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Featured Horse



Fandango is an adorable, 1999, bay Arabian gelding. Fandango was one of BEHS' first seizure cases – he had gone without water for days! He's recovering well and gaining weight, and his foster home has discovered he's green broke. He's a sweet curious horse – often pestering visitors to his pen for attention. He's available for adoption for \$500 – but his fee will go up as he gains more training!

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SPECIAL ALERT – HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF

Hurricane Katrina has devastated parts of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Many animals have been displaced when their homes were destroyed, and many are still stranded. At Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society, our volunteers have offered space to hold horses, their time and expense trailering horses, and donations of feed, hay, supplies, and money. If you would like to help in the disaster relief efforts, please visit:

Hopeful Haven Equine Rescue Organization - <http://www.hopefulhaven.com/> - At BEHS, we're working with HHERO to help find homes for horses. HHERO is working with Code 3 Associates (www.code3associates.org) to locate housing for horses. You can make donations to HHERO to help pay for hay and grain for the horses or gasoline to go pick up horses via their website. If you would like to add your home as a location to house displaced equines, please email Debra at hopefulhaven@yahoo.com.

Other organizations offering assistance:

American Veterinary Medical Foundation - <http://www.avmf.org/html/index.asp> - The AVMF is sending volunteers and supplies to help the victims.

Austin Humane Society - 512-750-3196 - This group is taking in animals from the hurricane. They need help manning phone banks and housing the animals. Please call Ari at the above number if you can assist.

Houston SPCA - <http://www.spcahouston.org/spcahouston/Default.asp> - The HSPCA is housing animals from the hurricane and collecting donations to assist the animals and their owners. They're currently housing horses, dogs, cats, and other animals. They're giving away pet food to disaster victims and housing animals on a limited basis for victims staying at the Astrodome.

Humane Society of the US - https://secure.hsus.org/01/disaster_relief_fund_2005 - The HSUS is collecting donations for the hurricane victims. Their volunteers are on the ground helping to rescue and relocate animals - Allan Schwartz of Days End Farm Horse Rescue is on the ground with the HSUS and reports they're getting dogs and cats out of animal shelters and rescuers' homes. If you are able to offer assistance, email disaster@hsus.org. Include information on how you can help, what you can do, your equine experience, and contact information.

Katrina Animal Help Email List - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KatrinaAnimalHelp/> - The purpose of this group is to serve as a network for animal rescues, foster homes, transporters, shelters, Katrina victims trying to find their pets, and animal lovers who wish to help these innocent victims.

Katrina-Pet-Rescue-info Email Group -

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Katrina-Pet-Rescue-info/> - This is a place to post and share information on Hurricane Katrina pet rescue.

Stolen Horse International - http://www.netposse.com/katrina_animals.htm - SHI has set up a database for those who are missing their pets in an attempt to help reunite pets and their families. If you are missing an animal or have found an animal, please visit this site and list the animal(s) in the database.

Texas Animal Health Commission - <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us/> - TAHC maintains a list of people and facilities who are willing to temporarily house large animals in time of natural disaster (not only Hurricane Katrina). If you are interested in getting on this list, please contact the TAHC at the phone numbers below:

Area 1 - Amarillo - 800-658-6526, 806-354-9335
Area 2 - Crockett - 800-658-6559, 936-546-2342
Area 3, Fort Worth - 800-687-4603, 817-244-2597
Area 4, Mt. Pleasant - 800-658-6560, 903-572-1966
Area 5 - Beeville - 800-658-6570, 361-358-3234
Area 6 - Lampasas - 800-658-6642, 512-556-6277
Area 7 - Rockdale - 800-552-8413, 512-446-2507
Area 8 - Hawlettsville - 800-687-8242, 361-798-4329

United States Equine Federation - <http://www.usef.org/relief/index.php> - The USEF is compiling a list of shelter facilities and veterinary services for the hurricane refugees.

President's Letter

Hello everyone!

Two years ago, Spencer and I packed up our two dogs, two cats, and two horses and headed off to Milan, Michigan. We had both recently graduated from Texas A&M – him with a Ph.D. in Toxicology and me with a Ph.D. in Animal Science. Spencer and I both hated to leave Texas – but he had been offered a post-doc position at the University of Michigan. The position was short-term – just 1 ½ to 2 years and we figured we could stand a short-term separation from the state, people, and rescue we loved. We found a gorgeous farm-house to live in that was built in the 1880s and a barn for the horses and we were off on September 8th.

The time in Michigan has been interesting. Although I grew up in Missouri and had to deal with snow as a kid and teenager, Spencer had never lived in a snowy state. He quickly learned the “joys” of frozen fingers and toes, ice on the sidewalk, and sliding off the road – thanks to ice and snow! Our Golden Retriever Murphy loved the snow, but our Australian Shepherd refused to leave the porch! The cats learned to love the fireplace, and we would often see Oreo sitting near the fireplace looking forlorn until we built up a fire for her. The horses fared well – and we kept riding even when the temperatures went as low as 8 degrees. Although they did wear blankets for about five months both years and didn't get out much from October to April!

We've also gotten some great opportunities while in MI. We visited Mackinac Island in northern Michigan. Automobiles are not allowed on Mackinac – so everything is done by horses. We rented a horse and carriage and went driving around the island. Big draft teams pull carts to take goods to stores and the mail to the post office. The police ride horses, and horses pull the trash collector trucks. It is a unique, peaceful place and I highly recommend it as a vacation spot. We also spent time at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington – first helping out at the Iberian Horse weekend and then riding and showing at RideAside! 2004. I love the Kentucky Horse Park and it is another vacation destination I whole-heartedly recommend.

I also got to ride and show a lot more, and Jawhari and I took lessons with a dressage instructor. Jawhari found his niche in dressage, and I enjoyed the chance to improve my riding.

Although we enjoyed our mini-vacations and the chance to see some gorgeous fall foliage, we both missed Texas and the chance to interact with the horses and folks in the rescue on a personal level. It has been hard being away from all of you, and we're so excited to be returning to Texas. We'll arrive September 21st in Pearland – and if anyone is interested in helping unpack boxes, I promise to put you to work and treat you to a meal or two!

I look forward to the chance to see you all at some of our great fundraisers and get together – and I look forward to working with all of you to *Preserve an American Tradition: One Equine at a Time*.

Jennifer Williams, Ph.D.
President

Thank you to our Supporters – your contributions help needy equines throughout Texas and Arkansas

Learn more about our donor recognition program on our website – www.bluebonnetequine.org

Blue Ribbon Supporters

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Welcome to Our New Members

GF Ranch
Mary Stephens

Robert Poll
Christine Stull

Carrington Simecheck
Nick Venter

Thank You to Our Lifetime Member

Cat Ballew

Ways to Help BEHS

Become a Bluebonnet Supporter

The equines of Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society need your support!

