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**Calendar  
October & November**

**Oct. 8-9-** Oklahoma Equestrian Trail Riders Association Trail Ride, Kaw Lake, Ponca City, OK.

**Oct. 8th & 9th,** 2010 - WSCA Saddle Club - Toy Round Up.

**Oct. 9** - Annual fundraiser for Flint Hills Therapeutic Riding Center

**Oct. 23 & 24** - KHJA Hunter/Jumper show, Topeka

**EquiFest Update**

February 11, 12 & 13 Kansas Pavillions in Wichita

**Get Ready to Turn 'n Burn with --  
Dena Kirkpatrick**

World Champion Barrel Horse Trainer & Clinician

Dena will be a featured clinician at EquiFest. She is an AQHA World Champion and a Barrel Futurities of America World Champion.

With over 25 years of barrel training experience Dena has produced 29+ champion horses with combined life-time earnings of over \$2,000,000.

**Joanie Bolton** - Nationally recognized Dressage Clinician

Joanie has been short listed for both the Pan Am Games and the Olympics and is a USDF Gold Medalist. Children, beginning and advanced riders all are taught with the same enthusiasm and verve that has made her sought as a clinician across the country.

**Bobby Dryer** - Nationally Recognized Hunter/Jumper Clinician

Bobby has been a popular trainer, judge and competitor on the "A" Circuit for many years. His experience has allowed him to coach riders of all levels.

It's time to send your entries for the **Horse as Art Challenge**.

Have your work featured on the 2012 EquiFest of Kansas Program Guide and other print publications! [Click Here](#) for entry form.



**Oct. 24th** - The BJSC saddle club mounted poker run to benefit the Irish Spirit Farms Foundation

**Oct. 23rd** - Fall Cowgirl Camp Cottonwood Falls - Jo & Rex Rex Buchman - 620-794-5332 Jo Turner 785-232-0579 Email: [jo@royfrewestern.com](mailto:jo@royfrewestern.com)

**Oct. 29-30** - BIG Barn/Garage SALE 8:00-5:00 Friday 8:00-2:00 Saturday. Wichita Riding Academy

**Oct. 30** - UHCA Halloween Spooktacular Race at Heatland Ranch, Wakarusa

**Nov. 6th** - Haysville saddle club monthly swap meet is on the first Saturday of every month!

**Nov. 7th** - WSCA Saddle Club - Veteran's Day Parade

[For more info on all these events click here.](#)

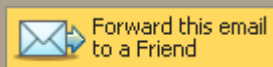
## About Us

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**Homes for Horses**  
READY FOR ADOPTION

## Legislative Update

by Chris Mensch, Vice President, KHC B.O.D.

I will attempt each month to provide pertinent information concerning equine-related legislation and activity. Questions and opinions are welcome.

Apparently the **Bureau of Land Management**, the Fish and Wildlife Service and David Cattoor, a helicopter and livestock truck contractor, conducted an unannounced and secretive wild horse gather at the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge on Sept. 25, 2010. Kind of kills the ideal of "transparency" in our governmental agencies.

A bi-partisan group of congressmen have asked secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar to halt the wild horse gathers until the BLM's Mustang Management Program is closely examined. Their (BLM) controversial capture techniques, dispersion to taxpayer funded private holding facilities, lack of water management resulting in multiple deaths of stock, inconsistent population control, poor adoption numbers and perceived financial mismanagement have clouded the American public's view of their tenancy over the Free Roaming Wild Horse and Burro Act.

**Horse Transportation Safety Act of 2009 HR 305** - Prohibits a person from transporting a horse in interstate commerce in a motor vehicle containing two or more levels stacked on top of one another. Sets forth civil penalties for persons who knowingly violate such prohibition.

