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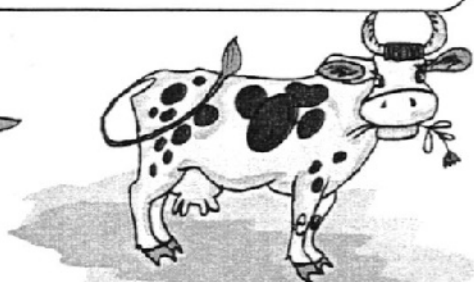
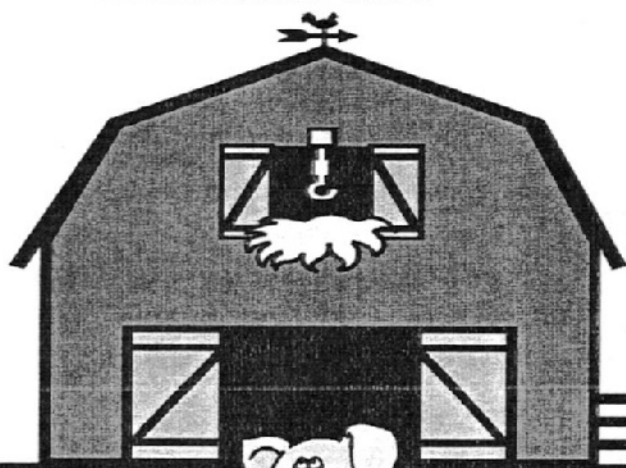
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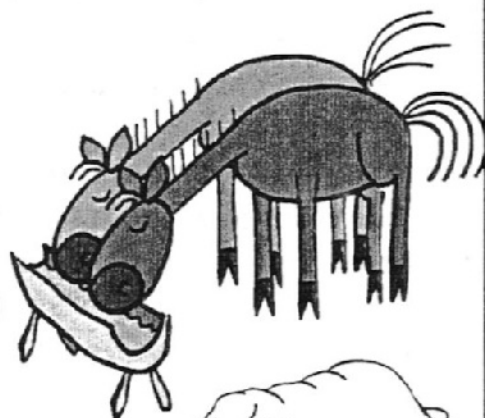
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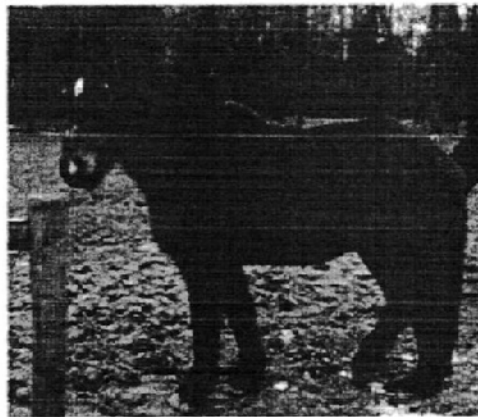


Greetings from the President

It's that time of year again, with some update on PAR happenings!

PAR has investigated several complaints on neglected animals, and we always try to educate the home owners as what's needed for the basic care on owning animals. We work hand in hand with veterinarians, farriers, dentists, to educate public outreach.

Last year we found a wonderful home for "Dodger" unfortunately with the economy the new adoption did not work out and he is back in PAR's care. "Dodger" is a gentle giant, older gentleman with a lot of love for human beings. He would make a great pasture pet, or company for a lonely horse. "Free, to Approved Home"



2013 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Thanks to the Texas Roadhouse we will have more dinners this year where we set up our PAR table, sell our items, have a raffle and they give us a portion of their dinner sales for that night.

We will also be attending more Craft Shows in the area where we will sell our Tee Shirts, Smash lights (Pink has been a real hit) other novelty items and do public outreach so the community gets to know what we are all about.

Community Day Events we do each year and is a great chance for us to continue to educate the public on abuse and neglect of domestic farm animals and how we can help..

A Physic Party is in the works for 2013 which is always a lot of fun.

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TREATMENT OF ANIMALS" IMMANUAL KANT**

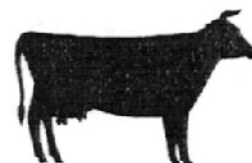
PAR is a "Large Animal" rescue group that serves the Northeast area of PA. We are also a member of the Federated Humane Societies of PA.



PAR MISSION STATEMENT



- ♦ To promote the humane treatment of large domestic animals by offering assistance, information and educational programs
- ♦ To rescue and rehabilitate large domestic animals suffering from abuse and neglect.



