



# New Jersey Pony Breeders & Owners, Inc.

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January 2009

## PONY PRINTS



### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED ON WEB SITE

Members' names and contact information will be published on the NJPB&O, Inc. web site minus the home address. If you want any or all of this information withheld, please inform Donna Raquet at [plumtreehill@nac.net](mailto:plumtreehill@nac.net), 973-383-0456 or 152 Warbasse Junction Rd., Lafayette, NJ 07848.

### ANNUAL BREED NOMINATIONS DISCONTINUED

Annual breed nominations are no longer required. The first nomination will be considered a lifetime nomination. A new nomination must be made only if pony is sold or leased. We will no longer be using the nomination form sent out in 2008.

Hi All,

Happy New Year. This came from the Co-Op Advertising we did with the Welsh Society and the co-op ad they put in the Chronicle.

Martha L. Stover wrote: Subject: Co-Op Advertising - Thank You!

Happy Holidays!

Many Thanks for supporting the Co-Op Advertising Program. I look forward to working with you again in 2009.

Did anyone get the Chronicle and see the ad? Please let me know. Gayle Stinson

### Member Email Addresses

Many member email addresses are not current. I have tried to email many members for their news and information but have received the emails back. Please send your correct email address to me at [crosscreekwelsh@gmail.com](mailto:crosscreekwelsh@gmail.com)

Thank you. Denise Loeffel

Life Members MUST COMPLETE a 2009 Membership Form so that we have correct information for address, phone, email, etc.

If you do not want to be listed on the website PLEASE let us know.

### 2009 SHOW INFORMATION

2009 NJPBO All Pony Show, June 13<sup>th</sup>  
at Snowbird Acres, Schooley's Mtn.  
Road, Long Valley, NJ

2009 All Pony Dressage Show,  
September 6<sup>th</sup> at Millbrook Farm,  
Flemington, NJ

**Sponsors will be needed  
for both shows!**

All Pony Show Committee: Marian  
Smith, Gayle Stinson, Donna Raquet, Sharon  
Stewart, Karen Hansen

All Pony Dressage Show Committee:  
Donna Raquet, Sharon Stewart  
NJ - Bred All-Breed Show, Horse Park  
of NJ - September 19, 2009

Sussex County Horse Show  
August 3 – August 9, 2009  
<http://sussexcountyhorseshow.com/>

NJ - Bred All-Breed Show,  
Horse Park of NJ - September 19, 2009

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL  
is due January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**PONY NOMINATIONS are due by  
January 31!**



# New Jersey Pony Breeders & Owners Inc.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site \_\_\_\_\_ Farm \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature required for children less than 18 years of age

### Indicate which information you would like to have listed on our web site membership or business page:

Name \_\_\_\_\_, Address \_\_\_\_\_, Telephone \_\_\_\_\_, Email \_\_\_\_\_, Web Site \_\_\_\_\_, Farm name \_\_\_\_\_, Services (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

### Type of Membership (Check One)

- Senior (1 vote)..... \$20.00
- Junior (no vote)..... \$10.00  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (Must be less than 18 years of age by Jan. 1 of award year.)
- Life (1Vote)..... \$100.00
- Family (2 votes – family members 18 or over only) \$30.00  
(Includes husband, wife and all children less than 18 years of age residing in the household.)

Please complete for FAMILY MEMBERSHIP ONLY:

Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

### Please Check All Breeds Owned or Exhibited

	New Jersey Bred	Non-NJ Bred		New Jersey Bred	Non-NJ Bred
Miniature			Hackney Pony		
Shetland Pony			Non-Registered/Thelwell		
Welsh/Half Welsh Pony			Other _____		
Crossbred Pony			<i>Please specify breed here</i>		

### Please Be Sure That All Information Is Complete and Legible.

Use a separate membership form for each LIFE, YOUTH, or FAMILY APPLICATION. Form may be duplicated. Renew your application by January 1<sup>st</sup>. (New members will be accepted throughout the year.) No points will be counted unless the application is complete and fees are correctly paid to membership chairperson. No points will be counted unless animal is correctly nominated and fees are paid. Send completed APPLICATION with CHECK or MONEY ORDER made payable to NJPB&O, Inc. (No cash, please!)

