



Arabían Horse Club <u>Newsletter</u>



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USEF RULE CHANGES: Many of the USEF rule changes have an effective date of April 1, 2014. These include: requiring two gloved hands for bit checks, more specific rules for exhibition classes at Dressage Competitions, and requiring Level 3 Dressage Competitions to have a pony measurement stick at the show. In addition, a rule change requires all TDs to be re-certified in pony measurement every four years, starting in 2015. Please become familiar with all USEF rule changes.



(Contact any officer or director If you wish to be a new member.)



AMI Calendar of Events 2014

MEETINGS: **JULY 8: ABU GENERAL MEETING** at Harn's home. 708-301-2671 AUG 12: ABU GENERAL MEETING at Sue Collins' home. 708-599-7581 **SPECIAL HORSE EVENTS:** JULY 10-13: PALOS HILLS FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL, 107TH & 88TH Av. (Moraine Valley Triangle.). PHHA will have their horses on display. JULY 13: HAPPY NOTE TACK SHOPPE Hosts: LUCKY BUCKS. 219-365-4483 AUG16-17 : FESTIVAL OF THE . HORSE & DRUM. Kendal Co Fairgrounds, St Charles, IL. www.festivalofthehorseanddrum.com AUG 31: HAPPY NOTE TACK SHOPPE Hosts: LABOR DAY CELEBRATION 219-365-4483 . HORSE SHOWS JULY 6: HAPPY NOTE TACK SHOPPE Hosts: DRIVING SHOW 10623 Cline Av, Crown Point, IN. 219-365-4483 JULY 20: HAPPY NOTE TACK SHOPPE OPEN SHOW... AUG 17: HAPPY NOTE TACK SHOPPE Hosts: OPEN SHOW SEPT 7: ALL PERFORMANCE OPEN SHOW in conjunction with AQHA Introductory Show, Francis Field 801 E Francis Rd New Lenox, IL. Laura Verink 708-557-0896 SEPT 7: HAPPY NOTE TACK SHOPPE Hosts OPEN SHOW. SEPT 21: HORSE PROMOTERS OPEN HORSE SHOW, Francis Field, New Lenox, IL. Lynn Richardson 708-301-1005 SEPT 28: HAPPY NOTE TACK SHOPPE Hosts: OPEN SHOW. Sept 28: PALOS HILLS HORMEN'S ASSOC OPEN HORSE SHOW, Francis Field, New LENOX, ill Sue Collins 708-599-7581

•	THE FAIRS:
•	JULY 16-20 KANE CO.
	ST. CHARLES, IL.
•	JULY 16-20: DANE CO,
	MADISON, WI.
•	JULY 17-25: PORTER CO. Valparaiso, IN.
•	JULY 23-27: GRUNDY CO.
-	MORRIS, IL.
•	JULY 23-27: ROCK CO 4-H FAIR,
	Janesville, IL.
•	JULY 23-27: DUPAGE CO,
_	Wheaton, IL. JULY 30-AUG 3: KANKAKEE CO,
•	Kankakee, IL.
•	JULY 31- AUG 3: KENDALL CO.
	Yorkville, IL.
•	July 31-AUG 10: WISCONSIN STATE,
	West Allis, WI.
•	AUG 1-AUG 10: LAKE CO. Crown Point, IN.
•	AUG 1-17: INDIANA STATE,
	Indianapolis, IN.
•	AUG 7-17: ILLINOIS STATE.
	Springfield, IL.
•	AUG20-24:WILL CO, PEOTONE, IL.
•	TRAIL RIDES: JULY 12: MOONLIGHT RIDE, Hosted
•	by FVTR. Silver Springs State Park.
	Yorkville, IL. RSVP
	foxvalleytrailriders.com
•	AUG 16-17: FVTR Hosts: RONNIE COUCH RIDE, Marsailles, IL. RSVP:
	foxvalleytrailriders.com
•	SEPT 6-10: ILL STATE STOCK
	HORSE ASSOC. Hosts trail ride at
	Cedar Lake Campground, Vienna, IL. Susannah Patten 815-772-7593
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Calendar of Events 2014

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• FLEA MARKET/CRAFT SHOWS, ETC.

