



Nebraska Pinto Horse Association Newsletter



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President's Message

Happy New Year!

Wow! Where did the year go? But, actually, who cares. 2020 was a year to forget at least, that is my opinion! Hope 2021 brings better news and a happier year!

Enough gloom. Congratulations to the winner of the Youth Lifetime membership to Steven Schneider and the Adult Lifetime to Mandi Farrens. Renee told me that the club gained \$250.00 for that raffle. Not a lot, but it all helps. Thanks to Renee for conducting the raffle.

Congratulations to the Hi-Point 2020 award winners! Again, if you are wanting or needing your awards now, please be sure to contact Glenda for an appointment to pick them up.

Have renewed the Nebraska Pinto Horse Association charter and am trying to get the show approval applications in on time. Will be in the process of hiring judges.

Stay warm and healthy for a wonderful year to come!

Your Pinto Friend,

Jean Andrews



Congratulations to all the 2020 PtHA World and Color Breed Congress participants from the Nebraska Pinto Club! Our NPtHA members were Overall Hi Point All Around winners, World Champs, Reserve World Champs, and many Top 5 and Top 10 winners!



10 Winter Health Care Mistakes to Avoid

Keep your horse healthy and happy through the winter months by adapting your management

routine for the season.

By **Toni McAllister** - December 10, 2018 [28](#) 10937

Winter is setting in, and while you may be tempted to wrap your horse in an overly toasty warm blanket and tuck him in to a heated barn for the cold season, avoid the urge. He's better off if you refrain from too much over-coddling. Of course throwing him out for the winter and forgetting about him until the spring thaw isn't the way to go either. Read on to learn about horsekeeping winter mistakes.



Ensure your horse stays healthy all season long by using common sense and avoiding these Top 10 winter horsekeeping mistakes:

1. Letting his water freeze over.

The first horsekeeping winter mistake that horse owners make is letting their horse's water freeze over. A horse will not stay properly hydrated if his water is frozen. Snow and ice are no substitute for clean, unfrozen drinking water. Your horse's risk of impaction colic is greatly increased if he doesn't have access to unfrozen water at all times. If you live in a region that experiences below-freezing temperatures, invest in a eating device specifically designed for horse waterers and troughs.

2. Not increasing feed rations when temperatures dip.

Talk to your veterinarian about how much feed your horse should receive during the winter months. As the temperatures drop, your horse burns more calories to stay warm. For some horses, this means considerable weight loss. If your horse isn't on a calorie-restricted diet, consider increasing his hay rations as it gets colder outside. Forage (hay) provides an excellent source of calories. Also, the process of digesting fiber (most hays are high in fiber) helps keep a horse warmer.

3. No exercise.

The next horsekeeping winter mistake that horse owners make is no exercising their horses. Just like we humans, horses need exercise all year long, even when it's cold outside! If possible, continue riding through the winter months. If severe conditions make winter riding impossible, turn your horse out daily in a large pasture or paddock daily; if it's safe to do so, consider longeing him to keep him fit.

4. Overriding an out of shape horse.

If you only ride when the weather is good, chances are you won't be doing much saddling up if you live in a cold winter region. That's ok if you do other things to keep your horse fit, but if he's a stable potato most of the season, use caution: An out-of-shape horse is at a much greater risk of musculoskeletal injury if exercised hard. If your winter riding schedule is sporadic, based on weather conditions, stick to lighter workouts that won't

over task your horse. Gradually increase his exercise level as his fitness improves.

5. Sequestering a horse indoors.

Horses will stay healthier and fitter if left outdoors for the winter, with a few caveats: All horses must have shelter from the elements. A three-sided shelter with a roof is a must. If you do bring your horse indoors, try to leave him out during the day and only bring him in at night. And don't close your barn up! Instead, leave it open to ensure good airflow inside; a closed-up barn leads to poor air quality that can affect a horse's respiratory health.

6. Over blanketing.

When it's snowing outside and you're inside enjoying a warm dinner by the fire, it's hard not to feel sorry for your horse. To ease the guilt, you may be tempted to rush out and pile yet another blanket on him. Stop yourself right there! Yes, a horse with a full or partial body clip does need blanketing during winter, regardless of whether he's kept indoors or out. But a horse with his natural winter coat probably doesn't need blanketing as long as he has shelter from the elements, is receiving proper nutrition and is in good health. Over blanketing a horse can cause him to overheat, which can lead to dehydration and a host of health problems. If you are concerned about your horse's comfort during winter, talk to your veterinarian about it.

7. Lack of hoof care.

The next horsekeeping winter mistake that horse owners make is the lack of hoof care. Nothing irks a

good farrier more than an owner who insists on foregoing hoof care during the winter months. Horses—barefoot or shod, ridden or not—need regular farrier care every six to eight weeks, maybe even more often, regardless of the season. Period, the end!

8. No beauty treatment.

Even if you don't ride during the winter, groom your horse regularly—daily if possible. Regular grooming and handling provides the opportunity to evaluate your horse and alerts you to problems such as illness, injury, weight loss, lost shoe, cracked hooves, et cetera. It's up to us, as owners, to intervene as quickly as possible when something is wrong. Catching a problem early on helps put your horse back on the track to good health.

9. Throwing him out to pasture and forgetting about him.

There's an old cowboy adage out there, "no rest for the horseman." Yes, the holidays are upon us, and yes it's darn cold outside, but you still have to keep up on your daily horsekeeping chores. Even if your horses are in pasture, you still have lots of work to do! Watering, feeding, grooming, exercising—get busy.