Contribute to the rescue at

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_xclick&business=info%40bluebonnetequine%2eorg&item_name=BEHS%20Newsletter%20Donation&no_shipping=0&no_note=1&tax=0¤cy_code=USD&charset=UTF%2d8&charset=UTF%2d8

Or by sending a donation to Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society at PMB 141, 6425 S. IH-35, Suite 105, Austin, TX 78744-4230

Our 501(c)(3) status is pending and donations may not be tax-deductible at this time.

Donation Jars for BEHS

Are you looking for another way to help the horses of BEHS? Talk to your local feed stores, tack stores, and veterinary offices and ask if you can put out a donation jar. We've seen donation jars for rescues at grocery stores, gift shops, and even at Dairy Queen! Lets get our donation jars out there and help bring in funds for the rescue.

If you put out a donation jar, be sure to check it weekly and send all funds to PMB 141, 6425 S. IH-35, Suite 105, Austin, TX 78744-4230.

Raise Money for BEHS While you Shop

Do you like to shop at Country Supply? Do you like to shop for horse tack and supplies on-line? Well, you can shop at County Supply at <http://www.countrysupply.com/> and earn money for BEHS! When you check out, enter the Country Cares Program code "behs", and we'll receive a portion of what you spend.

Raise Funds for BEHS While Enjoying Free Pizza

Looking for an easy way to help us raise money? Do you like pizza? Here's a great way to combine these!

BEHS is pleased to partner with Domino's pizza in a fun and tasty fundraising effort. For \$10, you can purchase a card to use at participating Dominos' that will give you 1 medium pizza when you buy 1 large pizza. Better yet, this 2 for 1 offer is good for up to 20 separate times over the next 12 months. Not sure you want to eat that much pizza yourself? You can still help! You can pay a \$3 deposit per pizza card and then re-sell them to your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, etc. Once you collect payment, send the remaining \$7 per pizza card on to BEHS.

Please contact Ari Pettigrew to order cards or to get information on how to sell cards to your friends and family to help BEHS raise much needed funds.
treasurer@bluebonnetequine.org or (888) 542 5163.

Recycle and Help BEHS

BEHS is pleased to announce that we have signed up with both Rethink, Ink and GreenFund Network to recycle ink & toner cartridges and cell phones. Not only are we helping the environment but we get money for doing it!

Our partner code for GreenFund Network is BEHS-ATX--please mark your items accordingly before shipping. Rethink, Ink does not have a partner code but does recommend writing Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society in full name on each item.

Ari Pettigrew has mailing labels and boxes for Rethink, Ink. They prefer to receive many items shipped at one time. She will be happy to send you a mailing label but it will be cost prohibitive to mail you an empty box, so feel free to recycle one of your own. If you're in the Austin area, Ari will be happy to meet up with you and pass along a box.

She also has GreenFund Network pre-paid shipping envelopes, so if you need one of them, please let her know and she'll mail it to you.

If you need supplies, or have questions, please contact Ari at treasurer@bluebonnetequine.org

Buy Air Fresheners and Support BEHS

DD Steele is an Ecoquest dealer. She has a selection of quality air and water purification products. She'll make a contribution to BEHS for any referral that results in a sale. Contact DD at deedee@damonsteele.com for more information.

BEHS Candle Fundraiser

Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society is selling candles to raise funds for the rescue! You can choose from the following fragrances: Apple Cinnamon, Black Cherry, Cherry Vanilla, Cinnamon Vanilla, Georgia Peach, Honeysuckle, Lilac, Plain 'Ol Vanilla, Sugar Cookies, and Texas Bluebonnets. They are in 12-Oz. Hexagon Jar Candles – with approximately 100 hours of burn time. The candles are just \$10 each! Visit <http://www.bluebonnetequine.org/help/candles.htm> to place your order and help BEHS help more horses!

Volunteer Positions Available – Help us Help the Horses

Volunteer Positions

Would you like to get more involved in BEHS? We still have several volunteer positions available – join us in making a difference in the lives of horses and other equines around the world! If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Jennifer Williams at jenn@bluebonnetequine.org or call BEHS at (888) 542 5163 to request a copy of the job description.

Donation Committee Chairperson – Responsible for seeking donations for BEHS, managing the donor recognition program, and organizing and managing committee members.

Music Festival Committee Chairperson – Responsible for putting together and organizing a music festival as a fundraiser for BEHS.

Nominating Committee Chairperson – Responsible for running the nominating committee, seeking nominations for officer and director positions, and researching the candidates.

Resource Development Committee Chairperson – Responsible for managing the Resource Development Committee and volunteers. The committee will seek to develop relationships with corporations in order to secure donations of hay, grain, and other resources.

Fundraisers Needed!

Regina Anderson needs you! She's in charge of the Fundraising Committee, and she needs your ideas, talent, and time to put into some great fundraisers to help bring in the funds for BEHS. More funds generated = more horses helped. Please send Regina an email to randerson@austin.rr.com to learn how to join the Fundraising Committee.

Foster Homes Needed

Within days of opening our doors to horses, it quickly became obvious that BEHS is greatly needed in the horse community. We've got a waiting list of horses needing to come into the rescue – but we don't have enough foster homes! We need kind people to open their hearts and homes to the horses of BEHS.

Currently, BEHS is unable to pay veterinary bills. However, once a foster horse is adopted out, BEHS will use his/her adoption fee to reimburse any pre-approved veterinary bills and after BEHS has several fundraisers, we'll be able to begin reimbursing veterinary bills.

If you are interested in learning more about fostering and taking an active roll in helping the needy horses, please contact Loretta at lacy@bluebonnetequine.org

Booths Volunteers Needed

Booths are a great way to spread the word about BEHS, recruit new members and foster homes, and sell BEHS products. But we need your help to staff these booths. Please email Wendy Taylor at cowgirlwendy@gmail.com if you can help out or if you know of a booth opportunity.

Upcoming Events

Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society Open Show in Azle, Texas – September 24, 2005

BEHS is hosting our first open show – there are classes for beginners through advanced riders and even special classes for rescue horses. We need volunteers as well as attendees! Visit <http://www.bluebonnetequine.org/news/sept24show.htm> or email info@bluebonnetequine.org to learn more.

