



# Nebraska Pinto Horse Association Newsletter



November 2025

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## Things to Remember!

- **Happy November and Happy Thanksgiving!**
- **Remember to honor our Veterans on Veterans Day – November 11th**
- **Color Breed Congress Show – October 31<sup>st</sup> – November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
- **Please be thinking of sponsors and asking Businesses/Individuals to be a Pinto Class or Banner Sponsor for 2026**
- **RSVP for General Membership & Awards Banquet November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at The Oak Room in Columbus, NE**
- **Invite someone to join the Nebraska Pinto club for 2026!**
- **Remember to continue collecting and bring your can tabs for the youth project for Ronald McDonald House!**
- **Think about how you can help to make the club better! All ideas welcome!**
- **Keep updated on the NPtHA on the website @ <http://www.nptha.com/> and Facebook.**



### **PtHA General Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet**

**Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**  
**The Oak Room of Columbus**  
**1270 27<sup>th</sup> Ave; Columbus, NE**  
**1:30pm – Youth Meeting**  
**3pm – General Membership Meeting**  
**\*\*\*5:00pm – Happy Hour**  
**6pm - Banquet**  
**7:00pm – Royalty Presentation,**  
**Live & Silent Auctions and**  
**Year End Awards Presentations**

**Please remember to bring 2 donated items;**  
**1 for the Silent Auction and**  
**1 for the Live Auction!**



Final Points are posted on the website at <http://www.nptha.com> Congratulations to all the NPtHA 2025 Winners!



## Reminder!!!!

### Color Breed Congress

October 31-November 8, 2025  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Pre-entry deadline: October 1st  
Schedule is up on the website

Featuring: Cash Challenge,  
Cash for Color, NSBA, and  
Go for the Gold Futurity.

Good Luck to all  
the NPtHA  
members at the  
Color Breed  
Congress Show

## Did You Know? 🤔

If your horse has a cough that persists into exercise or is heard while your equine friend is at rest in the barn, be sure to talk to your veterinarian about evaluating your horse for respiratory disease. It could be a problem with the upper airway (the nasal passages and throat) or the lower airway (the lungs).

While waiting for your appointment, try decreasing your horse's exposure to dust, as that is a primary trigger for lower respiratory disease such as asthma or heaves.

Some simple things you can do include avoiding straw bedding, not using a leaf blower on barn aisles, and not storing hay or bedding above your horse's stall. Last but not least, while us humans may be more comfortable with all the barn doors closed on colder days, your horses' lungs will appreciate open doors/windows and good ventilation!

As always, if you have questions or would like to learn more about preserving your horse's respiratory health, your equine veterinarian remains your best source of information!

Brought to you by the AAEP Horse Owner Education Committee.

Shared from the AAEP Facebook page

"It's normal for horses to cough repeatedly at the start of exercise."

**FACT:** While one or two "throat clears" may be expected when you're warming your horse up on a cold day, a cough that persists into exercise or is heard while the horse is at rest in the barn is not normal.



## The Joint Care Journey

At every stage of your horse's life, there's an opportunity to support his joints, helping him stay happy, healthy, and moving comfortably through the years.

September 4, 2025 – Horse & Rider



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Your horse's joints will go through a lifetime of wear and tear. Every circle in the arena, every trail ride, every lope through the pasture, his joints are the unsung heroes of your adventures together. The good news? With thoughtful management from day one, you can support strong, healthy joints for life.

Let's walk through the stages of your horse's life as he progresses from foal to senior, and how you can keep him moving comfortably every step of the way.

### From the First Step: Foals and Young Horses

Joint health starts before the first ride. When your horse is a foal, nutrition is key during this stage. A balanced diet that supports proper growth is essential for development, and feeding a foal-appropriate feed

is crucial for building the foundation for a lifetime of joint health. Ensuring that your foal is receiving not just adequate nutrition, but the proper minerals for this vital stage of life will help set him up for success.

Avoid overfeeding or pushing too much protein and energy too soon. Work with your vet to evaluate growth rate, and make sure your young horse is getting the chance to move around and receiving regular turnout, to help joints mature evenly and build strength.

### Training Time

As your horse begins groundwork and under-saddle training, joint stress starts to increase. Repetitive movements in training and the addition of weight can all start to add strain to his joints. To keep your four-legged friend healthy during his training, start by following a few guidelines. First, know when to start by evaluating his growth, frame, and overall physical health with your veterinarian. Don't overtrain, and don't push him too hard, too fast. Keep training sessions short, consistent, and age appropriate. Make sure your horse has access to good-quality footing, and avoid overexertion, especially on young, soft joints.

Although it might seem like he's a long way off from needing joint support, consider adding preventative joint-support supplements, particularly those with ingredients like glucosamine, chondroitin sulfate, and hyaluronic

acid. These can aid in development and support his joints during this crucial time in life.

### Peak Performance Years

As your horse reaches his competitive years, joint care should become part of your routine management plan, just like hoof care or vaccinations. High-impact disciplines and equine sports can take a toll on your horse's joints. Turning, spinning, sliding, stopping, and everything in between requires him to be at the peak of his health.

