

# LAKE SIDE FRONTIER RIDERS APRIL/MAY NEWSLETTER

## Vern Whitaker Horse Camp, March 26th to 30th

Nineteen brave LFR members survived our campout dealing with record-breaking temperatures, angry snakes, and sleep-depriving winds for the weekend. What normally would be a very pleasant spring weekend in the Anza Borrego Desert simply was not meant to be for this year, but that did not stop everyone from making the best of it by adapting their activities to riding in the early morning or at dusk into the evening under the bright moon and by staying as cool as possible in the heat of the day by taking leisurely naps or just hanging out



in the shade of their awnings.

Everyone enjoyed the wonderful trails meandering through the peaceful desert as the scenery was dotted with many wildflowers which the area is so well-known for every spring. The trails through the Willows was a welcome relief with the shade it provided, and it even had several water crossings for the horses to drink.



The heatwave brought out the snakes, and it was readily apparent that they were pretty grumpy at

being woken up early for the year. There was one particularly dominating sidewinder that staked out his claim to the restrooms. Everyone had to shoo him away the whole weekend every time they wanted to use the facilities. Stu and Charleen were amazingly brave dealing with a rattlesnake that wanted to make their tent his home for the weekend.

For a complete story of the good, the bad, and the ugly of the weekend's events, please go to our website's home page, scroll to the bottom, "The Vern Whitaker Experience." Try to figure out who wrote the story. You will definitely get some good chuckles too.





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## Lakeside Western Days Parade, April 16th



The theme for this year's parade was, "There is no place like home," based on the Wizard of Oz. LFR participated in the parade sporting our traditional parade "uniforms" along with incorporating the parade's theme with a "horse of a different color," so our lead horses were painted yellow, blue, and purple.....yes, I said painted.....and all the horses had "ruby slippers" (painted hooves), and our banner holders, Joyce and Deb, were each holding a "flying monkey" that Deb made.....too cute.



The weather was perfect for a parade, and it showed because the crowd was huge this year, and they cheered on our eleven members that participated, Joyce, Deb, Karen, Tom, Marci, Billi-Jo, Cyndi, Barbara, Denise, Cindy, and Chelleen. Thank you for representing our club.



### May's LFR Events:

**Ramona Main Street Parade, May 16th.** The parade starts at 10 a.m. Contact Karen at [karenensall@yahoo.com](mailto:karenensall@yahoo.com) for information and to sign up to participate

**NO General Meeting, May 21.....**We will be at horse camp!!!! Yippie!!!

**Los Vaqueros Horse Camp, May 21st 2:30 p.m. to May 26th noon.** To sign up or any questions, contact Theresa at [bitondo5@aol.com](mailto:bitondo5@aol.com). We still have a few corrals left. Bring a bottle of wine to share for our wine tasting and something to share for our potluck on Saturday night.

### Save the Date:

October 1st through 5th, Los Vaqueros Horse Camp



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## LFR Elections, June 18th

Our annual elections of officers and directors will be held at our June general meeting. Please attend and let your vote count!!! Because we will not be having a May meeting, since we are at horse camp, we will hold off on nominations until the beginning of our meeting in June, and then we will have elections to follow with write-in ballots provided.



## Birthdays:

### For April:

Jeff Hayden, Jan Herrera, John Fisher, and Shawn Orser



### For May:

Jan Scott, Karen Ensall, Amy Diener, Lisa Shearer, Ann Squire, Jackie Jackson, Laura Leonhardt, Chelleen Malone, and Peggy Martin

(May birthdays... make sure to get your free raffle ticket at our June meeting)

## Tips and Tricks:

If you ever lost a horseshoe, had the farrier trim a little too much, need to apply hoof medicine, or want extra protection while trailering, this is the trick...the Kelly Natural Hoof Shoe. It is flexible and light weight and will fold up flat to fit in your saddlebag. They do not need a precise fit like other types of boots, so they can fit the front or back hooves of your horse....or your friend's. The Kelly Shoe is an all-around, in-a-pinch perfect emergency boot.



The Kelley Natural Hoof Shoe is a reliable and ready solution. The easy to use Hoof Shoe offers excellent traction with a contoured fit. Designed without buckles or clips, it also allows for ventilation and drainage keeping your horse healthy and comfortable.

The Kelley Natural Horse Shoe is machine washable, lightweight, soft and pliable. They run about \$45 a single shoe. You can find them on online stores.

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If you're vertically challenged or have a tall horse, this nifty trick, the EZ Mount Stirrup, will help you mount up easily. It also easily fits in your saddle bag so you can mount up on the trail. No more looking for a log!! Western style is about \$18, English style is about \$12, available on line.

## Braggs:

Deb Montgomery was elected to the Lakeside Community Planning Group.



Deb also has quite a bit of talent and created our "flying monkeys" for the Lakeside parade.....and apparently extra time on her hands!!!

Billi-Jo went to Arizona for an AQHA show and received First Place both days, and in other classes she also received a 2<sup>nd</sup>, two 3<sup>rds</sup>, and a 4<sup>th</sup>. Great job, Billi-Jo!!



## Raffle:

\$49 was won by Patti Karcher  
Whoohoo!!!



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At our April meeting we had a wonderful and very informative presentation by Peggy Martin and Diana Clark, **Traveling with Horses**. As a follow-up on the same topic, here is a detailed article regarding what documentation you should have/must have while traveling with your horse.