Golfing Fore Pets to Benefit BEHS – September 27, 2005

Do you like to golf or know people who do? Then come out to the 2nd Annual Golfing Fore Pets Tournament and help BEHS! The tournament takes place September 27, 2005 in Austin, Texas with a 9:00 am shotgun start. The cost is \$100 per golfer with 4 golfers per team (Golfing Fore Pets can put together a team for you if you wish!). Sponsorship packages start at \$100 for a hole sponsor and go up to \$2,500 for underwriting. For more information, contact Golfing Fore Pets at 512-263-2900.

Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society Open Show in Stockdale, Texas – October 8, 2005

This is our second show for BEHS. Plenty of classes for everyone! We need volunteers as well as attendees! Visit <http://www.bluebonnetequine.org/news/oct8show.htm> or email info@bluebonnetequine.org to learn more.

Member Get Together – October 29, 2005 – Rosharon, Texas

Loretta (Lacy) and Ralph Pinnell are hosting a get-together on October 29. There's a Halloween Costume Party Theme – and everyone is guaranteed to have a great time! Come out and meet other BEHS members, eat, talk, and have fun. For more information, contact Lacy at lacy@bluebonnetequine.org.

Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society Out and About



Equestrian Market Days – College Station, Texas – August 20, 2005

Joanne Terry reports: Today Jodi and I, assisted part of the time by Taylor Lehr, did a BEHS booth at the Equestrian Market Day at A&M. This was the first year I have gone - it was UGE. Anyone in the market for used tack, riding

clothing, anything horse-related, or new equipment - this is the place to come.

We had a good amount of people at the booth. We sold 3 T-shirts, 2 aprons, 2 fly masks, 1 new membership, and had \$23.16 in donations, for a total of \$116.16. I nearly ran out of trifolds. A very nice family is so interested in Shasta that they were going to call the 800 number as soon as they got home - they were terrified someone would adopt her out from underneath them. Miss Priss and Moonshine also had inquiries, as did Fandango, Moose and Handsome.

Denise came by, as did Kathy (who is our new member). I saw people I met through the driving club functions I have attended, and people I have been on trail rides with. I ran into people I knew from Houston at this today, and there were people who drove up from Rosenberg. For anyone who has not done a booth before - they are a lot of fun, if you enjoy talking to people about horses.



Homeless Animals Days Candlelight Vigil – Carrollton, Texas – August 21, 2005

Wendy Taylor reports: Mearl, DG & I went to the Homeless Animals Day Candlelight Vigil in Carrollton, TX this evening. DG was a huge hit!

We got \$20 in donations, handed out several trifolds, business cards & membership apps. I have 2 ladies that are interested in helping at booths, with inspections and anywhere

else they can help as they cannot foster. They should be joining soon. There was a dog rescue who helps out other rescues with functions & booths and such and they will be contacting us in a few days too. A lady wants to log on and do a pay pal donation to us as well.

We got a lot of good PR today, we should be on a few rescues web sites as they took lots of pictures of DG! DG whinnied every time the "big dogs" came by. Those would be the Great Danes! She would nicker at folks as they walked by and if they did not acknowledge her, she would spin around and do a little dance. She got tired towards the end when the traffic slowed down. Everyone had gone down below to the seating area in the amphitheatre for the presentations. She laid out flat on her side and whinnied really loud when there was a break between speakers.



**Ralph and Loretta (Lacy) Pinnell's
BEHS Benefit – Rosharon, Texas –
August 27, 2005**

Loretta “Lacy” Pinnell reports: This Fundraiser would not have been possible without all the support of all the members that came to help and for Eli and his family coming four hours each way with two big Belgians, wagon and all the tack, the mini cart and minis and tack, and their wonderful petting zoo. I loved the little Dwarf mini and this is the first time I fell in

love with a donkey. The little spotted guy was just too cute for words and I wanted to put one of those little goats in my pocket. Thank you so much Benson family for all of your hard work and for helping out.

I would also like to thank the below members that came, bought, and helped. We couldn't have made it without you. I think I have everyone's names, but if I missed you please let me know so that I can list you.

June Warren, Darienne Owings , Wendy Taylor, Mearle Taylor, Dottie Clower, Joanne Terry, Marianne Skarpa, Sharon Martin-Holm, Lodi Luecke, Taylor Lehr, Benson Family, Spencer Williams, Jennifer Williams, Not to mention the members that helped behind the scenes by offering items for the door prizes, live auction, silent auction, food and bake sale.

Al Fayard, Jessica Frank, Michael White, Ari Pettigrew, Laura Senseman, Cat Ballew, Kelly Jones and others whose work behind the scenes did not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

We have a fantastic bunch of members. I was very impressed at the turnout and help. We also had two BEHS horses here to impress the crowd, Crimson and Beau. Beautiful boys and so well behaved.

And I can't go without thanking the people that helped that are not members of BEHS. Without them, BEHS would not have been as successful as we were. With their physical help with the fundraiser, we are able to help a lot of horses.

Tabitha Cooney, Jonathan Cooney, Lark Tedesco-Finneman, Tucker Family and Better Birds of Texas, Magnuson Family, Amy Heartsill, Roxy Wade, and Chris Sharp

From Jennifer and Spencer Williams: A **huge** thank you to Ralph and Loretta Pinnell for all their hard work on this benefit. This event has been in the planning stages for months – and their effort really showed! Unbeknownst to everyone, Spencer and I were in Houston looking for housing and showed up at the fundraiser. It was awesome to see Ralph scream when he saw us and come running to give us hugs! We both really had a wonderful time – we've missed the chance to hang out with all of the great BEHS members!



Mini Green Horse/Green Rider Trail Clinic – Navasota, Texas – September 4, 2005

Joanne Terry opened her farm and home for a trail horse clinic. Several BEHS members attended as well as three BEHS horses – Fandango, Beau, and Moonshine. Everyone has a great time and Joanne looks forward to hosting another clinic in the future!

The Horses of BEHS

Newest Equines

Lovey, Olive Oyl, and Handsome were surrendered to an Arkansas Sheriff's Department when their owner could not care for them. The sheriff's office asked BEHS to take them in, and Arkansas Member Representative Tina Shalmy promptly acted. Lovey is an approximately 19 year old, gray, Arabian or Arabian cross mare. She was in the best condition and should soon be evaluated under saddle. Handsome is an approximately 15 year old and appears to be an American Saddlebred or cross. He's broke to ride and will go up for adoption once he's gained a little more weight. Olive Oyl is about 18 years old, and she was in the worst shape. She's spent over a month with a veterinarian but is slowly gaining weight and stabilizing. She appears to be a Thoroughbred.

Nellie was donated to BEHS when her owner died. She's a cute, palomino, mare who is about 6 years old. She's either a large miniature, a shetland pony, or a cross. When Nellie's foster mom picked her up, she was disgusted to see that Nellie's hooves were so long it looked like she was walking on skis. Nellie's foster family is working with a veterinarian and farrier to help Nellie become sound again – and they've already fallen in love with Nellie! Congrats to Kenna Graves, her family, and Nellie on a quick and successful adoption!

