

# Morgan Tales

January, 2009

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### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Happy New Year to you!!! What a year we all hope it will be. First, I want to thank Randall Collins for the job he did as president this past year. Along with that a HUGE thank you to the outgoing board members: Jeff Whiteman, Brenda Whiteman and Kathy Creighton. Thanks for all your hard work over the years!

As I take the "reins", so to speak, all I can tell each of you is that I will do my best for the club and the membership.

I now want to invite each club member to attend as many club events as you can. I don't think some realize just how much fun they are missing out on! We do have something for everyone, besides just meetings! For instance, the February White Elephant/bake sale (which is ALWAYS a good time); the horse/tack sale in March; horse shows; the State Fair futurity luncheon; Christmas party and much more. I don't think that you would be disappointed at all!!!

I want to thank the Bozarth family for opening their lovely home for the Christmas party last year. What a wonderful time of fellowship and food. Thanks Bill, Cheryl and Kalie.

The January meeting will be held at Terry and my home on January 11th. The board meeting will be at 10:00am followed by the general membership meeting at 1:00pm. If you have any suggestions or comments please feel free to contact me or any board member. This meeting is where we plan the events for the year.

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Darlene Horner

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HORSE ED. 101

KIDS CORRAL

**Remember To Save Those Pop Can Tops And Bring Them To An Event!!**

## MVMHC Team Drivers

### 2009 MVMHC

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Please Show your support of your officers, directors and ambassadors by attending the Annual Meeting in January. There will be plenty of opportunity to get involved through committees, etc. The meeting is at Terry & Darlene Horner's in Jacksonville.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### January, 2009

11<sup>th</sup> – Board of Director's Meeting and Annual Meeting @ the Horner's – Jacksonville

#### February, 2009

White Elephant and bake sale – TBA

#### March, 2009

6 – 8 - Illinois Horse Fair- IL. State Fairgrounds

21<sup>st</sup> – MVMHC 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Morgan Horse

Consignment and Tack Sale – IL. State Fairgrounds

#### June, 2009

16 – 20 – Midwest Charity Horse Show

#### August, 2009

11 - 15 – First Session IL. State Fair

19 – 22 – Second Session IL. State Fair

20 – Futurity Luncheon

#### September, 2009

2 – 5 – Jubilee Regional Horse Show

TBA – Heart Classic Horse Show

Mark your calendars to attend the

Illinois Horse Fair

Illinois State Fairgrounds

March 6 – 8 2009

Friday, 3pm – 9pm

Saturday, 9am – 6pm

Sunday, 9am – 5pm

### Featured Clinicians

- Craig Cameron with Richard Shrake
- Jon Betty
- Matt Flarida
- Liz Graves
- Donna Irwing
- Rob Beyers

Adults \$12.00

Youth \$6.00

Seniors \$6.00

**Plan to shop, learn & socialize!!**

# Horse Ed 101

## No Heimlich for Horses

Wrapping your arms around a 2,000 pound Percheron, or even a 900 pound Arabian, might not be possible unless you are Hulk Hogan. Even at that, you might have a hard time locating your mare's belly button so you can place your hands slightly above it for compressions. Unfortunately, even if you could do the Heimlich maneuver on your equine friend, it probably would not help. That's because choke in horses is completely different than when a human chokes, at least from an anatomical perspective.

Dr. Eric Carlson, an equine intern at the U of I Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Urbana explains that, "choke is an obstruction of the esophagus," not an obstruction of the windpipe when a human chokes. He goes on to note that it can be caused by several factors. "Feed impaction due to poor dentition or ravenous eating habits is the most common reason horses get choke," says Dr. Carlson. Foreign material such as apples and wood chips can also cause the problem.

While a child choking on a piece of hot dog may grasp their neck before turning blue, a horse presents differently. "Horse owners should look out for signs if excessive salivation, coughing and food dripping from their nostrils," says Dr. Carison.

If you suspect that your horse has choke, do not hesitate to call your vet. In the meantime, Dr. Carlson recommends that you remove hay and water immediately to prevent worsening the problem. Although the animal can continue to breath, "if left untreated, horses can get aspiration pneumonia, and the material lodged in the esophagus can cause mucosal damage and necrosis," notes Dr. Carison.

As far as what your vet can do out in the field to help your horse. "the initial aim of treatment is to reduce the patient's anxiety level and allow esophageal relaxation," explains Dr. Carison. This noninvasive method of trying to treat choke can be done with drugs that your vet would commonly have in the truck.

In an ideal world, an endoscope, a flexible wire with a camera on the end, would be used to make sure that the animal is indeed choking. However, not all vets will have access to a scope, and may chose to use a nasogastric tube, a flexible plastic tube that travels from the horses nostrils to their stomach, to try and dislodge the obstruction.

Dr. Carlson notes that, "if after passing the nasogastric tube, the situation does not resolve. I lavage the esophagus with water." Hopefully with a combination of these treatments the obstruction will dissolve. However, if the obstruction is too great, an esophagotomy can be performed. such a procedure entails cutting into the horse's esophagus to remove the ingested material causing the problem.