Horse industry concerns have been and remain:

- This proposal for a blanket prohibition is not a one size fits all issue
- Many horses are transported domestically and internationally in vehicles that have more than one level
- There is no consideration made in the bill as to define what constitutes the physical requirements for humane transport of horses, double deck or single level. Is there an acceptable standard for height above the withers that we should consider? Some sort of necessary or physical separation of animals? Other restraints? Possible recommendations for loading to avoid top heavy vehicles?
- As they are shorter in stature than most commercial cattle, certainly ponies and miniature horses could be accommodated very comfortably in a standard double deck configuration, yet would be included in this



Abandoned at a northeast Kansas veterinarian's office by his owners after a diagnosis of a mild lameness, Scout was immediately admitted by Rainbow Meadows. It was apparent upon arrival that Scout had not had proper foot care for years and his heels were significantly overgrown, resulting in the associated lameness. Routine hoof trims have remedied most of his discomfort, allowing him to function well as a pleasure horse, though he cannot be expected to become a performance horse. Scout is a big boy, standing over 15h 2" tall. He served as a ranch horse prior to being sold at auction in approximately 2008 in Oklahoma. He is quiet and trusting but does display evidence of previous harsh treatment to his ears and lips (probable twitching). He has proven to be gaited, and is likely a Missouri Foxtrotter.

Contact Rainbow Meadows:

[rainbowmeadowsranch@gmail.com](mailto:rainbowmeadowsranch@gmail.com)

620-725-3402

Sedan, KS

prohibiiton.

Rodeo stock contractors, who depend on healthy horses, have successfully utilized double deck trailers for horse transport for decades.

All accidents involving horses being hauled in double deck transport have been due to human error, not caused by the horses.

There are no commonsense considerations, or even a discussion in the bill, about what humane transportation requirements for horses are. There are also no guidelines or repercussions included for hauling horses in single level cattle or sheep trailers that may actually be more inhumane than larger double-deck trailers.

[Click Here for bill summary and status](#)

#### **Winding River Equine Rescue**

**and Retirement** facility owner, Kristin Chambers, was charged with a class A misdemeanor animal cruelty charge on 8/13/10 after 80 horses were removed from her care on 7/30/10 in rural Coffey county KS. All horses have been successfully placed in new homes. [Click here](#) to see before and after pictures of some of the rescued horses.

**New Mexico governor Bill Richardson** wants his state to be the first to establish a State-owned sanctuary for wild horses. His plan would have the New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources maintaining the sanctuary while a non-profit agency would probably manage the horses. Gov. Richardson would like to purchase the 12,000 acre Ortiz Mountain Ranch from the Nature Conservancy for \$2.8 million in funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. It would become part of the Cerrillos Hills State Park

***More next month, Chris Mensch***

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## **Bud Newell Award**

**Pattie Stalder, Administrator, KHC**

The Bud Newell Award is a prestigious award given by the Kansas Horse Council Board of Directors to a fellow KHC member whose service to the Horse Council and to the horse industry in Kansas has been outstanding.

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Names of candidates for this award should be given to the nominating committee by Dec. 1st of each year. The award will be presented to the winner at the annual meeting during EquiFest of Kansas.

[Click Here](#) to nominate an individual. Please include your reasons for nominating this person along with their contact information.

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## Lameness in the Performance Horse

### Lameness in the Performance Horse: What Comes After the Flexion Test?

Lameness is defined as an alteration to a horse's gait. This can be even very subtle changes to the gait that may only be evident when the horse is in work. When lameness occurs in your horse, you should call your veterinarian immediately. Prompt examination can lead to saved time, money, and especially frustration. A rapid diagnosis and early treatment can be imperative to prevent further damage and to keep small problems from becoming big ones. A general lameness examination is also a part of a routine pre-purchase examination, which everyone purchasing a horse should consider obtaining before purchase.

More information go to the Kansas State University Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital -equine department website:

[http://www.vet.k-state.edu/depts/VMTH/equine/pdf/lameness\\_exam\\_newsletter.pdf](http://www.vet.k-state.edu/depts/VMTH/equine/pdf/lameness_exam_newsletter.pdf)

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## Equestrian Trails in Kansas

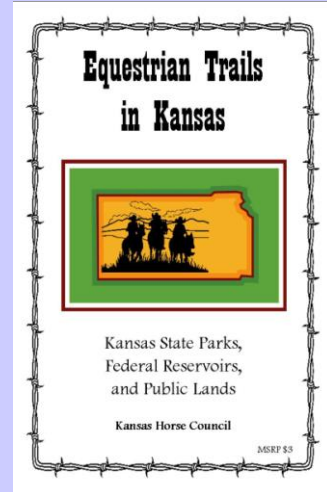
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