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- JULY 20: MOKENA FLEA
- MARKET, Main Park,
- 10925 LaPorte Rd. 8a-2p.
- JULY 17-20: WILL CO
- THRESHERMEN SHOW.
- Round Barn Farm Museum,
- RT 52. Manhattan, IL.9a-5p www.steamshow.org
- AUG 16: MOKENA FLEA
- MARKET, The Oaks' East
- Field, 10847 LaPorte Rd.
- 8a-2p (in conjunction with
- Farm & Barn Fest).
- SEPT 20: UNITED
- METHODIST CHURCH
- FLEA MARKET. RT 30,
- New Lenox, IL 9a-3p
- SEPT 27: GRUNDY COUNTY
- CORN FEST at Fairgrounds,
- RT47 North, Morris, IL. 8a-4p

Sue Collins' G T Dakota Gold took 2 first places & a 4th in his Western Pleasure

- classes and MNM Midnight Hawk took a 1st, 2nd, & Reserve Championship in Western classes at the ILL ARAB INC SHOW and at the MIDWEST CHARITY SHOW; MNM Midnight Hawk took 2 first & Championship all in Western Classes.
- **CONGRATULATIONS!**



Did you know?

HORSEKEEPING

Your Horse Your Life

22 Tips for Super Grooming

Your horse will look and feel his best if you follow these key grooming pointers.

Ghealth, and it makes him look gorgeous. Here are 22 of our best-ever grooming tips.

1. Beautiful manes, tails, and haircoats start with good nutrition, regular exercise, and parasite control. A biotin supplement may help with hoof and hair growth; check with your vet about this and other nutritional supplements that may be of benefit.

 Groom daily. Currying the haircoat stimulates blood flow and distributes natural oils for a beautiful shine.
 Brush from front to back, top to bottom for efficiency. Use a curry in a circular motion, then a body brush and/or finishing brush in long strokes to smooth the haircoat. Keep brushes clean as you groom by dragging the curry across bristles; periodically tap the curry against your heel to release dirt, hair, and scurf.

4. For luxuriant mane/tail growth, avoid brushing or combing them every day. When possible, wash and condition them before detangling.

5. When grooming a mane or tail, start at the bottom and work up. Place a wide-tooth comb an inch from the bottom of a tress and carefully work it downward (commercial detanglers help with knots). Then move the comb up two or three inches higher, and detangle downward again. Continue inching your way upward like this until the whole segment is smooth.

 6. To remove burrs, apply liberal amounts of a slippery conditioner or hair product (you can also try cooking spray or baby oil) and work them free with your fingers.
 7. For a mane that won't lie flat, wash and condition it, then (while it's still damp) comb it over and braid it loosely, or secure it with an elastic neck sleeve.
 8. To limit sun bleaching, keep your horse out of the sun during periods of strongest sunlight, or protect him with a light sheet.
 9. Clean and disinfect grooming implements regularly. It makes them more effective tools, helps them last longer, and reduces the risk of skin infections.

10. If you have an equine vacuum, use



Grooming promotes circulation and enables you to check your horse for bumps and bruises. Make it part of your daily routine.

it after currying. Apply it first against the hair growth, to get the deep-down dirt, then with the growth, to smooth and polish the haircoat.

 For trouble spots on white areas, use spray-on equine stain remover. Or dust with cornstarch or white grooming chalk.
 Wipe dryer sheets through the mane and tail to cut down on static cling.

13. If you spend a few minutes every two or three weeks touching up the bridle path, muzzle, and other quick-catch areas, they'll stay tidy between major clip jobs. (For stress-free clipping tips, search the phrase at HorseandRider.com.)
14. Splurge on a "sheen" product as a

last go-over when you need that extra gloss. (Never spray or wipe such products on the saddle area, as they can cause slippage.)