Geronimo is a 3 year old, roan paint gelding. He was donated when his owner could no longer keep him. Geronimo appears to have limited vision in one eye, and he's had some rough handling so he's relearning to trust people. His foster family is currently evaluating him.

Equines Available for Adoption

Phoenix is a beautiful, 4 year old, Arabian (or Arabian cross) gelding. Phoenix was donated when his elderly owner could not keep him. He's been badly abused and has suffered an injury to front left fetlock. A veterinary exam revealed arthritis in that fetlock, so Phoenix will be available as a pet/companion only (no riding). Due to the abuse he had suffered, Phoenix will need an adopter who is willing to gain his trust. *Located in Gladewater, Texas – Adoption fee \$100*

Jake is an 11 year old, sorrel, grade Quarter Horse gelding. Prior to being donated to BEHS, Jake suffered an injury thanks to a barbed wire fence. It has left him unridable – but he'll make a great pet/companion for some lucky family! Although he's leery with new

people, once he warms up to you he's a sweet horse. *Located in Lorena, Texas – Adoption fee \$100*

Moonshine is a grade Appaloosa gelding. He's between 15 and 20 years old. Moonshine was donated to BEHS by his previous owners when they could no longer keep him. They had rescued him out of a bad situation and rehabilitated him. He is a quiet horse who has wonderful ground manners. Moonshine is broke to ride but he is very rusty. He could use a short refresher course and then may be a nice horse for a child with riding experience or a small adult. *Located in Navasota, Texas - Adoption fee: \$400*

Crimson is a 21 year old possible Thoroughbred or Standardbred cross. He was placed with BEHS by another rescue organization who had an overflow of horses. He suffers from DSLD and is not rideable. He's a sweet horse who gets along great with others – so he would make an excellent companion or pet for a lucky adopter! *Located in Gladewater, Texas – Adoption fee \$100*

Fandango is an approximately 6 year old, bay Arabian (or Arabian cross) gelding. He was seized after he had gone without water for days, but he's made a great recovery and is now looking for an adoptive home. Fandango is broke to ride and on a recent trail ride, he was an unflappable gentleman – one of the best horses on the ride! He loves attention and is a curious horse, and he would be a great best pal and riding buddy. *Located near Somerville, Texas – Adoption fee in review*

Miss Priss is the cutest weanling Arabian or Arabian cross filly. She was removed from a neglectful home after going for days without water, but she's recovering nicely. She's a smart girl who learns quickly, and she's sweet and friendly. *Located in Lorena, Texas – Adoption fee \$100.*

Shasta is a 1988, gray, Quarter Horse mare. She was purchased by her donor as a companion to her other horse, but they decided to donate her to BEHS because she was not being ridden. She's not been ridden much in the past several years, but she recently went trail riding and was wonderful. Her foster home has ridden her bareback with a halter and a lead rope, and she did great. She is a bit rusty, so she would do best with an intermediate rider or a novice who is working with an instructor. In April of this year, a veterinarian discovered masses in her abdomen that may be melanomas. They do not seem to bother Shasta. *Located near Round Top, Texas - Adoption fee: \$800*

Congratulations to These Adopted Horses

Dream Girl came to BEHS when she was just a few days old. Her dam had been accidentally bred and when her dam's owner found out, she ordered her trainer to euthanize the foal when she was born. Luckily her trainer was concerned about the abby and tried to find her a new home. A BEHS foster family stepped up to the plate and carefully nursed the orphaned foal. Dream Girl has grown into a gorgeous weanling who has starred in the RFD-TV Show Horse Sense along with her foster family. Luckily for DG, she found a home for life – her foster family can't let her go! *Congrats, Wendy, Stephanie, Mearl, and Dream Girl!*

Eclipse was donated when his owner could no longer keep him. He's a handsome bay, Quarter Horse gelding who quickly won over anyone he met with his great personality. His foster family fell in love and within a few days they knew that Eclipse wasn't leaving.

Adoptive 'dad' Jim reports that Eclipse doesn't know he's a horse - and he's loving the attention and care at his new home! *Congrats Jim, Suzan, and Eclipse!*

Moose is a gorgeous, chestnut Arabian gelding who was donated when his owner could no longer keep him. Although he was quite green, he seemed to have a great attitude and was calm and laid back at his first foster home. He's now the companion of a teenage girl – she hopes to train him and show him. *Congrats to Carrington and Moose!*

Old and New Faces

This section will feature a bio on an 'old' face around BEHS each month as well as one of our new members. If you would like to have your bio included, please contact Jenn at jenn@bluebonnetequine.org

Ari Pettigrew

Ari Pettigrew currently works as Chapter Manager for the Greater Austin Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. She took over this position in Nov. 2003. She has previously worked at United Way Capital Area (she raised approx. \$600,000 in their 2003 workplace campaign), Hearts & Hooves, Texas Hillel Foundation and Aperian (where she managed a \$65 million project budget). Ari is a Certified Volunteer Manager and has served on several local boards of directors, including Friends of Pioneer Farm, Directors of Volunteers in Austin and University Area Partners. She has also served on the AFP Philanthropy Day Committee in 1998, 1999, 2002 & 2003. A 1987 graduate of the University of Texas, Austin, Ari has a B. S. in Radio/TV/Film and has written two film scripts. She is currently in the MBA Program at St. Edward's University with a concentration in Entrepreneurial & Non-Profit Management. In addition to her academic and job-related activities, Ari serves as treasurer for Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society, and as an alumni representative for the American School in London. She is also a founding director of Golfing Fore Pets.

Ari had the wonderful opportunity to grow up in England, where she became active in Pony Club and was trained to the exacting standards of the British Horse Society. Once back in Texas, she continued working with horses by competing on and coaching for the University of Texas at Austin's Equestrian Team. She comes by her love of horses genetically—relatives on her mother's side include riders at the Spanish Riding School of Vienna and famous European horsewomen, while on her father's side, an ancestress was famous for the race horses she raised and raced during the 1830's and 1840's.

On her father's side, Ari is a seventh-generation Texan, while her mother was German. She lives with long-time partner, Brian Garvey, a Registered Massage Therapist. Together they care for 5 dogs and 6 cats (7 of which are rescues).

New Faces – Kristy Deslatte

The World According to Kristy

As any little girl (especially in Texas), I grew up loving horses. We had two of them when I was very young, but they were kept at a ranch about 100 miles from our house. We really only saw them a couple of weekends a month. They both passed away when I was in my teens a few months apart (they were pretty old when we got them). I longed to have a horse of my own, but never saw a way to do so.