**Send Form and Payment To:** Donna Raquet Phone: 973-383-0456 E-Mail: plumtreehill@nac.net  
152 Warbasse Junction Rd., Lafayette, NJ 07848

Would You Like to Help with a Committee or Club Activity?

Please check if interested: \_\_\_\_\_ All-Pony Shows \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Publicity \_\_\_\_\_ Rules & By-Laws \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## MEMBER NEWS

### *Congratulations to the Prant Family !*

Richard and Heather Prant are the proud grandparents of Sophia Ercolano, born November 13<sup>th</sup> to daughter Sara and son-in-law Tony.  
A new horsewoman on the way!

Sugarwood Farm is located in Stillwater NJ. I have been raising Hackney ponies and Welsh and ½ welsh for 10 + years, but have been a member of NJPBO since the 60's. I currently show a 26 year old NJ bred hackney gelding , a 3 ½ yr old ½ welsh mare and a coming 2 yr old Section A welsh filly . Last year I rescued 2 purebred Hackney mares from Tennessee, a bay that is 21 and a black 6 year old. Hopefully they are both bred! The older mare was ultrasounded in foal, but at her age I am cautious as we lost her foal last year. We will be rechecking them soon. The foals are due in May and June. Marion Smith has one of my first NJ bred Hackney foals. He is coming 5 this year and Marion is trying to get him ready to show in Harness. Hope there will be continued interest in New Jersey bred Hackneys. Whitney Eick

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#### Regency Performance Miniatures

I'm a life member of NJPB&O so I didn't fill out a 2009 membership form. I'd love to have my farm listed on the club website, it is [www. regencymini.com](http://www.regencymini.com) . Echo Falls Rhetts Socks will be awarded NJ Superior Achievement this year. He is a white appaloosa gelding bred by Tom Hope. I've owned him since he was a yearling. He has competed mostly in Combined Driving, as a single and a pair. Here he is at Gladstone 2007.  
Thanks. Jave Ventresca

Echo Falls Rhetts Socks



Lower Cross Farm, Saddle River, NJ has had a very good year. Our new pony, section B welsh Glynhafan Hermione , has started her show career with a bang. Her first show ever was mid-June! She has won 2008 USEF HOTY Grand Champion Welsh, plus USEF National and Zone 2 Champion in Adult Pleasure and Adult Hunters. She is also 2008 WPCSA Reserve National champion in Adult English pleasure and fourth in Adult Hunters! Our Section A mare Davric Honey Bee has also had an outstanding year under the ridden skill of Kaitlin Hofer! Honey Bee is 2008 USEF Zone 2 Reserve Champion Pleasure, 2008 WPCSA Reserve National Champion Leading Rein, and Third Place Child's First Pony and Short Stirrup Hunter. Honey Bee has also earned her LOM. Our cob, Tide Creek Diablo, is 2008 WPCSA National Champion C/D English Pleasure, second year in a row! He also placed Third in C/D geldings and Western Pleasure. Diablo is the USEF Zone 2 C/D Pleasure Reserve Champion! Diablo also earned his LOM (WPCSA League of Merit). Liz Hofer

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Casmaran Welsh Cobs is pleased to say our senior Cob stallion Windcrest Desert Storm has been awarded WP&CSA Year End Point National Champion. This came as a big surprise for us as Desert was only shown once at the American Nationals in Syracuse, NY. He has been out of the showing scene for the last 10 years and picked up right where he left off, at 17 years of age! We are super proud of him! His daughter, Casmaran Ascension, will be out and about this year for her showing debut, and Deserts son, Casmaran Contraband, now in NC will also be out having fun in the Dressage ring following in their sire's footsteps.

Tide Creek Diablo



Davric Honey Bee



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Windcrest Desert Storm



Casmaran Ascension



## MEMBER NEWS

### **NJPB&O New Jersey Equestrian of the Year Representative**

Ms. Ella Berry of Dennisville, NJ has agreed to represent the New Jersey Pony Breeders and Owners, Inc. at the NJ Equestrian of the Year Contest.

