will be: FSM 1716.1 (1) includes parking a vehicle so that all parts of the vehicle are within one vehicle length from the edge of the road surface when it is safe to do so and without causing damage to NFS resources or facilities. The El Dorado National Forest has completed their Off Road Vehicle Management Travel Plan. It includes the above parking regulation that in effect restricts dispersed camping. We have been told that the El Dorado plan will be the model that all other National Forests in California and the Nation will follow. We (you, I) must take steps to reverse the El Dorado decision and prevent the other National Forests in California from including the parking restriction in their Off Road Vehicle Management Plans. It is clear that the Forest Service does not intend to reverse the Parking Rule in the El Dorado OHV Travel Plan. It is also clear that 7716.1(1) of the Forest Service Manual will be the rule for parking in every NF in California and the Nation. If we don't win this one plan on camping within one vehicle length of the NF roadway and figuring out how to turn your rig around in the allowed space." This is a problem and we are still asking for you to write letters to stop this. The problem is if this passes there it is just a matter of time before it is in our neck of the woods.

**Send letter to Jerry Ledbetter [Jbarranch1956@dishmail.net](mailto:Jbarranch1956@dishmail.net)**

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the 2008 Turkey Treasure Hunt on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. This is always a fun event. If you are not going to ride and would like to help, call :

Audrey (951) 852-1708 [orupacreekranch@netzero.net](mailto:orupacreekranch@netzero.net)

September meeting speaker will be Dr. Clint Dennison

Life is very short so do not put things off, go enjoy the world. Cya on the trails, Stacy and the red horse "Joe"



# REDSHANK RIDERS UNIT GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING.

Unit Minutes For Monthly Meeting  
August 21, 2008  
At Los Caballos Vet. Hosp.  
Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm  
by Stacy Kuhns, President

## Roll Call

### Board Members in Attendance

<b>President</b>	Stacy Kuns
<b>Vice President</b>	Audrey Turpin
<b>Secretary</b>	Pauline Costi
<b>Public Lands/ State Rep</b>	Pete Spencer

### Members in attendance

Dr. Clint Dennison	Gail McGreight
Dawn Kolbo	Rhonda Strickland

## REPORTS:

**President**- Stacy:

**Vice President**- Audrey

**Secretary**: Pauline Costi (Minutes not read)

**Treasurer**: Paulette Johnson not present. (No Report)

**Membership**: Carol Schmuhl not present: members, 3 new families from Los Caballos open house.

**Trail Development & Maintenance** : Debbie Skinner not present (No Report)

**Adopt a Highway** : Position currently open

**Public Lands**: Eldorado National Forest is no longer allowing parking more than 15' off road. We should write our Congressmen saying we don't want same policy implemented here.

**Education** - Alison Renck not present: Not present - Sent report asking that our unit have a good showing at Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> event. Pete Spencer to do packing demonstration.

**Newsletter/Website**- Rhonda Strickland: There is a new section on our website for ride flyers. (see page 5)

**Historian** - Carol Schmuhl not present: She is completing 2008 book, need pictures from Gold Mine ride

**Old Business** - Stacy: Waiting for call back from law enforcement regarding abandoned RV on Burnt Valley Rd. near the CRHT in Anza. The Los Caballos Open House was successful and several people attending signed up as new members to our unit..

**New Business** - Treasure Hunt committees formed. September ride will be Redshank birthday celebration at Carol Schmuhl's house near Vail Lake. Website expense will probably increase so will adjust in next year's budget. Motion was made by Audrey and seconded by Gail that we should change #10 in our Riders' Guidelines. Regarding no ponying - it will now read "packed animals excluded". Stacy asked Rhonda to check with her first before sending out particular email. Pauline gave report on August ride in Garner Valley. Pete made a motion, seconded by Audrey, for our unit to pay for newsletter editor Rhonda's membership. Meeting speaker was Pete Spencer. Pete spoke about bosals and the proper way to use them in training. Drawings held for \$250 gift certificate from Los Caballos Veterinary Hospital. Winners: Vickie Demenge for July 08 and Pete Spencer for August 08.

Meeting adjourned at approx 7:33 pm.