CALL IF YOUR SEE ABUSE OR NEGLECT

You can report a suspected case of abuse by calling: **570-476-1464**, All telephone calls are kept strictly confidential. PAR humane police officers will investigate all complaints, offering education and advice, and seizing animals when necessary.

All calls are important, animals don't have a VOICE they depend on YOU to speak for them.

**"DON'T WORRY IF YOUR WRONG"
WE HOPE YOU ARE !!**



OTHER WAYS TO HELP PAR

- ♦ Tell friends and family about PAR
- ♦ ****Save up your Southern States Horse Feed Bags (Proof of Purchase) and mail them to us.**
- ♦ Let us know if you are available to help us at our benefits.
- ♦ Can you foster a rescue animal ???

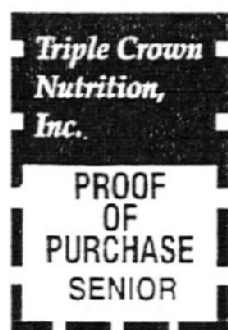


FINANCIAL DONATIONS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED TO SUPPORT RESCUED ANIMALS.

There is no paid staff in the organization. All members are volunteers donating their time.

Donations go toward:

- ♦ Horse Feed - Hay
- ♦ Veterinary Care
- ♦ Farrier & Dental Care
- ♦ Trailering
- ♦ Liability Insurance
- ♦ Cruelty Officers Certification and Annual Training
- ♦ Transportation when caring for the foster animals.
- ♦ Attorney fee's



**** Southern States runs a Coupon Program and will send us \$.25 for every (Proof of Purchase) we send in.**

GREAT WAY TO HELP US

DETERMINING THE HENNEKE SCORE

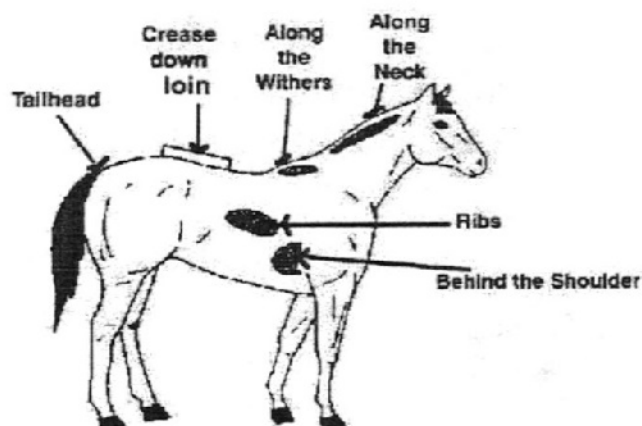
The Henneke scoring method was developed by Doctor Don Henneke and is used to rate the body fat deposition in various places on a horse's body.

The method uses a scale with a range from 1 (extremely emaciated) to 9 (extremely fat).

The accepted "norm" score on the Henneke scale for a horse is 5.

The numbered scale replaces previous methods that used vague terms such as Good, Poor, Fair or Bad.

The numbered scale described in the table below provides a uniform method of scoring the condition of horses across all breeds. This is much fairer result than an individual's interpretation of the health of a horse.



CONDITION	NECK	WITHERS	LOIN	TAILHEAD	RIBS	SHOULDER
1 POOR	Bone structure easily visible	Bone structure easily visible	Spinous Processors Project Prominently	Tailhead (pinbones) and hook bones Projecting prominently	Ribs projecting prominently	Bone structure easily noticeable
2 VERY THIN	Faintly discernible	Faintly discernible	Slight fat covering over base of spinous processes. Transverse processes of lumbar vertebrae feel rounded. Spinous processes are prominent.	Tailhead prominent	Ribs prominent	Faintly discernible
3 THIN	Neck accentuated	Withers accentuated	Fat buildup halfway on spinous processes but easily discernible. Transverse processes cannot be felt.	Tailhead prominent but individual vertebrae cannot be visually identified. Hook bones appear rounded but are still easily discernible. Pin bones not distinguishable.	Slight fat cover over ribs. Ribs easily discernible.	Shoulder accentuated.
4 MODERATELY THIN	Neck not obviously thin.	Withers not obviously thin.	Negative crease along back	Prominence depends on conformation, fat can be felt. Hook bones not discernible.	Faint outline discernible.	Shoulder not obviously thin.
5 MODERATE	Neck blends smoothly into body.	Withers rounded over spinous processes.	Back Level	Fat around tailhead beginning to feel spongy.	Ribs cannot be visually distinguished but can be easily felt.	Shoulder blends smoothly into body.
6 MODERATELY FLESHY	Fat beginning to be deposited.	Fat beginning to be deposited.	May have slight positive crease down back.	Fat around tailhead feels soft.	Fat over ribs feels spongy.	Fat beginning to be deposited.
7 FLESHY	Fat deposited along neck.	Fat deposited along withers	May have positive crease down back.	Fat around tailhead is soft.	Individual ribs can be felt, but noticeable filling between ribs with fat.	Fat deposited behind shoulder
8 FAT	Noticeable thickening of neck	Area along withers filled with fat.	Positive crease down back.	Tailhead fat very soft.	Difficult to feel ribs.	Area behind shoulder filled in flush with body.
9 EXTREMELY FAT	Bulging Fat	Bulging Fat.	Obvious positive crease down back.	Building fat around tailhead.	Paunchy fat appearing over ribs.	Bulging Fat.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OUR 2012 SUPPORTERS