As I became a “career woman,” the dream of owning a horse kind of got put on holduntil one day! My dad called and told me he had bought a 9 months pregnant Arabian mare for my niece. “Could you come out and help?” I learned everything I know about horses by default from that mare and foal. Soon after the baby was born, I bought my own horse. She was an appaloosa mare that could have qualified for the Ugliest Horse Contest. I called her “Pretty”. Since I didn’t really get along with this mare (we are both mules), I sold her to a friend of mine (who loved her stubbornness) and bought Princess, my wonderful, calm, walk down the road, beautiful appaloosa mare. We have logged many, many miles together. We sold the Arabian mare, and I raised her filly up to be a wonderful horse – but she was too small for me (I’m 5’9”). I sold her as well and she got a wonderful job with a young girl who shows her everywhere.

I bought Genius, my Tennessee Walking Horse, 6 years ago as a 3 year old. A year later I bought Darlin (another walking horse)....then Cisco....then Ernie.....and finally Cash. And, yes I do have justification for all of them in some form or fashion!

I’ve kind of “independently rescued” a few horses over the years – basically taken over their care, fed them or cured them of their ails, and then found them forever homes. Darlin was my rescue. She was lame when I bought her and about 400 lbs. underweight. She is beautiful today, and we deal with her lameness as it comes (almost never now).

I got involved with BEHS because of Petey (Joanne’s rescue). Something about that horse touched my heart. The thought of the neglect he received.....Anyway, that’s why I’m here.

I am a Portfolio Manager for an international commercial real estate company. I got married for the first time (I’m 38) in February, 2005 to a wonderful man named TJ. He shares my passions for everything – including horses. He also drives wagons and carriages. We have 5 outside cats, and one wonderful dog (who was also a rescue) named Mabel. She is a rottweiler/golden retriever cross and she is “our child” together. She came to us in March from Mr. K’s, a no-kill shelter in Houston. TJ has 21 year old twin daughters, and we are expecting our first grandchild in November.

Outside of work, I am heavily involved with the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, as the Chairman of the Corral Club Special Services committee, and as a committeeman on the Special Children’s committee. TJ and I would like to start an outreach ministry that involves placing inner city and special needs children with horses. We are still in the planning stages, but will start off with our horses. Eventually, we hope to provide counseling to at risk and first strike kids through the rehabilitation of neglected and/or abused horses. We feel this would be a win/win situation for the kids and the horses.

August Financials

For August

Income:	\$2656.16
Expenses:	\$2270.29
Net Income:	\$ 385.87

Account balance: \$4,059.51

You can see a detailed report on our website at www.bluebonnetequine.org.

Members Corner

The Members Corner is a new column for the Bluebonnet Bulletin. Share your stories, poems, photos, or drawings about your horses or BEHS horses. Submissions can be sent to jenn@bluebonnetequine.org.



Jennifer and Spencer Williams' horse Jawhari enjoys the snow during his stay in Michigan!

Training and Behavior Help

The Training and Behavior Help Column is a new addition to the Bluebonnet Bulletin. We'll cover topics such as introducing new horses to the herd, coping with a biter, and more. If you have suggestions or submissions, please contact Jenn at jenn@bluebonnetequine.org.

Trailer Safety **Eli Benson**

Whether your trailer gets used once a week or once a year, there are some things to consider before you hitch up and load your horse. Your trailer may have been in great shape when you parked it two months ago, but it may not be now. A trailer, like any machine, will deteriorate with lack of use. Conversely, heavy use will wear it out as well. With a little bit of preventative maintenance, your trailer will last for many years.

What you are looking for in a trailer is to transport your horse in safety and comfort. To that end, this guide will tell you the things to look for when you are going to use a trailer. It might be your own, a borrowed trailer, or one that you are thinking about purchasing. This is intended as an overview only. If you have any doubts, take the trailer to a mechanic, or trailer maintenance facility.

Lets start with the horse compartment. Remove any rubber mats, and check the condition of the boards underneath. Look for any rotten spots, loose screws or bolts, or anything that doesn't look right. Something that people don't think about when looking at the boards is the steel structure holding up the boards. I've heard of a case where the boards were fine but the girder holding it up had a broken weld at one end. In fact it wouldn't even give with the weight of a person on it, only with the weight of a horse. It was hard to find. The man jumped up and down on the broken part and found that it moved. Look at the bottom of the wall. There may be rust along there. I've seen trailers rust through at that point. I've even seen them bad enough that the steel upright posts holding up the sides and roof were rusted through too. Look for any protruding metal or wood parts that might

injure a horse. Jagged rusty edges are a real problem. Another thing to think about is the height and width of the compartment. Will it fit your horse comfortably? Horses should be able to be able to ride with their head held high if they want to. If the trailer is a strait load, check the "Butt Chains" or "Butt Bars". You don't want worn chains or poor welds holding your horses in. In a slant load, make sure that the partition latches are oiled and easy to move. When a horse is leaning on the partition, it can be very hard to open if it is not well oiled. Also door latches and hinges should be oiled or greased. Some door hinges actually have grease fittings - use them. Especially if they doors don't get used much. The hinges get water in them and could be rusty. Constant opening and closing could cause them to seize and tear off while you are moving them. Rubber mats would be really nice on your horse's feet and joints. Some sort of vent or window might be nice too. On a strait load, if you do have open vents, depending on the size of vent and horse, the horses may benefit from fly masks. This will give a measure of protection to your horse against bugs or road debris.

The next thing to look at is the running gear. This is anything that makes the trailer function as a road vehicle. Wheel bearings ought to be checked and greased. Even if they were greased and not used for 5 months, re-grease them before you use them. If you are lucky they will have "Bearing Buddies" (at least that is what boat trailer people call them). These nifty bearing caps have a spring and plunger in them. You fill the plunger with new grease from a grease gun, and as you drive, it presses that grease into the bearing. If the trailer doesn't have them, you ought to pick up a pair for each axle. You can find them at Tractor Supply Co. or an auto parts store (~\$15). If you don't have a grease gun get one of those too (~\$20). And don't go cheap on the grease; buy wheel-bearing grease instead of all-purpose stuff. Once a year, jack up a wheel at a time, and jiggle it up and down, left and right. There shouldn't be any play there. It will move a tiny bit, but if you are concerned, compare its movement to the other wheels. If they are all the same, then they are probably okay. If one side is looser, take it to a mechanic. When you set out, stop a few miles out and check the wheel bearings. This is easy to do. Put your hand on the wheel hub and check for heat. It should be mildly warm. If it is too hot to touch, then it is definitely time to replace the bearings. About axles, I would highly recommend a dual axle trailer. This gives you a lot of peace of mind when you eventually blow a tire. However unlikely, it is possible that a blowout on a single axle trailer could cause you to lose control of your tow vehicle. Check the spring mounting bolts, if any. Some spring mounting bolts have grease fittings as well. Anything with a grease fitting should be greased. If your trailer has torsion springs, there may not be any bolts to check. Look underneath the trailer for broken welds, or badly rusted parts.