## HANDLING A CHOKING HORSE

by: Emmy Widman, Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine - Submitted by Stacy Kuhns

April 25 2008, Article # 11740

All animals can choke, including horses. When it happens, it should be considered a medical emergency. A horse chokes when its esophagus is obstructed, rather than the trachea, or windpipe. Although horses are still able to breathe in this situation, it is important to contact a veterinarian right away.

"When horses choke, it is because something has gotten stuck in their esophagus," said Debra Sellon, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ACVIM, a professor of Equine Medicine at Washington State University. "Usually it is something that they tried to eat, such as pellets, hay, corn cobs, apples, or pears. It is actually pretty common, and one of the most common conditions that veterinarians are called out to look at."

"When it happens, don't wait to see if the horse gets better on its own," Sellon said. "Most choking horses that are caught early and treated appropriately will come out fine. If they are not treated and the obstruction remains, life-threatening problems can occur, such as severe pneumonia, and ruptures, tears, and holes in their esophagus."

Choking horses display symptoms immediately. Many extend their head and neck straight forward, retch, and gag. Others stand still, not eating or drinking, with saliva and undigested food coming out their mouth or nose.

"Often the horse will look like it is in quite severe distress," Sellon said. "Material usually comes out their mouth and nose. If the material goes down their trachea and lungs, that will set them up for a case of pneumonia."

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***" Choking can happen to any horse at any time." –Dr. Debra Sellon***

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If a horse is found in this condition, an owner should immediately remove all food and water to make sure the horse doesn't try to ingest more and make the problem worse. It might also help to encourage the horse to stand with its head down so it doesn't aspirate material into the lungs while waiting for a veterinarian.

When the veterinarian arrives, he or she can sedate the horse to relax the esophagus enough to allow the obstruction to pass on its own. Many times, this will take care of the problem. Depending on the situation, a veterinarian may also pass a stomach tube down the horse's throat to find the obstruction and lavage it with water to help it break up and pass.

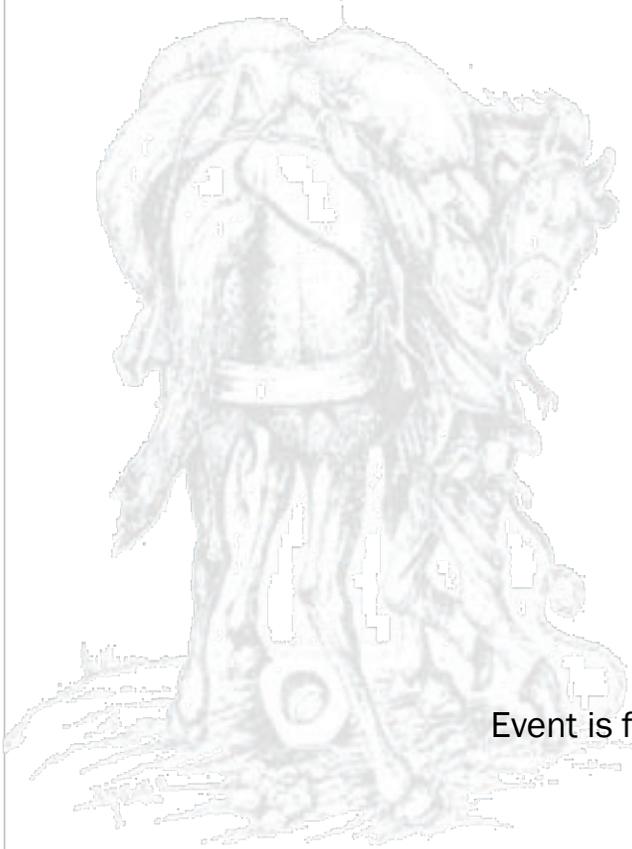
"If the choke has been there for a couple of days, the horse may be dehydrated and the blockage might have caused ulcerations and erosion of the esophagus," Sellon said. "This can set the horse up to choke again over the next several days after the initial episode."

To avoid reoccurrence, start a recovered horse on feed slowly. Anti-inflammatory drugs can also help horses with an inflamed esophagus, along with feeding easy-to-swallow foods, such as pellets or beet pulp soaked in water.