Some of you may not know that **PAR** is not a traditional "brick and mortar" facility. We rely on the volunteerism of our foster facility whenever we have animals in need of temporary housing while they rehabilitate and await the day they are placed in an approved home. But just like other rescue groups, we rely on funding to continue our mission of investigating calls from concerned folks regarding horses and other farm animals that may be in distress and in need of intervention that the other animal shelters in our area don't handle. Simply said, your much-appreciated donations keep us in business. **PAR's** bills include insurance, cruelty officer certification, vet bills, farrier, feed and hay, and administrative costs such as phone, postage and printing. All **PAR** board members are strictly voluntary positions.. our common bond is our concern for the welfare of horses and other livestock.

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MONROE ANIMAL LEAGUE

A PEEK AT A FEW OF OUR 2012 EVENTS

April 21- Pet Expo at NCC, Monroe Campus. Fun event that focused on everything Pet! **PAR** was there to let the community know what we do and promote our group as being the only area resource to aid large animals in distress.

May 19 - Spaghetti Dinner at Chestnuthill Twp Community Bldg. In addition to serving dinner, we also had many lovely gift baskets for our Tricky Tray.

June 16 - **PAR** -Community Yard/Craft sale at PPL. This was a 1st time event for **PAR** to host a fundraiser that benefited both our group and all the participating vendors. We held our breath and prayed for nice weather and were blessed with a perfect day!

Sept, 15 Ross Twp. and Sept 22 Pocono Twp. Community Days. **PAR** was at both events, sharing what we do with our neighbors!

Twice in 2012, the Texas Roadhouse by the Stroud Mall was kind enough to allow us to set up a table inside the front door where we sold merchandise, and **PAR** also received 10% of food sales from diners that brought in our flier.

Chaar Saddlery on Airport Rd. in Allentown invited us to twice showcase **PAR** at their store.

The F.O.E. Stroudsburg Aerie #1106 Club on 5th St. held 2 shows. **PAR** members set up a table and sold T-shirts and those cool-yet-functional "Smash Lights".

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STRAIGHT FROM THE VET

By: Dr. Tera Forbeck Raming DVM co-owner of *All Points Equine*
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Getting ready for the riding season....

It is truly hard to believe that spring is right around the corner as we shiver through 20 degree days and shovel yet another inch of snow off the driveway, but the groundhog did not see his shadow! Judging by the copious amounts of hair I brush off my horse and patients, I think they all agree with Punxsutawney Phil! Spring is always a busy time of year for Mother Nature and for us, so let's break down what you need to worry about as a horse owner to get ready for the warmer weather..

Vaccinations: Spring vaccinations are probably the most important vaccinations your horse will receive all year. All horses, no matter what they do for a living-even if it is a pasture pet- should be vaccinated for tetanus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), Western Equine Encephalitis (WEE), West Nile Virus (WNV), and Rabies. Tetanus is found in the soil and enters the horse's system through cuts and punctures in the skin. It is almost always fatal once signs appear. EEE, WEE, and WNV all are spread by mosquitoes. They cause neurologic disease in the horse, and again, carry high fatality rates. Rabies is spread by contact with rabid animal. This disease can be spread to humans. Once a horse shows signs of rabies, there is no cure. Pennsylvania has some of the highest rates of rabies in the United States. There are many additional vaccinations available. Many are for respiratory infections that horses are at risk for if they are exposed to other horses. As an owner, it is imperative to work with your veterinarian to determine the best vaccination schedule for your horse. As an interesting side note, many vaccine companies offer a "guarantee" with their vaccines IF they are administered by a veterinarian. As an owner, this is a great program to get involved in. For example, if your horse is vaccinated by your veterinarian with a company's Flu vaccine and then gets sick with what could be the flu 4 months later, the company will cover diagnostics to confirm that it is the flu. If it is the flu, they will also cover a portion of the treatment. If it is not the flu, they still cover the diagnostics, but not treatment. Some of the diagnostics we run can cost several hundred dollars. The companies do not have this guarantee if you vaccinate your own horse.