## Equine Traveling Papers

By Rebecca Gimenez PhD, Reprinted from Trail Rider Magazine

### *HERE'S A RUNDOWN OF KEY DOCUMENTS YOU NEED WHEN YOU TRAVEL WITH YOUR HORSE.*

When you travel with your horse, you need to carry a number of documents, especially if you're crossing state lines.

Some documents show your horse is healthy. Some will help you if you're in an emergency situation. Others are proof of ownership and registration of your horse, your tow vehicle, and your trailer. Some states require an entry permit and brand-inspection certificate, as well. Do your research well ahead of traveling!

Here's a rundown of key documents you should have when you travel with your horse. Keep the originals of these papers with you, and the copies at home, in a safe place, where someone there can locate them.

In addition to these documents, be sure to carry your driver's license, proof of insurance, and registration papers for your tow vehicle and trailer.

#### **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection**

**What it is:** Also called a health certificate, this legal document certifies your horse's health status, the address where he's stabled, and ownership.

**Why you need it:** A CVI is required for entry to any state border crossing in the United States. Although many states are lax in enforcement, others have a random checking program. You'll need a current CVI within 10 to 30 days of travel, depending on the requirements of the state or states you'll be traveling through and to. Private equine facilities, trail-riding destinations, overnight-stabling facilities, and organized trail rides may also require a CVI.

**How to obtain it:** Make an appointment with your veterinarian to examine your horse. This examination should include a general health exam, temperature check, vaccination- and deworming-program review, verification of a Coggins test (see below), and a full description of your horse.

**Expert tip:** How can you prove the CVI is for your particular horse? In some states, a permanent method of identification (such as a microchip or brand) is required; this is a wise option for you to consider. The CVI can include your horse's microchip identification number.

#### **Coggins Test**

**What it is:** The Coggins test, developed by Leroy Coggins, DVM, PhD, in 1970, shows your horse didn't carry equine infectious anemia antibodies at the time of testing. This legal document also certifies the address where he's stabled, and ownership.

**Why you need it:** This test is required for entry to any state border crossing in the United States. Although many states are lax in enforcement, others have a random checking program. You'll need a Coggins test within 30 days to a year of travel, depending on the requirements of the state or states you'll be traveling through and to. Private equine facilities, trail-riding destinations, overnight-stabling facilities, and organized trail rides may also require a current Coggins test.

The examination for the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection will include a review of your vaccination and deworming programs.

**How to obtain it:** Make an appointment with your veterinarian. He or she will pull a vial of blood from your horse, then send it to a laboratory to verify that your horse is negative for EIA. Also known as swamp fever EIA is a highly contagious, potentially fatal disease for which there's no effective vaccination and no cure.

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**Expert tip:** Take photos of your horse, and get a microchip implant, so you can prove his Coggins test paperwork is for the actual animal you're hauling. This paperwork can include your horse's microchip identification number.

## Power of Attorney

**What it is:** This legal document allows an appointed person to make decisions as to the care, treatment, and disposition of your animals.

**Why you need it:** If you're injured, incapacitated, or die while traveling with your horse, someone else will need to be able to make the decisions outlined above.

**How to complete it:** USRider Equestrian Motor Plan has a free downloadable PDF on its website that you can use as an example of how your Power of Attorney form should be worded. You can modify the form, as needed. Print out the completed form, and take it to a notary public to be witnessed and signed.

**Expert tip:** Ensure that the persons you appoint to act as your agents are aware of your intentions. You're asking them to make difficult decisions concerning the care, medical treatment, possible hospitalization, or euthanasia of your horse. They should know your wishes concerning necropsy and directing the disposition of your horse's remains.

## Emergency-Responder Form

**What it is:** This legal document allows a licensed veterinarian to assess, treat, and even possibly euthanize your horse. It provides crucial information to firefighters and law enforcement to notify assistance for your animals.

**Why you need it:** If you're injured, incapacitated, or die in a transportation wreck while traveling with your horse, emergency responders may need to be able to make the decisions outlined above.

**How to complete:** USRider Equestrian Motor Plan has a free downloadable PDF on its website that you can use as an example of how your Emergency-Responder form should be worded. You can modify the form, as needed. Print out the completed form, and take it to a notary public to be witnessed and signed.

**Expert tip:** Emergency responders often don't know what to do with a horse after a wreck. Emergency contact information for the horse's home veterinarian, a provider that has horse knowledge, and insurance information are crucial to allow emergency responders to make informed decisions.

## Brand-Inspection Certificate

**What it is:** Certain Western states require all horses to be branded. A brand-inspection certificate registers your brand to prove ownership. For instance, in Colorado, the definition of a brand is "a permanent mark on the hide of an animal registered with any State as a live-stock brand. Freeze brands are considered permanent marks. Tattoos aren't considered as brands. The most effective and permanent method of identification is the mark produced with a hot iron."

**Why you need it:** A certificate of brand inspection is required to cross some state lines, particularly if in the West.

**How to obtain it:** Check with a state's brand-inspection agency as to brand requirements, registration, and certificates.

**Expert tip:** Easterners are often surprised by these common requirements in Western states. It's far more common to be stopped for inspection in the West than in the East.

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