"Choking can happen to any horse at any time, but it may be more prevalent in older horses that can't chew their food as well," Sellon said. "Some horses also choke repeatedly. If this happens, have the horse examined to see what is causing them to do it. Some may have dental problems, like sharp points or missing or painful teeth. Others are greedy eaters, and it may be best to change the way they are fed, such as feeding them alone or putting large rocks in their feed pan to slow them down."

Horses can also be checked for tumors in the esophagus or scarring from previous episodes of choking if they are repeat offenders. Regular dental exams, especially for senior horses, can also help with prevention.

# OLD WAYS FOR NEW DAYS HOW HORSES, TRAILS & GENTLE USE TEACH THE OLD WAYS FOR NEW DAYS



Mark September 20, 2008 on your calendar.

Education Day At The Pumpkin Patch In Yucaipa

Presentations Include:

Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstration

San Diego Trails, Come Out and Ride

Let's Learn About Horse Nutrition

What Trails are in the Santa Rosa Monument?

Horse Packing Demonstrations

Everything You Wanted to Know About Colic

Riding In the San Jacinto Mountains And More

Event is from 9:00 to 4:00 at the Pumpkin Patch in Yucaipa

### *Directions*

*The Pumpkin Patch is located on Live Oak Canyon Rd and Interstate 10 in Yucaipa on the south side of the Interstate*

#### **From Temecula:**

Go 15 Freeway North to 60 Freeway East

Exit Redlands Blvd and go Left

Turn Left on San Timoted Canyon

Turn Right on Live Oak Canyon

The Pumpkin Patch is on the Right just before interstate 10

#### **From Riverside/San Bernardino**

Go East on Interstate 10 to city of Yucaipa

Exit Live Oak Canyon and Turn Right

Pumpkin Patch is on South side of Freeway

See website [www.pumpkin-patch.com/liveoak.html](http://www.pumpkin-patch.com/liveoak.html)

Or

[www.liveoakcanyon.com](http://www.liveoakcanyon.com)

For further information contact

Allison at [Ali9591@aol.com](mailto:Ali9591@aol.com) or call 951 663-5452

# CELEBRATE REDSHANK RIDERS' 13TH YEAR

**WHERE:** Ride from the Sage area to the North end of the Vail Lake Basin. If you have done this ride before & liked it, make sure to come again - - we will be going a little different way. This will be a moderate ride, but with two challenging down-hills, and quite a few hills to climb.

The length of the ride will be 2-4 hours & length of ride will be determined by the heat of the day. There are some rocky areas, horses should be shod.

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 27, 2008 / Ride out 9:30 a.m. sharp.

Bring lunch to eat under our giant oak tree when we get back. Extra chairs will be appreciated. Redshank Rider birthday cake will be provided by Carol Schmuhl.

**RSVP & QUESTIONS?** Call Carol 951 767 1061 or e mail to: [ifeedemandleadem@aol.com](mailto:ifeedemandleadem@aol.com)

**From Hemet,** take R-3 to East Benton Road. Turn right and stay on this and go another 2-3 miles to Crossover Road, turn left. Go to the Stop Sign under the oak trees (roll through)

**From Interstate #15 southbound,** exit at Rancho California Road, turn left. Go about 7 miles to Glen Oaks Road, turn right. Go about 3 miles to Mesa Road, turn left. Go about 2 miles to Stop Sign. At this stop sign, the name of the road changes to East Benton Road. Stay on this and go another 2-3 miles to Crossover Road, turn right.

**From Anza #371 south** to Wilson Valley Road. Turn right and take WVR to Sage Road (R-3), turn right. Stay on Sage Road (R-3) until East Benton Road, turn left.. Take East Benton Road to Crossover Road, turn left.. Follow other directions from CROSSOVER ROAD to location

**From Aguanga: #79 South** to Pauba Road, turn right Pauba Road to DePortola Road, turn right DePortola Road to Glen Oaks Road, turn left Glen Oaks Road to Mesa Road, turn right. Follow other directions from MESA ROAD to location .

**To Location:** Go straight up the hill to the Stop Sign at the top of the hill. The blacktop ends here. Street signs will say "Calle Portillo" and Calle Segovia" Turn left at the top of the hill, and go to the next road, EXA ELY. Turn right on Exa Ely Road. After you pass the little log house with the barn on the left, watch for a split in the road at the top of the hill....take the right split, it is only a short bypass. The road is poor, but only for about 100'. Stay on Exa Ely Road for about a mile until you get to ROPE Road. Turn right. (Rope Road is immediately after you see a large ranch opening with a large set of antlers on it on your left side, sign post on the left side of the road. Go to the next road, Paseo Van Scoyck, turn right. Go to the next road, Ivel Road, turn left. Go to the first drive on your right.....look for some Cowboy Silhouettes. 40682. Parking next to arena, or on pad next to Hay Shed.