Check the hitch coupler to make sure you have the right size ball for it on the tow vehicle. Nearly all trailers use a 2" ball. Some large trailers use a 2 & 5/16" ball. Also make sure the coupler works well, and it is oiled. Make sure any safety pins or latches are present and functional. Check the weight rating on the ball (It's stamped on top) and compare it to the trailer's weight. The trailer's weight should be on a little placard next to the hitch. You don't want to exceed the hitch's capacity. I would really strongly recommend a Class 4 (Class IV) receiver hitch for your truck instead of a bumper hitch. A bumper hitch is only rated at Class 2 (Class II). That is 300 lbs of tongue weight, and 3,500 lbs of trailer weight. A Class 4 receiver hitch is good for 10,000 lb trailer weight, with a 1,000 lb tongue weight. If you are pulling horses, this is what you want. A light trailer could use a Class 3 (Class III) hitch (5,000 pulling/500 tongue weight). Also make sure the fully loaded trailer doesn't exceed the truck's towing capacity (refer to your owner's manual to get the weight rating of your truck). Check that you have a good place to attach the safety chains on the truck. Most receiver hitches will have holes next to the receiver for chains. On a Gooseneck

trailer, make sure that the gooseneck ball is strong enough for the trailer. It's weight rating is stamped on top of the ball. If you are going to get a receiver hitch or a Gooseneck ball installed in your truck, pay a professional to do it. These parts have to be torqued to certain specifications, and may require a vehicle lift or other things a home mechanic may not have. Make sure your safety chains don't drag on the ground. Cross them in the middle to give the trailer a "cradle" effect should the coupler pop off the hitch ball. Make sure the chains aren't twisted and bound up when attached to the truck. This will be a major weak point if you actually end up needing the chains. Some people do this to shorten the chains, but it is a really bad idea. It makes them almost useless. If the chains are too long, cut them off to the right length and get some good hooks for the end of them.

Check the tires. A new tire should have at least 10/32 of an inch of tread on it. You should replace them at 4/32 inch. Also, look for weather cracks on the sides of the tires. There shouldn't be anything you could stick a fingernail into. Make sure the tires are at their rated pressure. It will be written on a little placard stamped into the side of the tire. Make sure that all the tires are at the same pressure, as this will improve handling. Also in that placard is the weight rating of the tire. A tire for a 2-axle trailer should be rated for at least 1700 lbs. I would want enough of a weight bearing capacity that if one blows out the other can handle the load without blowing out immediately too. Mismatched tires are okay, as long as they are all the same size, meet the weight rating, and have the same pressure rating. Tires are sized by width, height, and rim size. 205/75R-15 would be width a of 205 millimeters, a height of 75% of the width, with a 15" rim. The "R" means Radial, which all tires today should be. If it says "B" instead of "R" it means it's a "Bias" tire, and probably really old (time for a new one, maybe?). 205/75R-15 would be a very normal size for a 2 horse strait load. Larger trailers, like Goosenecks will be somewhere around 245/85R-16. Also, carry a jack and lug wrench that will fit the trailer. Your truck's wrench may not fit the trailer. A couple of blocks of wood or chocks to block trailer from rolling. A tire changing ramp (Also called Trailer Aid or Jiffy Jack) is really handy if you have a 2-axle trailer. All this kit won't do you any good if you don't have a spare tire with your trailer. Make sure the spare has air in it, and it is the right size and hole pattern to fit your trailer. For a long trip, take more than one spare. You don't want to be stuck in a one-horse town having to buy a used tire from the only service station in town for four times the cost of a new one. Also, many times after a blowout your rim will be damaged from riding on the pavement. It pays to have a second spare. Always carry a tire pressure gauge too. Check the pressure whenever you stop for gas.

Electric brakes. You **really should** have electric brakes. In fact, I wouldn't transport horses without electric brakes. If you have 8,000 lbs of horse and trailer behind you, your truck's brakes will not stop you during an emergency. Even attempting a fast deceleration could cause you to wreck your rig without trailer brakes. Make sure that each wheel's brakes work. To test them, turn the power to the brakes (there is a gain adjustment on all electric brake controllers) up and give the trailer a pull while someone watches the wheels. They should lock up at the highest setting. Make sure you warm them up before use, especially if they haven't been used in a while. Do this by driving at 20 mph with a little manual pressure on them with the brake controller handle. Not enough to lock the brakes up mind you. Driving a mile should be enough to clean up the rusty brake drums, and get them running smoothly. Then do your check. If all is well, then adjust the power back down till they *don't* lock up when you come to a hard stop. That is about where you want them. If you have a heavy load, and the power setting is not sufficient to allow smooth stops, turn it up a bit. That is why there is an adjustment. If your controller has an adjustment for brake timing, set the trailer so that the brakes engage a fraction of a second before the truck's brakes. This will improve handling. Don't be afraid to manually activate the trailer brakes

(a little) when you are coming down a hill or to stop trailer from swaying. It will straiten the trailer right out. Brake controllers usually have an indicator light on them that tells you the brakes are connected (if the trailer is plugged into the truck). If your light goes out, stop and check your connections. If your trailer has a "Break-Away Box" for emergency braking in case of the trailer breaking away from the truck, make sure it's battery is charged. This battery activates the electric brakes if catastrophe happens, and doesn't do any good if it can't power the brakes. Not all trailers have this, but it can be installed on any trailer with electric brakes. Also, the break-away cable that activates the battery should be firmly attached to your truck, so the brakes will be activated when the cable gets pulled (hopefully this will never happen). Lights and wiring should be checked as well - on your truck as well as your trailer. If you must use an adaptor plug to attach your trailer's lights to your truck, make sure it works and isn't too loose. Take a piece of string and tie your adaptor to your truck. I've lost too many of those things when making sharp turns into gas stations and the like. At \$15 each, you best protect your investment. Make sure your license plate light works, and that it shines on a plate that is valid and up to date. In Texas, "Farm Trailer" registration is only \$6. It's not worth getting a ticket for not having a valid plate.

I hope this helps you in your horsey endeavors. Remember, if it not safe, then it is not worth doing. I may not be a certified mechanic, or commercial driver, but I know how to err on the side of safety. I have probably driven more miles with a trailer than without. I have never had a mishap that resulted in any damage to person, property or horse. Without proper maintenance, the few incidents I have had could have been major problems.