15. A face-enhancing product, rather than baby oil, will provide a more natural sheen plus avoid attracting as much dust.

16. Use a wax-based shoe polish under hoof lacquer to protect hooves from the drying effects of the lacquer.

17. Don't overbathe, as soap and water can dry and dull the skin and haircoat. (Regular brushing and vacuuming removes dirt while stimulating the skin.)
18. Normal pH for equine skin is 7 to 7.4, and higher-pH cleansers can dry out skin with frequent use. Check your favorite products' pH with pH test strips available

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TOOLS FOR THE JOB

- For best, most-efficient grooming, have the following on hand:
- Small, soft rubber curry for the face.
- Small, soft rubber curry for the lace.
 Large rubber curry for the body.
- Body brush, to use in concert with
- the curry.
- Soft finishing brush.
- Small sponge for face; larger one for body.
- Rub rag—any clean cloth or towel.
- Hoof pick—sharp enough to remove lodged stones and dried/packed-in mud, gunk.
- Sweat scraper and/or shedding blade; an equine squeegee is especially helpful after baths.
- Kitchen scruffy pad—great for mud in hard-to-get-at spots.
- Equine vacuum cleaner (not essential but a fabulous tool, and you can find a used one online).
- Equine clippers.

at your neighborhood drugstore.

 Color-enhancing shampoos accentuate each coat's unique hues and bring out natural highlights.

20. Don't forget to wash underneath the tail and between the back legs; mares' udders and the inside of male horses' sheaths also need periodic cleaning (check with your vet).

21. A vinegar solution (one part apple cider vinegar to four parts water) makes a great rinse and will add shine, especially to dark coats. It'll help brighten up a yellowed tail, too.

22. After a pre-show bathing, place a long mane in three fat, loose braids to keep it clean and tangle-free before your first class. Similarly, put a clean tail up in a tail knot to keep it neat (for a how-to, search *tail knots step-by-step* at HorseandRider.com). ■

MORE TIPS! Search good grooming tips from the pros and grooming tips for show day at HorseandRider.com.

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Reporter on the Scene Tip Bits by Suzanne

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Boarding-Barn Borrowing

refuse to board my daughters' horses at any barn that doesn't have access to plenty of trails. The place can be perfect in every other aspect: price; cleanliness; condition; size of stalls; size of pasture; and niceness of people — but if those trails aren't there, we'll move on.

That said, I know from experience that just because the girls have easy access to trails, doesn't necessarily mean they'll use them as much as they should.

This is true of horsepeople in general. Horsepeople are busypeople, and with the daily pressures of work and school, it's not always easy to find time to ride. Sometimes the weather isn't right or the horse isn't right or there's a compelling, must-see episode of *Lost*.

One common reason for not riding is, "I didn't have anyone to go with." To be sure, I prefer that my kids ride with someone, for safety. The problem is, the list of people who have horses and the list of people with whom they'd choose to ride don't always correspond.

Borrower Beware

For help, I turned to *The Great Book of Horse Knowledge. The Great Book* explains a common practice in the horse community called "Ride Lending." The idea is simple: If you can't find someone you like who has a horse, then find someone you like, and lend them one of yours.

This, of course, goes two ways. That is, at some point, you may be offered the use of someone else's horse. What should you do?

The Great Book warns that horse borrowers should be very careful. Despite what you see in the movies, you can't just hop on a strange horse and gallop away. It's not like stealing a car. It's much more dangerous.

The Great Book suggests that you first should ask the owner some questions. A lot of questions,

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such as, "How old is the horse? How long have you had him? Has he been professionally trained?"

And: "Does he have any trail experience? Does he have any dangerous habits?"

And: "May I watch you work him? May I watch you tacking him up? May I watch you ride him in the arena?"

And: "Why aren't you answering me? Where are you going? What are you doing with that shovel? Why are you hitting me in the head? When will you stop?"