**Carol Schmuhl - House telephone: 951 -767- 1061 - Cell telephone: 951 -663 -6763**

## RIDE FLYERS AT OUR WEBSITE:

If anyone wants to download a flyer for an upcoming Redshank Rider ride you can find it on our website at:

[www.RedshankRiders.com/rideflyers.html](http://www.RedshankRiders.com/rideflyers.html)

There is a link at site map at the website for this new page so you may share the events with others.

### About our new members Terry & Linda Paine:

My wife Linda and I moved to Temecula in 1976 to open our *KingsWay Farm* on Los Caballos Road.

We have ridden both english and western over the years. Our farm was once busy in the TB racing world but more recently we have become more involved in Three-Day-Eventing. We have been members of the Santa Fe Hunt since the early 80's and I have served as MFH and Huntsman since 1990.

We understand the need to keep the great outdoors open to gentle users. We know it's important to support groups like this that also have a real interest like we do as foxhunters in keeping trails and public lands open to our use.

I have ridden on some of the Los Caballos rides over the last few years and find that I have enjoyed good company riding in good country. We look forward to participation in Redshank Rider's activities later this summer.

Terry and Linda Paine  
Kingsway Farm Bed and Breakfast  
[www.kwfarm.com](http://www.kwfarm.com)

## Tentative Event and Ride Schedule 2008 - 09:

### September

**Sept 20**, Education Day with SGU at the Pumpkin Patch in Yucaipa, right off the 10 freeway (see flyer & directions in this issue)

**Sept. 27** -Ride hosted by Carol Schmul (see flyer with directions in this issue)

### October

**Oct**- State board meeting

### November

**Nov. 1**- Treasure Hunt Ride-Anza (see flyer in this issue)

### December

**Dec**- Holiday Ride- hosted by Carol

### Jan 2009

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# September 2008

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Unit Mtg 6:30 PM	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Education Day at Yucaipa Pumpkin Patch
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 RSR Anniversary Ride at Carol Schmuhl's
28	29	30				

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UNIT MEETING

Thursday

September

11th

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# October 2008

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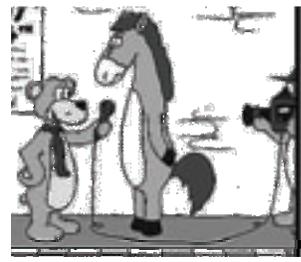
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From a ride or event you would like to  
share in the newsletter or website? Email  
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# THE NEWS ROOM

## Read, Discuss, Act



### Important Info from RSR President's Message:

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They are also available for purchase

Go to the link below to view them:

<http://www.redshankriders.com/rsrimages/trailtrial2008/rsrimages/trailtrial2008/index.html>

ADDITIONAL PHOTOS:

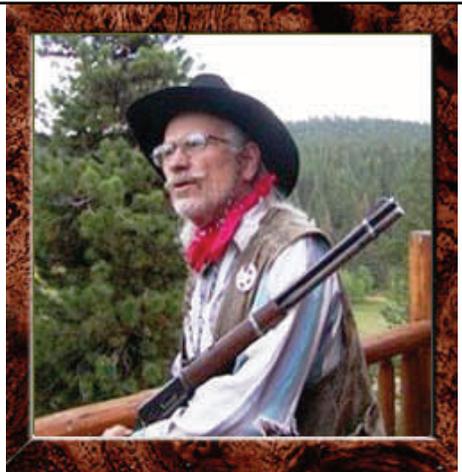
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### About our new member Gary Taylor Captain, United States Navy, retired

Having sold their ranch in Colorado, and allowing his family to use his horses in a therapeutic riding center in Utah, Gary and his wife are permanent "RV-ers"

He is without a horse at present, due to their RV residence, and he would be willing to ride anyone's "extra" horse at BCHC / Redshank functions. He has many years' experience. He thinks the ideals and people of Redshank are great & especially enjoys the newsletter.

