



Clash of the Color Breeds

What combines four breed shows into one exciting event? The Color Breed Congress, taking place November 4-9 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Presented by the Pinto Horse Association of America, the show features classes for registered Pintos, Palominos, Appaloosas, and Buckskins. Exhibitors from each breed compete in breed-specific classes, and are also eligible for the combined Champion of Champions classes. The event, which takes place in the Built Ford Tough Livestock Complex, includes a trade show with over 30 vendors and offers free admission to the public (colorbreedcongress.com).

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'The qualities required to be good with horses are the same qualities required to be good at life in general.'

...Mark Rashid, *Horseman's Journey Through Life* (HorseBooksEtc.com)

Time to End Soring for Good?

The lowdown: Congress is poised to pass the Prevent All Soring Tactics Act (PAST), which would at last provide full protection for gaited show horses. Soring is the practice of using chemical or mechanical techniques to create pain that causes Tennessee Walking Horses to exhibit the exaggerated "big lick" gait. Methods, including special shoeing, are carefully engineered to create a lasting "memory of pain"—likened to chewing on an abscessed tooth—so that horses can pass inspection on show day.

Undercover video: Illegal since 1970, the practice of soring has persisted. In 2012, an undercover video showed Hall of Fame Walking Horse trainer Jackie McConnell hitting a horse in the head with a stick, and his staff chemically soring and plastic-wrapping his horses' legs.

Poster horse: In 2013, "big lick" show horse Dutch (at right), rescued at a slaughter sale and still wearing stacked shoes, brought more support for the PAST Act, which may come up for vote before Congress' current session ends this month.

How you can help: Go to walkinghorsealliance.com to learn how to contact your legislators.



POLL

Shod or Bare?

We asked whether the horse you own most often is shod or barefoot. This is a breakdown of the responses we received. (For the latest on barefoot strategies, see page 21. To participate in future polls, "like" us at our Facebook page.)

EARNED \$114K HERSELF

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Amount won in National Reining Horse Association competition by property of 20-year-old Miss Tinseltown (Great Pine x Ms Hollywood Showtime, by Great Showtime), NRHA's new All-Time Leading Dam (nrha.com).



Q: I'm hearing a lot about alternative therapies for horses. Any cautions?

A: Chiropractic, acupuncture, massage therapy—the key is knowing when to consider these alternatives and where to turn for help. The solution? Work through your regular veterinarian, who may offer the modality needed, or will be able to refer you to a competent practitioner. When all practitioners work as a team, your horse gets the best care possible. (See "Alternative Therapies for Horses" at HorseandRider.com.)

A Stress-Time Supplement

The lowdown: Farnam's new DigestAid Symbiotic powder and paste contain a blend of live microbials vital for best immune and digestive health during times of stress. The products' probiotics and prebiotics help maintain balance for proper digestive function by supporting the beneficial bacteria necessary for best intestinal health. **Learn more:** Go to farnamhorse.com.

VETSPEAK

'Cecum'

The large, sock-shaped pouch between the horse's small and large intestines; important in cellulose digestion.

Source: *The Dictionary of the Horse* (HorseBooksEtc.com)

Cold weather won't keep your horse from sweating. Be sure to cool him out fully.



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