And: "Do you think I need stitches?"

Another Form of Lending

Horses aren't the only thing being loaned at boarding barns. *The Great Book* tells of a parallel phenomenon known as "Male Lend-

Oh, yes! He's professionally trained with no vices, and an easy-keeper,

barn

male

ing." This isn't as interesting as it sounds. It's simply the practice of one female lending a male — usually a husband, boyfriend, or father, but sometimes a son, brother, or uncle — to another female for the purpose of completing some task for another female.

In this sense, the male is regarded as a kind of asset the female can use to raise her political/social standing among her gender peers. This isn't considered a blatant form of exploitation, because we usually get muffins (good muffins) if we do a good job and don't grumble too much.

Barn Males can be divided into two broad categories: The Technically Capable and The Rest of Us. The Technically Capable know how to do things like electrical work, saddle repair, and stall construction. The Rest of Us are more likely to break things and start fires.

You'd think that in the world of Male Lending, the Technically Capable would have a higher value and thus be rewarded with better muffins. Quite the opposite is true.

The Technical Males are always off doing technical things and are generally unavailable for mundane tasks. And, as we all know, Barn Life has more mundane tasks than people willing to do them.

> The primary qualification of The Rest of Us — Well, You're Just Standing There — is far more valuable in a barn setting. The only way around this is to

become unavailable. This is why I insist any boarding barn we get into has access to plenty of trails.

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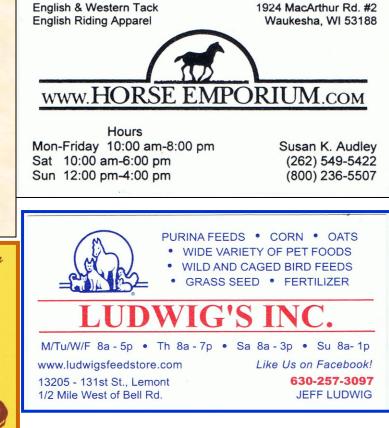
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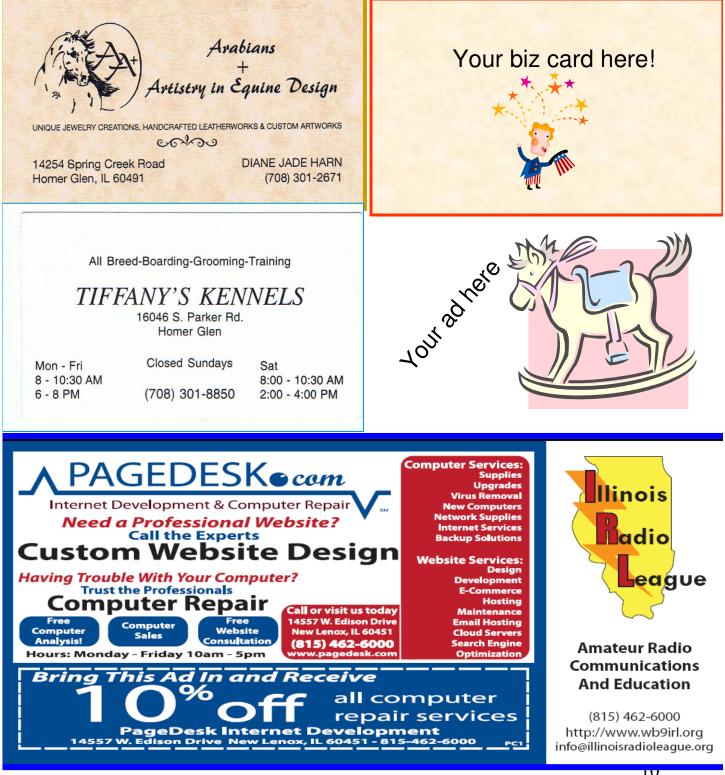
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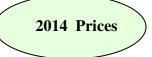


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							\$225.00
							\$25.00
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