To read more about Gary go to: [BLOG www.newseason.us](http://www.newseason.us)



# NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

membership@bchcalifornia.net – (866) 748-2033

**MAIL TO:** Backcountry Horsemen of California  
PO Box 1610  
Oakdale, CA 95361-1610

**PARENT Unit Affiliation:** (Select and CIRCLE ONE Unit as your Primary Unit Affiliation)

- |                    |                   |                 |                    |                    |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Antelope Valley    | Kern River Valley | Mojave River    | Redwood            | Sequoia            |
| Caballeros del Sol | Kern Sierra       | Mother Lode     | San Diego          | Shasta Trinity     |
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| High Country       | Los Padres        | Ohlone Riders   | San Joaquin Sierra | Sutter Buttes      |
| High Sierra        | Mid Valley        | Redshank Riders | Santa Ana River    | Top of the State   |

**DCTR (your Membership Number):** \_\_\_\_\_ (For new memberships, will be determined by Membership Coordinator)

**MEMBER'S NAME—No Business Names; Print Clearly** \_\_\_\_\_ **SPOUSE / Co-MEMBER'S NAME—MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code (full 9 digits, if known)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Area Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Unit Membership Types: (CIRCLE ONE)**

**Individual \$40.00\***   **Family \$50.00\***   **Benefactor \$100.00**   **Patron \$250.00**   **Mt Whitney \$500.00**  
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Unit Name (from above list)

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## Quick Notes

Next Meeting

Thursday,

Sept. 11th

Location Los Caballos

Veterinary Clinic

Monthly Unit Meeting

Address:

43250 Los Corralitos Rd,

Temecula

Time:

Board Members 6:30 pm

All are members welcome and are encouraged to attend the Board Meeting

**H**ELLO, From your  
Newsletter Editor

If you have anything for the upcoming newsletters—pictures or stories, my email is:

editor@redshankriders.com

## EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR YOUR HORSE

by: Emmy Widman, Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine - Submitted by Stacy Kuhns

July 11 2008, Article # 12255

A wildfire occurs and you need to evacuate. In the smoke and confusion, a beloved horse refuses to load in the trailer. Now you're faced with making decisions. What's the best thing to do?

This is just one of many stressful situations that can happen during a fire. While it might seem like a remote possibility, the Washington Department of Natural Resources fights about 1,000 wildfires a year throughout the state, with approximately 70% occurring on the east side of the state. Wildfires are just one instance in which horses and their owners can find themselves unexpectedly involved in an emergency situation. Barn fires are another risk to think about.

### ***All horse owners should develop an evacuation plan with at least three escape routes.***

Having a plan in case of a fire could save an owner the heartache of losing a horse, or prevent the animal from becoming stranded, trapped, lost, or injured during such an event. It can also reduce the risk of harm to the owners themselves or rescue workers coming to their aid.

All horse owners should develop an evacuation plan with at least three escape routes, especially if there are a large number of horses to deal with. Horse trailers should be kept in good working condition, first-aid kits available, and horses halter-trained and trained to load. It is also helpful to identify other people who can help an owner evacuate horses, especially if more than one trip is required to move them all.

Local fire department officials can help develop an escape plan, as well as provide recommendations on how to control brush, create firebreaks, and make barns and stables as fire-safe as possible. Their involvement will also help familiarize firefighters with the location of the farm, the number of animals there, and where to find large volumes of water in case of a fire.

Once a fire escape plan is made, it should be displayed at the barn and distributed to anyone who boards a horse there. Put copies in the glove box of all vehicles, too. Some owners will also place a plan in a watertight plastic bag and tape it on the inside roof of their trailers.

To reduce the potential fuel load, regularly clean leaves and other vegetation off from roof surfaces and clear brush at least 30 feet away from all buildings. Also know how to use a fire extinguisher and make sure each canister is ready for use and that there are a sufficient number of them in plain sight.

It's estimated that 80% of agricultural building fires are due to faulty electrical wiring. If an owner uses or owns an older barn or stable, it might be a good idea to critically evaluate the structure and have an electrician inspect the electrical systems, such as the wiring, fuses, breakers, and bulbs.