10. Neglecting your own health.

The tenth horsekeeping winter mistake that horse owners make is neglecting your own health. Most of us are responsible horse people who put equine health in front of our own. But remember, if you're not healthy, you won't be able to care for your horse. When tending to your horsekeeping tasks this winter, stay warm, stay safe and stay healthy because there's someone counting on you every day.

Things to Remember!



- **Happy New Year!**
- **Think about sponsoring a Pinto class for \$25.00 for the 2021 year!**
- **Get a sponsor for a Pinto class or Banner for 2021 year!**
- **Invite someone to join the Nebraska Pinto club!**
- **Keep updated on the NPtHA on the website @ <http://www.nptha.com/> and Facebook**
- **January 1st, 2021 - NPtHA & PtHA Membership Renewals Due**
- **January 15th, 2021 – PtHA Scholarship Applications Due**
- **January 15th, 2021 Photography Contest Entries Due**
- **Think about how you can help to make the club better! All ideas welcome!**



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2020 PURINA PHOTO CONTEST




Entries due Jan. 15, 2021

Think Magazine Cover: only vertical photos will be considered for the first place magazine cover.






This year, Purina will again be sponsoring the PtHA[®] Photo Contest. The first, second and third place winners will receive a Purina prize pack.

Every year, PtHA[®] holds a photo contest in which members send in photos of their Pintos. The first place winner gets their picture featured on the cover of the PtHA[®] Special Edition Results 2020 Online Magazine issue. Please visit www.pinto.org for more information about the PtHA[®] Photo Contest and entry forms.

"PtHA[®] is excited to have Purina sponsor these programs," Darrell Bilke, PtHA[®] Vice President and Chief Operating Officer said. "We are grateful to have wonderful Corporate Partners that sponsors programs for our members."

PHOTO CONTEST RULES

- Only vertical photos will be considered for the first place magazine inside cover.
- Judging will be based on subject, creativity and composition.
- Contest is open to amateur and professional photographers of all ages.
- Photographers may enter up to 10 photographs. Photos must be entered by photographer only.
- Entries MUST be 8" x 10" in size.
- All entries must have official entry form taped to back of photo or emailed with entry.
- Submit photos in a protective envelope or photo mailer, or email to magazine@pinto.org, Subject: Photo Contest. Emailed photos MUST be high resolution (300 dpi).
- All photos must portray a registered Pinto(s). If photo is a group of horses, at least one must be a Pinto.
- Digital enhancement is not permitted, except cropping and resizing.
- All entries become property of the PtHA[®] and will not be returned. Entry in contest constitutes permission for PtHA[®] to use prints for publication.
- All photographs will be judged anonymously.
- All reasonable care will be taken with handling entries. PtHA[®] cannot be held responsible for damage to or loss of photos. Submission of entry constitutes entrant's consent to, and agreement with, these rules.
- Winning photographs will be featured in the Special Edition Results 2020 issue of Pinto Horse Magazine, as well as on www.pinto.org. The first place winner will have their photograph featured on the cover of the magazine.
- Entry form can be found at www.pinto.org/magazine

Did You Know?

- The United States has the highest horse population at over 9 million horses.
- For a rough conversion of a horse's age to human years, multiply the horse's age by 2.2. Example: "Dobbin" is 15 years old. $15 \times 2.2 = 33$ years old (in people terms)
- Horses can get the hiccups, also known as "thumps." Whereas human hiccups are audible through the throat, hiccups in horses begin near the diaphragm and create an audible thump sound in the chest area, sometimes accompanied by a rhythmic jerk in the flank area.

Hiccups are reported more often in endurance horses and racehorses that run for prolonged periods of time. They're also known to be caused by an electrolyte imbalance, often in conjunction with colic or diarrhea.



**Congratulations to the
PtHA Lifetime Membership
Raffle Winners!**

**Steven Schneider – Youth
Mandi Farrens - Adult**



Pinto Scholarship Opportunities

**If you qualify or your child does,
PLEASE check these out!!!
Deadlines apply so don't wait!**

Scholarships

The Pinto Heritage Foundation offers several scholarships every year to Youth and Amateur members who are continuing their educational endeavors

Scholarships offered include:

Phil Sandusky Memorial Schlp. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Available for Youth & Amateurs• \$500 scholarship per year	Rick McMasters Memorial Schlp. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Available for Youth with judging backgrounds• \$500 scholarship per year
Orren Mixer Youth Schlp. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Available for Youth only• \$500 scholarship per year	PtHA Schlp. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Available for Youth only• \$500 scholarship per year
Billie Cousins Memorial Schlp. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Available for Youth only• \$500 scholarship per year	

Visit the Pinto Heritage Foundation website at pintoheritage.org to download a scholarship application. If you would like to donate to one of our scholarships please contact Dorothy Fread at dfread@pinto.org

**Download a Scholarship
application at
<http://pintoheritage.org/>**



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2021 NPtHA Membership Form

Youth - \$15 (if paid by 3/1/2021)
Individual - \$20 (if paid by 3/1/2021)
Family - \$25 (if paid by 3/1/2021)

All memberships are subject to a \$5 increase if paid after 3/1/2021

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please list names of all youth along with DOB.

Make Checks Payable to: Nebraska Pinto Horse Association

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