To prevent choke, Dr. Carbon recommends making sure your horse has proper dental care. Also, if your horse tends to eat its food as fast as a lineman after a big game, go ahead and place a large rock in the feed pan to slow him down. As always, contact your local veterinarian if you have questions. reprinted with permission from the University of Illinois College of Veteranian Medicine

January Board of Director and General Membership Meeting ,**Sunday**, January 11, 2009

Terry & Darlene Horner's Home

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1-55 to 1-72 to Jacksonville. Take first exit into town on Morton Ave. Go to West street (there is a Family Video) Turn going north 3 blocks. You will see the Beecher HiRise. There are three parking lots. One is across the street, one in front of building & one in back. You can call our place when you get into town, and we will meet you downstairs, or come to 9th floor, apartment #905.

Coming into town from Rt 97 (Peoria): Rt 97 turns into Main St. Come all the way into town and stay on it until you get to College St. Turn left on College. Stay on College until you get to West St. You will then see Beecher Hi Rise.

Follow above instructions regarding parking lots and finding apartment.

Hope to see you there!

Darlene

#### A New Year's Mouth

As Mouth closes out the old year & rings in the new (scrap booking), there are 20 members, 3 horses, 1 dog & a few "Editors" in this month's , Mouth. Let's add to the fact that this Mouth & parts of the scrap book have already traveled over 700 miles & come from multiple states. From the Club Christmas Party: It was too cold for 1 member to come, but it wasn't too cold for her to feed her kitties in the barn's hay loft. 18 other members had a great time eating marshmallows off the cheese cake, sharing the shortest grace in this Club's history by the youngest member at the party, line up in the ball for the food as the line formed "back there" sharing tales of the weather last year, eating, sharing warm (actually hot) buns, email storks & just good fun. The horses got into the fun with veggies raided off the table.

Why did Mouth hide in the kitchen? Partly to hear all the good stuff & partly to become part of the hide & seek games. Was a kid" warm, cold or just right" when looking for a friend? 3 horses & 1 dog wanted to join the party. The dog's shivers were proved to be faked & the horses are *NOT SKINNY* no matter what they said. Santa made an early appearance in the Columbus, OH area on Christmas Eve. Since the fireplace had no outside opening he had to come in through the garage. Mouth hid on the stairs this time & got some really good pictures.

There are "Editors" for the scrap book in Jeep trouble & Mouth maybe in need of a new home. The "Editors" love eye glasses, glue sticks, pictures, computers, pens, and anything that can be carted away. Speaking of carting away, they have hidden all the New Salem pics & a few of the State Fair ones.

Answers to the Kids Corral Quiz

1. d. That way your right arm is the nearest to his side.
2. b. Bits are used to have more control.
3. d. Earner ensures that the horse's hooves are properly trimmed, shod & are free of afflictions.
- 4 .d. Lead ropes are used for leading, grooming & tacking. Occasionally when showing, they are attached to a bit.
5. d. Western girths are called cinches.
6. d. Use a rubber curry with care on honey areas such as legs.
7. c. Stocking is longer than a sock.
8. c. Color that ranges from pale honey to deep copper. Mane must be at least 85% white or silver.
9. a. Thrush is a hoof rot that can either be caused by bacteria or fungi that thrive in wet, dirty conditions. 10. b. May be caused by many reasons. A kick, an infection, muscle soreness, a pulled tendon, a bruise to the sole of the foot, a stone caught against the sole, etc.

*Dangerous Substance Found in Horse Hair!*

In a press release today, the National Institute of Health has announced the discovery of a potentially dangerous substance in the hair of horses. This substance, called "amo-bacter equuii" has been linked with the following symptoms in female humans:

Reluctance to cook

Reluctance to perform housework

Reluctance to wear anything but boots

Reluctance to work except in support of a horse

Physical craving for contact with horses (may be an addiction)

Beware: If you come in contact with a female human affected by this substance, be prepared to talk about horses for hours on end. This had been a Public service announcement.

*If you have any contributions for the "Tales" please contact Ashley Hellemann or Diana Vannaken*

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## MVMHC MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTORY LISTING

Please fill out this form to register your yearly membership and to list your Morgan(s) for the directory. Please use page 2 of this form to list your horse(s) for the directory with stallion(s) first, followed by mare(s) and gelding(s). **Please Print!** Please include a copy of any advertising you wish to have in the Directory. If pictures are included, please try to submit them in black and white. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM ALONG WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES, LISTINGS FEES AND/OR ADVERTISING FEES NO LATER THEN JANUARY 30, 2009.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

For family membership, please list all children under 18 years of age.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ AMHAY: Yes No

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Check if you are a member of:

AMHA USEF Land of Lincoln IHPBEA Jubilee Illinois Morgan Futurity MidStates Morgan

Other memberships: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues (Family \$20.00, Individual \$15.00, Youth \$10.00)

Horse(s) listings (\$2.00 per horse)

Full page ad (\$25.00)

Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to MVMHC

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Note: Inside front and back cover  
Will be auctioned off at the February  
MVMHC meeting.

For MVMHC Directory Horse Listing  
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