Deworming: Deworming of horses has changed dramatically in the past 10 years. Due to emerging parasite resistance, it is imperative that we gravitate away from deworming every 2 months on a generic rotation. We know that 20% of horses shed 80% of the parasite eggs onto our pastures. We need to ID those horses through fecal egg counts and aggressively manage them to protect the other horses. Ideally, fecal egg counts are done in the spring and fall on all horses to assess shedding patterns. More evaluations need to be performed on horses shedding high numbers of parasites. Deworming frequency and dewormer choice is based on shedding patterns, environment, age, and time of year. Pasture management can significantly decrease parasite loads in the fields; thus decreasing exposure and subsequent deworming frequency. Please contact your veterinarian for the best schedule for your horse.

Bugs: Insects are among the most dreaded parts of summer. Biting midges, no see ums, flies, mosquitoes all work together to make both horse and rider lives miserable. Although unavoidable, as a horse owner, there are some things you can do to make things better for your horse. Try to turnout out in the evening if possible. Keep air moving in the barn during the day. Change water buckets and troughs frequently to avoid larvae infestations. Aerate ponds to keep the water from becoming stagnant. Keep lights off in the evening or at least keep the lights away from water sources and horses. Clean manure and "wet" areas from stalls and fields frequently. Keep manure piles away from fields and barns. Learn how to properly compost. Some clients have used the fly predators with good results. I have seen mixed results with fly masks, fly sheets, fly leg protectors, etc. Topical fly spray can be used; however, always test it on a small area of the horse's skin before spraying the whole body as some horses can be allergic to different components of the fly spray. Also avoid spraying the face.

Yep, spring will be here before you know it. Snowstorm Nemo will be a distant memory and we will be complaining about the record heat and humidity. With a little thought and preparation, you can help your horse stay happy and healthy through the best riding weather of the season!



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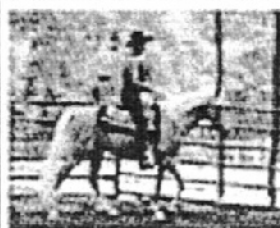
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Why I Got Into Miniature Horses - By Terri Rando

Miniature horses have always been fascinating to me, but I never had the desire to have one of my own until I started working with them at my friend's farm. After a couple of years, my husband and I decided we would look into buying a miniature horse. That was the best decision we've ever made when it came to horses.

The first mini we bought was a gelding named "Cody". He was purchased from a wonderful couple in Virginia. When the big trailer pulled up at the barn and my sweet li'l boy was looking at me with those beautiful blue eyes, my heart melted. Cody quickly became a part of our family. After about a year, we decided that Cody needed a friend that was his size, so we bought another mini from a woman in Lancaster, PA. We named her, "Graci". Cody and Graci get along beautifully. They are a very special part of our family. We have to board them at a farm since we're not allowed to have horses on our property, but we go see them practically every day. They share a stall and are very, very happy together.

Just like big horses, Cody and Graci are fed grain and hay. The difference is the quantity. They only get about a handful of grain and 1/2 flake of hay and fresh water in their bucket at each feeding. They can go into a corral from the stall and there is also a small pasture attached. But, they can't graze all day and night or they could founder. They have to be watched carefully because they gain weight very quickly, which is not healthy! They also have a farrier who comes to trim their hooves. This is done every 6 weeks or so, just like a big horse. The veterinarian comes twice a year for fall and spring shots and to float their teeth. The mini's get all the shots that the big horses do. So, as you can see, miniature horses have a lot of the same traits as big horses do. The only difference is we can't ride the minis. Although a small child is able to get on a mini;) They can pull a cart, which is called driving. This is a lot of fun, although I have never driven Cody or Graci yet.