In this stage, preventive care is key, try and stop a problem before it starts by being tuned into your horse's needs. Regular soundness evaluations from your vet can help catch subtle issues early, before they become performance-limiting injuries. Joint injections, alternative therapies, and joint supplementation can all play a role depending on your horse's workload and risk factors.

### His Golden Years

Senior horses may no longer be in the show ring, but their joints still deserve attention. Years of use and hard miles can lead to arthritis, stiffness, and reduced range of motion.

At this stage of keeping your horse happy and healthy, comfort and mobility are your primary goals. Many senior horses benefit from daily joint supplements and even prescription joint therapies. You might need to adjust his exercise

routine to include low-impact activities like hand walking, light riding, ponying, or turnout on soft footing. Even though he might not be your saddle horse any longer, he needs to keep moving in some capacity to keep stiffness at bay.

At this stage of life, keep a close eye on his body condition. Excess weight adds stress to aging joints, while too little weight may signal pain or reduced mobility. Work with your vet to find the right balance of diet, exercise, and pain management.

### It's Never Too Early (or Too Late) for Joint Care

Whether your horse is taking his first steps or enjoying retirement, joint health matters. Preventive care, smart training, proper nutrition, and early intervention can make all the difference in his comfort and longevity.

Because at the end of the day, your horse's healthy joints keep you both doing what you love. And that's something worth protecting at every age.



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## Nebraska Pinto Field Representatives

Contact any of these individuals if you need Onsite Registrations

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**Happy Thanksgiving!**



**You are invited to our NPtHA Fall Meeting,  
Banquet, and Year End Awards**

on November 22, 2025

at The Oak Room of Columbus

1270 27th Ave Columbus NE 68601

Please bring 1 or 2 auction  
items with you.



*Agenda for the day*

1:30 pm—Youth Meeting

3 pm—General Membership Meeting

5 pm—Happy Hour

6 pm—Banquet

7 pm—Royalty Presentation, Silent &  
Live Auctions and Year End Awards

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Banquet meals are \$25 per adult, \$12 per youth.

Please RSVP by November 8th to Renee Stouffer. You can send an email to [renee@gottsich.net](mailto:renee@gottsich.net) or text to (402) 721-6066 or mail to 26289 Hwy 91 Nickerson NE 68044.

I/We \_\_\_\_\_  
plan on attending the banquet. I/We will need \_\_\_\_\_ meals.

Please make your checks payable to NPtHA.

**Scholarship applications are open for 2026!**  
**Pinto has multiple scholarships that can help support your academic journey. Be sure to look at all of the scholarships they offer and apply!**



**PINTO HERITAGE  
FOUNDATION  
SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATIONS ARE  
OPEN**



- 17 scholarships available
- \$500-1000 value in each scholarship
- Open to students
- Some available for amateurs

**Deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup> each year**

The scholarship application can be found on our website under Pinto Heritage Foundation

For more information:

Look on our website at [Pinto.org](http://Pinto.org) or contact Miranda Hassler at [Mhassler@pinto.org](mailto:Mhassler@pinto.org)

## **Thank You to the Fremont & Dodge County Convention and Visitors Bureau for the \$3000.00 grant for our 2025 show season.**

Welcome to Fremont and Dodge County, Nebraska, where your next outdoor adventure is at your fingertips. Whether you're from out-of-state, or local, we'll make you feel right at home. We have everything from air boat tours, on the Platte River, one of the largest tourism attractions in Nebraska, or shopping and eating in Downtown Fremont, voted the "Most Charming Downtown in Nebraska" by USA Today. Speaking of shopping, Downtown Fremont is also known as Eastern Nebraska's Antique Capital for all of its unique antique stores and boutiques where you'll find one-of-a-kind craft and art stores, classic bookstores, and vintage repurposed furniture stores. We have everything for the antique shopper in your family.

Beginning in late spring and the summer months, Dodge County comes to life with 4-H competitions, car shows, and fairs like John C. Fremont Days and the Dodge County Fair held in Scribner, Nebraska. To enjoy these great outdoor activities, you can't forget to book your stay at one of Fremont's many fine hotels. Though, if you really want to get rugged, we have several campgrounds and RV parks for you to pitch a tent or camp in style with your camper. If you're more into the sports scene, Fremont's YMCA, the largest Y in the United States, consists of an aquatic center with an Olympic-sized pool that hosts swim and diving championships and year-round swimming, an Olympic-sized indoor ice rink, and a suspended, indoor walk/jog track at 1/10th of a mile, which is one of the longest in the country, just to name a few. There are also numerous soccer fields, baseball, and softball fields in Fremont where a lot of youth sports take part in conference games, tournaments, or intermural participation.



# Thank You to our 2025 \$400 Show Sponsor – Greckel Farms – Bloomfield, Nebraska

Our family dates back to 1891 when our great great grandparents settled here on 887 Road, north of Bloomfield Nebraska. The farm has always had cattle and horses roaming in the pastures along with many different crops being grown, year after year.