The Color Corner

The Color Corner Column is a new addition to the Bluebonnet Bulletin. This column will discuss interesting color patterns and coat color genetics. If you have suggestions or submissions, please contact Sharon at leosharon@earthlink.net.

Sharon Martin-Holm

One of our newest arrivals, Beau, has a very interesting color. He is sorrel (chestnut if you have an English riding background like me), but that's not so very interesting. What is, though, is the spattering of small white spots across his body. He's certainly not an appaloosa...there are no other appaloosa characteristics whatsoever...so what on earth is going on? They're birdcatcher spots!

They're named after an Irish Thoroughbred from the 1800's called The Birdcatcher, not because it would be reasonable to suspect that a bird-catcher could be covered in small white spots at the end of the day. I've included some web links at the end of the article if you're interested in reading more about The Birdcatcher, or about other interesting white-hair patterns seen rarely in horses. Have you ever seen a brindle colored horse? They do exist!

For those not interested in researching on their own, the low-down on birdcatcher spots is that they're seen pretty rarely, there is no known genetic mechanism, but they do seem to appear more often in certain family lines. They're seen in Thoroughbreds, Arabians, Quarter Horses, and just about any other breed. In some horses, they come and go, changing as the horse gets older. Some horses have them soon after birth; some don't develop them until later in life. They can occur on any base coat color...chestnut, black or bay. There is some anecdotal evidence that some horses have developed them after a

severe illness.

Visit Beau's website to get a look at this interesting phenomenon.-
<http://www.bluebonnetequine.org/horses/evaluation/Beau.htm>

<http://www.tbheritage.com/Portraits/Birdcatcher.html>

<http://members.aol.com/brindlehos/bird.htm>

<http://www.equinecolor.com/unusual.html#bird>

<http://members.aol.com/MFTHorses/sponenbg.htm>

<http://www.arabianrun.com/arguide.htm>

Health and Hooves

The Health and Hooves Column is a new addition to the Bluebonnet Bulletin. We'll cover topics such as DSLD, founder, natural trim, and more. If you have suggestions or submissions, please contact Sharon at leosharon@earthlink.net.

Keeping the Working Horse Barefoot Leslie Schelder

At the moment, the "barefoot movement" is alive and well in our country. Keeping your horse barefoot is a personal decision. "Barefoot" is good for EVERY horse. It helps keep them healthy in so many ways, but it is not always good for every horse OWNER! By that, I mean that it is not only the "not wearing horseshoes", it is the proper trim and more frequent trimming and keeping your horse in a natural lifestyle – out with a herd 24 hours a day and lots of movement! This is sometimes not possible for the horse on the show circuit or in a boarding situation. The best this horse owner can do for his/her horses is give them some time off from performing and allow them to have the advantages of being barefoot in a pasture setting with other horses. A "herd" may only consist of one other horse, but the need for a "herd" environment is also very essential for good health. The "herd" will keep the horse calmer, more relaxed and moving. The more active the horse is, the more blood flow and circulation produced from the good hoof mechanism..

A proper "natural" trim is very important to insure good hoof health. Nature made a very good design when the horse evolved into a "one toed" animal, but the design was built around a horse that traveled anywhere from 10 to 20 miles a day. The inside of the hoof is made up of many hidden working parts that are busy with every step the horse takes.

If the outside of the hoof becomes unbalanced due to lack of natural wear, it is our job as caretakers of this animal to insure that we mimic the "natural" wear as closely as possible. Understanding the mechanisms of all the internal pieces and parts will help you and your trimmer provide the maximum circulation for your horse. With good circulation a horse has a better immune system, and better muscle tone among many other health issues.

The arguments about "...but, I jump with my horse" or "My horse has to have shoes because he has Thoroughbred feet (poor quality)" or "I have to shoe my horse because I trail ride on rocky ground", etc. etc. are not valid reasons to nail metal shoes on your horse's feet. There are endurance riders, police officers, racehorse owners, trail riders,

and jumpers that are competing and working with their horses every day barefoot. It does take conditioning of the feet and the proper trim to accomplish this. Even the best of conditioning may not totally protect the hoof from a terrain that the horse would normally avoid. In those cases, hoof boots are used successfully and do not impair the hoof's circulation like the restrictions placed on the hoof with a rigid metal shoe. Shoes restrict the blood flow in the hoof and actually "numb" the bottom part of the horse's hoof. The horse's working years are drastically extended with a barefoot horse living in a herd environment with proper trimming. Imbalances and restricted blood flow can eventually cause bone loss, arthritis, and damage to the joints.

It would make sense to me that if I had a major investment in my horse, I would want to get as many "working" seasons out of him as possible. It doesn't matter if the horse is a \$1500 trail horse or a million dollar racehorse, the concept is the same.

Keeping your horse barefoot achieves many things. The number one benefit is, of course, the improved circulation which leads to strong, healthy hooves. Unfortunately, even with a good trim, a horseshoe inhibits the "flexibility" of the hoof. It is hard to believe that a hard hoof can actually "flex" everywhere! With the weight of the horse, the hoof spreads "out" as well as "opens" from the heel forward. It takes a bit of "new thinking" to see the hoof in this perspective. The navicular bone actually works as a small valve and controls the pumping of the blood...when there are four feet, and four "valves", you can see how much this will aid the horse when these are all working correctly...(a.k.a. balanced hoof). If you are interested in seeing a dissection of a hoof, try to catch one of Martha Olivo's clinics. Being able to "see" the inside of the foot, you will better understand the importance of helping the horse keep "good mechanism" inside the hoof by trimming the outside correctly.

Good hoof form can also improve everything from the "gait" of the horse to his over-all attitude and even his receptiveness to training. Without metal shoes, he can "feel" his feet and can "grip" and "stop" and "turn" better. If you have trouble with, or want to prevent "cracks", "chipping", "stumbling" or general lameness issues, this trim would be something for you to explore.

There are many clinicians now in this country that "teach" the natural trim. It is not an easy trim to learn. A good trim may take your trimmer an hour or more to get the hoof properly balanced. It is really an artistic endeavor. The "inside" of the foot will determine the angles of the hoof wall and the shape of the sole.

Some of the well known clinicians giving clinic in the United States are: Martha Olivo, Pete Raimey, Jamie Jackson, and Dr. Hildrud Strasser just to name a few. They all have very good information to share with horse owners. Every owner should make an effort to attend at least an introductory course and not leave the hoof care entirely to the vets and farriers. Veterinarians are a wonderful resource for the health of your animal and Farriers are taught many good things about the hoof, but this "natural" approach and all the research from Europe and abroad has recently arrived in our country and keeping abreast of this new information will make all of us better stewards for one of our great American icons...the horse.