My goal is to have my minis become Therapy horses. There are many organizations that use Miniature horses for therapy, such as in nursing homes, early intervention for children-infant through preschool, and Equine Assisted Therapy for children, youth and adults. One of my goals with my li'l horses is to help people learn about horses with a hands on approach. These li'l horses will bring smiles and laughter to so many people, and that's what it's all about!

"The purity of a person's heart can be quickly measured by how they regard animals" Anonymous

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Hello my name is Jack:

I am a Quarter Horse born in Ohio in 1983. Yep I'm 30 and still kicking up my heels every chance I get. Rumor has it I was a barrel cutting horse when I was younger and they had me try out for the Police force but I didn't pass the test. (I'm sure I could have if I wanted to.)

My mom and dad got me when I was 9 years old; it was love at first sight. I remember the day I got off the trailer at my new home the place I spent the next 15 years. I couldn't believe my good luck, and then things started to happen someone forgot to tell me I was going to be a School Horse. I started to meet so many kids and older folks of all ages and soon realized this was what I was meant to be. You see I figured out early if I act sweet and gentle that I got groomed and pampered almost everyday. Treats?? Boy did I get the treats. Carrots, apples, mints, ginger snaps and my favorite that my mom brought me curly fries. I just did so many things from dressage to jumping to shows and plenty of 1st place ribbons. (Hey my story and I'm sticking to it.)

Next stop in my life was a great big place, with pastures and more pastures and lots of neat friends that I got to play with, but once again right under my nose I heard them talking "School Horse" What's up with that?? When I look back now it was fun, I could strut my stuff and be fussed over, now what guy wouldn't like that.

On the road again, (getting closer to my parents house). Stop off at a cute place with the most gorgeous Percheron lady I ever saw (my first really). I got to spend the 1st week next to her and over the fence she would let me huddle under her chin (Heaven). Then they moved me with the guys (I think the girls started to fight over me...). Someone figured out that this Miniature Horse (Who thought he was all that...) should be my new room mate. If you're thinking I was the boss in that twosome WRONG!! It was embarrassing at times but I didn't let on how I felt I'm sure he had a "little horse" complex.

I had time to reflect on my life at this point and remember all the good times and the antics that I learned. Some of my favorites were "Catch me if you can..." "No treats No Kisses" "Needles? Wormer? Don't think so..." "Ops, you wanted me to jump that???" "OH MY! What just jumped in front of me?? And what are you doing down there on the ground??" I have plenty more just don't want to give up all my secrets.

I'm now at my retirement home with 3 other old geezers and we are the coolest bunch. We always try to up each other to get attention from the lady and man of the house and they never let us down. I'm settled in and loving each day, got me a best buddy too. I'm not sure if he feels the same but I don't let him out of my sight and when he is I resort to using my best antic of all. "I can't see my friend!!!" "Not going to eat!!!" "Not going to drink!!!" "Don't touch me!!!" "I'm not going to stop making a fuss!!!" "FIX IT!" (That trick just keeps on giving).

Sincerely Yours,
Jack

PS. Don't think the fun is over, my retirement home has an intercom on at night. LIFE IS GOOD...

It's been my pleasure to share some of my 30 years with you. Remember lots of love and good care can go a long way, I've just been one of the lucky ones.

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me on Halloween 2010

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- GREAT FOR EMERGENCIES ON THE TRAIL.. BROKEN REINS OR GIRTH STRAPS
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- BRAID SEVERAL LENGTHS TOGETHER TO MAKE INEXPENSIVE LONGE LINES, LEAD ROPES AND ROPE HALTERS.
- BRAID THREE STRANDS TOGETHER & TIE IT TO A HALTER FOR CUSTOM REINS.
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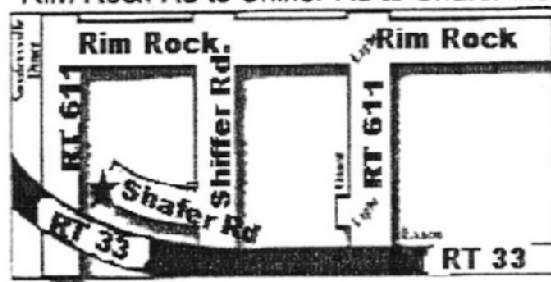
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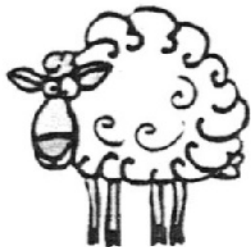
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