Ella's essay for the NJ Equestrian of the Year contest starts with this sentences. "We horse people have a very special relationship with the environment. For our health and the health of our horses, it is very important to be environmentally sensitive around our farms." I think that those statements reflect the purpose we all aim for and show her interest in the future of animals, horses in particular, in our State.

Ella is 17 years of age and is a Junior at the Cape May county Technical High School.

She is now a member of the NJPB&O as well as 4-H, NJ Trail Ride Assoc., Eastern Competitive Trail Ride Assoc., competes in the English Circuit of South Jersey, and has been involved with the 4-H Horse Judging Team in 05 & 06.

In 06 thru 08 Ella has been on the Horse Judging Team for Cape May County, in 2008 was the Cape May County 4-H Equestrian of the Year, the 4-H Junior Horse Council Vice President and the Horse Show Committee youth representative.

Ella's academics include Golf Course Maintenance and Landscape Design and Law and Public Safety. Ella is also active in the Cross County and Swimming programs, and as a member of the FFA she was awarded the Outstanding Green Hand Award in 2007.

In 2008 Ella was third runner up in the NJ State Agricultural Fair Ambassador Contest and the Cape May County 4-H Fair Spirit Award winner. She was also a member of the Cape May Waves Swim Team from 2006 to 2008 and an active member of the Seaville Quaker Meeting. Ella and her mother have six Fjords, all pony size, that she competes. The youngest being a weanling.

Ella is willing to promote the NJPB&O in the Southern part of New Jersey and will be a great benefit to our organization.

We wish her the best and if you want to send her your support and that of the NJPB&O her email address is: [betsy@snip.net](mailto:betsy@snip.net)

### **Lust Pony Farm**

Congratulations to Paul Wait, Nebraska on his purchase of Lust's Main Attraction (Spunky), a double registered (Arenosa breeding), 14 yr. Old Shetland stallion owned and bred by Charles and Helen Lust.

### **ERIC CALECA**

Eric Caleca returned home on Friday December 12. He expressed his sincere gratitude for the gift from NJPB&O. It was totally unexpected and really needed. He has some use of his left leg now but uses a wheel chair. When people are present he can use a walker. He still cannot use his left hand although he is expected to make a full recovery. However, there is no time shedule for this. A visiting physical therapist works with him . He is delighted to be home although he misses going to the barn. Friends are caring for the ponies and preparing meals which he heats in the microwave. Being housebound, Eric is bored. He loves getting phone calls (973-786-5866) and visitors.



Ella Berry on her seven year old Norwegian Fjord gelding Matthew.

### **Equine-Reproduction.com, "An Equine Reproduction Management and Consulting Service"**

An informational newsletter for the Equine Breeder!

*In this issue...*

*CEM Outbreak in Kentucky, Equine Reproduction Short Courses! About Our Sponsors, Oklahoma Reproductive Facility*

### **Equine Reproductive News January, 2009**

We at Equine-Reproduction .com, LLC would like to wish everyone a wonderful and prosperous New Year.

As part of continuing our efforts to assist breeders, veterinarians and reproductive specialists, we have launched our first newsletter. We hope to use this new venue to bring news that is relevant and timely to the horse breeding industry, as well as provide articles that we hope will help.

We will also use this venue to keep you up to date on our current short course dates and locations as well as any discounts or specials we may be offering.

We hope you enjoy our newsletter and if you do, please forward it to others that you believe may be interested!

Our best wishes to you and your's for the New Year!

Equine-Reproduction .com, LLC

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From Jaye Ventresca: For driving enthusiasts, if any of these look interesting please add them to your calendar. Some of the events are members only but membership is relatively cheap and easily come by.