Classified Ads

Classified advertising is available to our members free of charge. Larger ads are available to members and non-members for a fee. See <http://www.bluebonnetequine.org/about/advertising.htm> or email info@bluebonnetequine.org for more information.

For Sale: 9 year old AQHA sorrel gelding, \$2300. Excellent trail riding mount, gentle & quiet, for an advanced beginner. Too many horses & must thin the herd. Carrie Isaacks 281-933-1396 or kemcarrie@yahoo.com

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**Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society
Open Horse Show Series
Class List**

September 24, 2005 Azle, Texas Judge: Shirley Barnett Registration begins: 7:30 am Classes begin: 8:00 am	October 8, 2005 Stockdale, Texas Judge: Registration begins: 7:00 am Classes begin: 8:00 am
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Halter

1. Pleasure Horse Type Weanlings and Yearlings
2. Stock Horse Type Weanlings and Yearlings
3. Pleasure type horses, colts, fillies, and geldings 2-4 years old
4. Stock type horses, colts, fillies, and geldings 2-4 years old
5. Pleasure horse geldings and stallions 5 & over
6. Stock type geldings and stallions 5 & over
7. Pleasure type mares 5 & over
8. Stock type mares 5 & over
9. Rescue horse halter – Horse must be fostered for or adopted from a rescue organization.
10. Halter championship – Horses placing 1st or 2nd in classes 1-9 to show back in Halter Championship.

Showmanship

11. Novice showmanship all ages
12. Showmanship 18 and under
13. Showmanship 19 & over

Miscellaneous

14. Stick Horse
15. Longe line – For horses two years and younger. To be shown on a longe line at the walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring for 2 minutes
16. Liberty – To be shown in the arena for 2 minutes. Entrants will have 1 minute to catch their horse and then may incur a penalty. CD player provided, entrants will provide their own music.
17. Costume – All ages. Horse may be ridden or lead.
18. Leadline – riders 8 and under
19. Gaited horse pleasure – Walk, optional gait, canter

Rescue Horse Classes – Horses must be fostered for or adopted from a rescue organization.

- Horses in class 20 may not enter class 21.
20. Rescue horse: walk and jog or trot
 21. Rescue horse: walk, jog or trot, lope or canter

English/Hunter Classes

22. English/hunter equitation: 18 and under
23. English/hunter equitation 19 and over
24. English/hunter pleasure – green horse/rider. Walk only
25. English/hunter pleasure – green horse/rider. Walk/trot
26. English/hunter pleasure – green horse/rider. Walk/trot/canter
27. English/hunter pleasure – maiden horse

28. English/hunter pleasure: 18 and under
29. English/hunter pleasure: 19 and over

30. English/hunter pleasure: Pleasure type horses

31. English/hunter pleasure: Stock type horses
32. English/hunter pleasure: Novice horse or novice rider

Western Classes

33. Western horsemanship: 18 and under
34. Western horsemanship 19 and over
35. Western pleasure – green horse/rider. Walk only.
36. Western pleasure – green horse/rider. Walk/jog
37. Western pleasure – green horse/rider. Walk/jog/lope
38. Western pleasure – maiden horse
39. Western pleasure: 18 and under
40. Western pleasure: 19 and over
41. Western pleasure: Pleasure type horses
42. Western pleasure: Stock type horses
43. Western pleasure: Novice horse or novice rider

Trail

44. Walk/trot Trail: any seat, any age
45. Trail: any seat, any age
46. In-hand trail – Horses may not be shown in any under saddle classes

Rules:

Rosettes awarded to sixth place.

High point and reserve high point awarded.

Show clothing is encouraged but not required. Booths are required in all classes (costume excepted) and helmets are required for riders under the age of 18 and in all English classes.

Stock horses are Quarter Horses, Appaloosas, Paint horses, and grade horses and crosses with characteristics of these horses.

Pleasure horses are Arabians, Morgans, gaited horses, and other fine breeds.

Maiden horses or riders are those who have not yet won a blue ribbon in any show.

Novice horses or riders are those who have not yet won more than three ribbons in any show.

Horse/rider teams showing in a walk only classes may not cross-enter into any walk/trot or jog or walk/trot or jog/canter or lope classes.

Horse/rider teams showing in a walk/trot or jog class may not cross-enter into any class where a canter is called.

Horses shown in the in-hand class may not show in any under saddle class.

Use One Form per Horse/Rider Combination

Horse/Rider Number: _____

Open Horse Show Series - Registration Form

I am registering for the: _____ September 24 show in Azle _____ October 8 show in Stockdale

Horse Name: _____ Breed _____ Horse Age _____

Exhibitor: _____ Exhibitor's Age _____

Owner: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Circle the class number

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Miscellaneous

14. Stick Horse
15. Longe line
16. Liberty
17. Fun Costume
18. Leadline
19. Gaited Horse Pleasure

Rescue Horse Classes: Name of rescue:

20. Walk, trot or jog
21. Walk, trot or jog, canter or lope

English/Hunter Classes

22. English/hunter equitation: 18 and under
23. English/hunter equitation 19 and over
24. Pleasure – green horse/rider. Walk only

English/Hunter Classes continued

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43. Pleasure: Novice horse or novice rider

Trail

44. Walk/trot Trail: any seat, any age
45. Trail: any seat, any age
46. In-hand trail – Horses may not be shown in any under saddle classes

Liability Waiver: I, the undersigned, have read and understand the following: Warning: Under Texas law (Chapter 87 Civil Practices and Remedies Code), an equine professional is not liable for any injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities. I further agree that I am showing at my own risk and subject to the rules and regulations of the Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society Open Horse Show Series. I also agree to

hold Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society harmless for any damage, injuries or loss of horses, exhibitors, vehicles, or other items.

Signature of Exhibitor

Date

Minor's release: I do hereby give consent for _____ to compete in the Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society Open Horse Show Series.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Fees:

Office and grounds fees (waived for horses owned/fostered by members of BEHS): \$5.00

Membership to Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society (optional) Youth: \$15
Individual: \$25 Family: \$50 Lifetime: \$1,000 _____

Donation to Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society (optional) _____

Class fee: \$7/class (preregistration) or \$8/class (day of show) x _____ _____

Ride All Day Fee (one horse/rider combination)
\$60 (preregistration) or \$70 (day of show) _____

Class Sponsorship (optional) \$10/class _____

High Point Award Fee (one horse/rider combination) \$2 _____

TOTAL FEES: _____

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