The most popular to the public is our Registered Clydesdale herd. Shane purchased Ted at a local sale barn before he met his wife, Kate. It was Kate that was insistent that they show Ted the Clydesdale at the Iowa State Fair in the draft horse show (Kate grew up exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair... It's one of the best fairs in the nation!). After the first show, Shane purchased a younger mare, Jenny from Lincoln Nebraska.

From then on, Shane and Kate have been able to show together.

The Clydesdale herd has expanded to a breeding operation along with training and offering breeding to outside mares. We have three broodmares, Katy and June who are full sisters and Registered Clydesdales. Red, our 2020 Thoroughbred mare is also a broodmare for the Sport Horse cross. Finn, the 2016 Registered Clydesdale Stallion is a great proven producer and is very easy on the eyes! He has the brains, the looks, and the moves to throw high quality foals. Check out our Clydesdale page for pictures and more information on our horse herd.

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Learn More:



## Thank you to our 2025 \$400 Show Sponsor Tailgate Motor Co in Fremont, Nebraska

Tailgate Motor Co is located in Fremont, Nebraska. When Fremont used car shoppers want to work with a reliable used car dealer that has a unique selection of vehicles, they choose Tailgate Motor Co. Their team is comprised of true automotive enthusiasts who just love cars, which means you can enjoy a refreshing haggle-free sales experience. From their distinctive facility that used to be a bowling alley to their eye-catching inventory of lifted trucks and custom vehicles, you'll love the unique car-buying experience that they offer here.

Check them out 520 W 23rd St, Fremont, NE 68025  
or call them at (402) 620-4266!



## Thank You to our 2025 \$250 Show Sponsor – M & M Paint & Quarter Horses – Mike & Michelle O'Dey

Mike and Michelle O'Dey of M & M Paint and Quarter Horses consists of an Angus cow/calf program and a Paint and Quarter Horse performance breeding program. They raise and train their own horses to do the daily work with the cattle and do some occasional showing.

Their focus is on Quarter Horse cutting bred horses and Paint western pleasure and show horses. They offer full equine breeding services as their new Artificial Insemination lab is now complete. They also offer boarding in the new facility and conditioning of show or sale horses. Please contact them or stop by their new barn. for additional information 402-920-3537 or [miodey@mmohorses.com](mailto:miodey@mmohorses.com)

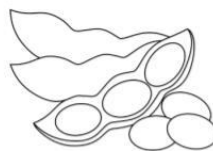


## Thank You to our 2025 \$250 Show Sponsor – Lerch Family LLC - Five Generation Family Farm

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**Thank You to our 2025 \$250 Show Sponsor –  
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**Thank You to our 2025 \$250 Show Season Sponsor –  
Gambino's Pizza in North Bend, NE**

Make sure you stop and get carry out or dine in when showing in Fremont  
or passing through North Bend on Hwy 30 or Hwy 79!!!!

"Gambino's Pizza has a wide menu selection including Pizza, Pasta, Sandwiches, Calzones, Wings, Appetizers, Salads and Desserts. They select the finest ingredients for the best taste and best value, so customers continue to love their food. The Gambino's Pizza brand is built on a long-term promise of convenience, taste, choice and nutrition. Dining options include Dine-In, Carry-Out, Delivery, Online Ordering and more. Their signature pizza, the "Mobster" is a mouth-watering combination of 10 toppings, covered with extra cheese!

Like them on Facebook or visit their website <https://gambinospizza.com/stores/ne/northbend.html> for coupons and menu!



**Thank You to our 2025 \$250 Show Sponsor –  
Marci Dice Daycare in Hastings, NE**

MARCI DICE DAYCARE is a Family Child Care Home II in HASTINGS, NE. The home-based daycare service takes children in the age range of 6 WKS to 13 YRS.



# NPtHA 2025 Show Sponsors

## Class Sponsors

<b>Class</b>	<b>Sponsored By:</b>
60 YA Solid Reg. Ranch Horse Riding, Ages 18 & Under	Abbie Widger
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# NPtHA 2025 Show Sponsors

## Class Sponsors

### Class

98 AM Mini/Pony Barrels  
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102 AM Pinto Barrels  
112 Pinto Pole Bending

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23 YA Solid Reg. Western Showmanship, Ages 18 & Under  
36 YA Solid Reg. English Pleasure, Ages 18 & Under  
43 YA English Equitation, Ages 18 & Under  
78 YA Solid Reg. Western Pleasure, Ages 18 & Under

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Scot & Nicole Lerch & Family

9 YA Mini/Pony Western Showmanship, Ages 18 & Under  
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48 YA Mini/Pony Trail In Hand, Ages 18 & Under  
114 YA Pinto Poles Bending, Ages 18 & Under

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A big Thank You to all our sponsors!

If you see any of these people or businesses, please tell them you are with Nebraska Pinto and tell them how much their donation is appreciated!



## 2026 NPtHA Membership Form

Youth - \$15  
Individual - \$20  
Family - \$25

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please list names of all youth along with DOB.

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Make Checks Payable to: Nebraska Pinto Horse Association

Mail to:

Renee Stouffer

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Nickerson, NE 68044

