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KHC 2012 Memberships

Invoices for 2012 memberships will be going out this month.

By getting your 2012 dues in before Dec. 31 your \$1,000,000 liability policy does not lapse.

Membership Fees:
Family Lifetime - \$400
Individual Lifetime - \$250
Family Annual - \$80
Individual Annual - \$50

Ag Appropriations Bill Update

The U.S. Senate has just passed the 2012 Ag Appropriations Bill **WITHOUT** Any Riders Prohibiting Humane Horse Processing.



Now H.R. 2122 - Agriculture Appropriations moves to a Conference Committee to reconcile the differences between the pro-horse industry Senate bill, and the House bill which includes the annual riders that have been included at HSUS' behest since 2007 that prohibit USDA from providing inspection to ensure humane handling and food safety in the United States. Kansas Senator Jerry Moran serves on the Ag Appropriations Committee and lent his support in passing the bill without the restrictive riders.

Perhaps the day will come when we no longer import horse meat into the U.S. but benefit from exporting it again.

EquiFest 2012

February 10, 11 & 12
Kansas Pavilions, Wichita



***Don't just be a spectator -
Come and Participate!
New this year --***

BATTLE of the BREEDS

Bring your horse and compete in the following 6 classes:

- Driving
- Trail Class
- English Pleasure
- Stock Horse Pattern
- Western Speed Event
- Gamblers Choice Jumping

(Only your highest 5 scores will be counted.)

Student - \$35
Club - \$35

We grew by 17% last year -- thanks for being a part of the largest equine network in Kansas!!

Calendar

November & December

Nov. 2-5, United Rodeo Assoc. Finals @ ExpoCenter in Topeka

Nov. 4-6, Extreme Cowboy Assoc. World Championship Finals, Guthrie, OK

Nov. 11-13, Pam Fowler Grace dressage clinic, Briar Fox, Augusta

Nov. 13 & 14 - KCDS Sarah Geikie dressage clinic, Olathe

Nov. 19 - Turkey Trot Schooling School, Briar Fox, Augusta

Dec. 9-11, KCDS Lilo Fore clinic, Olathe

[Click Here](#) for Kansas barrel racing dates/events

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

Homes for Horses Ready for Adoption



Miss Pairadise, a.k.a. Cheyenne
Rescued mare, Date of birth: May 10, 2007

Registering organization:
American Quarter Horse
Association (#4947300)

Caught in a "he said - she said" dilemma, Miss Pairadise (a.k.a. Cheyenne) needed safe refuge and Rainbow Meadows stepped up.

Sold as a weanling from a Kansas breeding operation and sold again as a 4-year-old, Cheyenne has

Great prizes for each Class and Overall Champion & Reserve Champion!

[Click Here](#) for more information.

[Click Here](#) for Entry Form

For EquiFest information contact Jared & Debbie Beam with Horseplay Promotions, 785-215-5390 or jared@horseplaypromo.com

David Letterman interviews Erin Bolster and her Hero Horse, Tonk

[Click Here](#) to watch the video of David Letterman interviewing Erin Bolster about her horse, Tonk, and how they faced down a 750 pound Grizzly Bear and saved the life of a 9 year old boy in Montana.

Legislative Update

Chris Mensch, KHC Legislative Chair

E-Verify program

E-Verify, a Homeland Security program, would allow employers to use this federal system to assure their employees are authorized to work in the U.S. This measure is designed to cut down on the number of illegal immigrants. It is (currently) a voluntary program with information based on social security numbers and picture ID's. This could drastically effect most agricultural and equine businesses that depend on transient and seasonal labor.

USDA amends equine transportation rules

As of October 7, 2011, the USDA has amended the rules regarding transportation of equines bound for out of the U.S. slaughter.

Provisions for rest, water and feed, limits to transport hours and prohibition of double-decker trucks are included. Recognition of "assembly points" (auctions, ranches, farms, stockyards, feedlots) and how they can be used to collect horses bound for slaughter are covered.

This ties in with the USDA gathering steam to replace their failed NAIS (National Animal Identification System) with ADTP (Animal Disease Traceability Program). This would be administered by the individual states with federal support. It would apply only to animals moving interstate.

For interstate travel the proposed rules would require at least one of the following: A) description sufficient to identify individual equines including name, age, breed, gender, color, distinctive markings, unique or permanent forms of

been lightly used in ranch work, having been started shortly after turning 4-years-old in the summer of 2011. She needs continued education and experience but is a sweet and friendly mare. She will be slow to physically mature, expected to reach her prime in her fifth year.

Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc.

[To contact Rainbow Meadows click here.](#)

KS Liability Law Signs

Remember - if you don't have a Kansas Liability Law sign posted on your property - you are not covered by the this law. Protect yourself and order yours today.

\$30 for members

\$40 for non-members

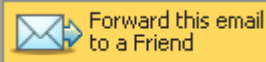
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identification (brands, tattoos, scars, cowlicks or blemishes). B) Electronic identification, microchips, iris or retinal scans, biometric measures. C) Digital photographs. D) USDA backtag for equines being commercially transported for slaughter (backtag issued by APHIS(Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service/USDA) that conforms to the eight character alpha-numeric that would provide unique identification of each animal.

One of the most important points for Kansas horse owners is that YOUR horses, with their current negative Coggins test and/or vet certificate are not bound by this act while being transported to shows, clinics, trails, rodeos, etc.

New Kansas State Director hired by HSUS

Kansas has a new State Director for the HSUS (Humane Society of the United States). Midge Grinstead, former executive director of the Lawrence Humane Society, will now focus her efforts on state-wide animal welfare issues for the HSUS.

Kemper Arena may be replaced with new facility

The American Royal Board announced a proposal to raze the Kemper Arena and replace it with an agriculture/equestrian-friendly pavilion and stalling complex, making it possible for Kansas City to host year-round rodeos, horse shows, bar-b-que competitions, festivals and livestock shows. Currently the annual American Royal contributes an estimated \$70 million to the KC area economy during it's fall stock show.

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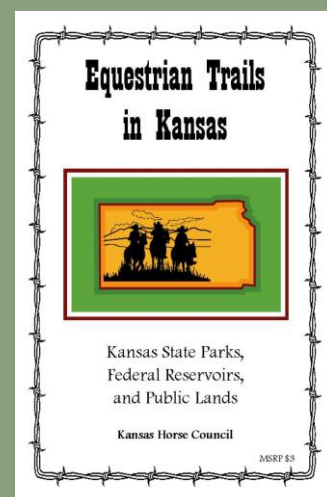
Equestrian Trails in Kansas

If you're a trailrider make sure your saddlebag has the newest trail guide available. You'll have all the information you need to select which trail suits you best. Our *Equestrian Trails in Kansas* guide contains trails in all Kansas State Parks, federal reservoirs and public lands plus lots of other valuable information.

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