If constructing a new barn, owners might want to consider using fire-resistant material on the exterior of a barn and roof and constructing non-combustible walls between storage areas for hay, feed and stable areas. It is also helpful to have access to a corral large enough to hold all the horses on a premise, and to have a halter and lead rope at every stall door in case of an evacuation.

Veterinarians can also be consulted about disaster preparedness and emergency management operations. They can educate horse owners and others about caring for animals and what their responsibilities are during a disaster like a fire or flood, and help owners prepare for horses with special needs.

"Veterinarians can provide specific advice about handling individual horses, and prescribe medications to have on hand for horses with special needs, such as in the case of a horse with trailer anxiety," said Julie Cary, DVM,

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MS, Dipl. ACVS, a Washington State University assistant clinical professor of equine surgery and emergency care and board-certified equine surgeon. "In this case, sedation drugs can be kept on hand to help the horse relax enough to load."

Owners that want to familiarize themselves with local, state, and federal disaster polices can also seek information from their local fire department, their state emergency management agency, and the Federal Emergency Management Institute.

Another important preparation measure is to permanently identify horses with lip tattoos, freeze brands, or microchips. These markings or devices are useful in reuniting owners with their horses in case of a fire or other disaster in which a horse is left behind, escapes, runs away, or is housed in a shelter. Electronic or radio frequency identification devices are newer forms of identification that owners can consider. Multiple identification methods used on the same horse provide a greater chance for establishing ownership through fail-safe redundancy.

It is also a good idea to take and keep on-hand front and side view photographs of each horse on a farm, herd records, proof of ownership, and registration papers. In an emergency, owners can mark their horses with a livestock paint stick, paint or etch their hooves, clip phone numbers in their hair, or place identification tags on their halters.

"If a horse runs away and gets into a place they cannot get out of and needs rescuing, owners should contact their veterinarian to see what special equipment might be needed," Cary said. "Electric companies and fire departments may also be able to help, or even a neighbor with a front-end loader."

No matter the planning, if a fire breaks out and a person is in imminent danger, get away, stay away, and don't go inside a burning structure for any reason. Call 911 and await help from a safe distance.

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UNIT MEETING :

Thursday

~ September 11th ~



Time: Board Members 6:30 pm - General 7:00 PM

Los Caballos Veterinary Hospital

Welcome New Members !!

Gary Taylor &

Ann Johnson

# Redshank Riders Trail Ride Guidelines

1. Don't ride nose to tail on the trail. Maintain a reasonably safe distance. The horse or mule in front may decide to kick. If you tailgate and get kicked, it is your fault.
2. If your horse or mule is a kicker please put a red ribbon on tail.
3. Don't run your horse by other riders. If you want further up the line, ask the rider in front of you if they mind if you pass (at a walk).
4. Never ride ahead of the trail boss. If you plan on leaving the ride before completion, please notify the drag rider or trail boss.
5. If we are on designated trails, stay on trail.
6. Do not leave trash on the trail. Practice Gentle Use.
7. Be considerate to fellow riders and their mounts. Everyone has a problem now and then and we need to understand. Let's make sure we do not cause their problem.
8. There will be no smoking on the trail.
9. No dogs or stallions allowed on the trail. The dog may spook some of the horses.
10. No ponying of horses or mules. (Packed animals excluded)
11. If a problem arises please notify the trail boss or drag rider.
12. Do not stop on narrow trails, especially ledge trails. Trail boss will try not to stop unless it is safe for all riders.
13. There will be no drinking while on the trail unless it is at a designated stop. Please drink responsibly.
14. Do not race or run your horse past other riders.
15. Try your best to be ready at ride out time. Do not hold everyone up.
16. If a gate is closed when riding through it, make sure it is closed after we pass. If gate was open, leave open.
17. Do not run up hill.
18. BCHC members only ride, unless it is a free day that has been pre-approved. Non-members can join prior to the ride. This is due to our insurance.
19. These guidelines will be enforced by the president or vice president of the unit or trail boss.
20. Observance of county and State Park rules will be mandatory on their premises.
21. All riders must sign in prior to ride.
22. No horses or mules move out until all riders are mounted.
23. Leave a clean trail head or camp, free of all manure and trash.
24. All riders under the age of 18 must wear a helmet.

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Education Day  
September 20th

see you there!