### **Brandywine Valley Driving Club Calendar**

- **Feb 7** Carriage Maintenance Clinic - 1:00 to 3:00 Free, offered by Driving Essentials, Leola, PA, snow date Feb 28th, RSVP to Lori Conaty, 302-764-9650 or [lorettaconaty@hotmail.com](mailto:lorettaconaty@hotmail.com)
- **Feb 14** Pre-Novice Driving Clinic - 10:00 to 12:00, Clinician - Kail Palmer-Miller, held at Smithbridge Farms, Wilmington, DE, Limited Space, register with Carol Bowe at 215-256-1667 or [heybowe@hotmail.com](mailto:heybowe@hotmail.com)
- **Mar 10** Board of Directors Meeting - 7:00 pm All members welcome! Scott Conference Room at New Bolton Center, call Jaye Ventresca 215-285-0436
- **Mar 21** (?) Arena Driving Trial at Delaware Valley College Contact Jaye Ventresca 215-342653 or [jaye@regencymini.com](mailto:jaye@regencymini.com) for info
- **Mar 28** Novice Clinic with Lore Homer
- **Apr 4** Cracking the Secrets to Walnut Hill, Show Organizers Lecture with Bill Remley at Delaware Valley College Contact Jaye Ventresca 215-342653 or [jaye@regencymini.com](mailto:jaye@regencymini.com) for info
- **Apr 14** General Meeting
- **Apr 18** Dancin' Thru Cones using Dressage with Susie Buchanan at Mercer Hill Farm, raindate April 19, More info? contact Lori Conaty at 302-764-9650 or [lorettaconaty@hotmail.com](mailto:lorettaconaty@hotmail.com)
- **May 12** Board of Directors Meeting - 7:00 pm All members welcome! Scott Conference Room at New Bolton Center, call Jaye Ventresca 215-285-0436
- **June 9** General Meeting (I'm hoping to get Dr. Sue McDonnell to talk about the feral ponies)

May is a busy month with Devon Horse Show. We could shoot for the last weekend in April or the first weekend in May.

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### **USA Miniature Horse**

<http://www.mini-horse.org/>

### **The Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society**

[www.shetlandponystudbooksociety.co.uk/](http://www.shetlandponystudbooksociety.co.uk/)

Founded in 1890 The **Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society** is the oldest of the UK Native Breed Societies. It exists to maintain unimpaired the purity of Shetland ponies and to promote and protect the breeding of the Shetland pony throughout the world.

The Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society is the Mother Stud-Book for all pedigree Shetland Ponies throughout the world.

### **History of the Hackney Horse and Pony**

<http://www.hackney-horse.org.uk/history.asp>

The evolution of the Hackney horse into the high performance harness horse, ballerina of the show that we know today has been long and fascinating. The word 'Hackney' comes from the French "haquenee", a language commonly spoken in England in Medieval times. This describes a riding horse with a particularly comfortable trot or amble and over the years the term became synonymous with a general purpose ridden and driven animal whose stamina and soundness were greatly admired and whose favoured pace was the trot. These horses were just at home taking the farmer to market, working on the farm or enjoying a days hunting.

### **Fourth Stallion Tests Positive for CEM in Kentucky**

A fourth stallion has tested positive for presence of Taylorella equigenitalis, the causative agent for CEM.

Five stallions have negative results allowing a presumptive diagnosis of "clear"; and results are pending on an additional fourteen exposed stallions and an unknown number of mares to which the "positive" stallions have been bred.

We will continue post updates on the situation on our Main Page of our website as we become aware of any changes

### **Equine Reproduction Short Courses! Improving your breeding success!**

As a special for those of you receiving our first Newsletter, we are offering a \$125 discount coupon! In order to take advantage of the discount, simply enter the word "newsletter" as the coupon code on the enrollment form. With the \$125 discount, the two day course is only \$200 and the three day course is only \$300.

List of dates, locations and course fees:

Harrisonburg, Virginia  
January 17th & 18th, 2009  
2 Day Course - \$325

Rock Falls, Illinois  
January 24th & 25th, 2009  
2 Day Course - \$325

For more information on Equine-Reproduction .com, LLC please feel free to contact us by email at [courses@equine-reproduction.com](mailto:courses@equine-reproduction.com), by snail mail at Route 2, Box 95, Wynnewood, Oklahoma 73098 or by calling us at (720) 272-5998.

## Welsh Heredity

In the period around 8000BC Britain was physically attached to both Ireland and Europe and there was free migration of animals. It is likely that the Celtic pony took this route and established itself in Wales, Ireland (Connemara) and the Hebrides (Shetland). The Bronze Age collection of fragments of harness and small bits found in North Wales, indicates that ponies were being used for harness work at that time. Certainly ponies were very much in evidence in Wales during the conquest of Julius Caesar (55-54BC) who wrote about their speed and docility as chariot horses and their activity as riding horses.

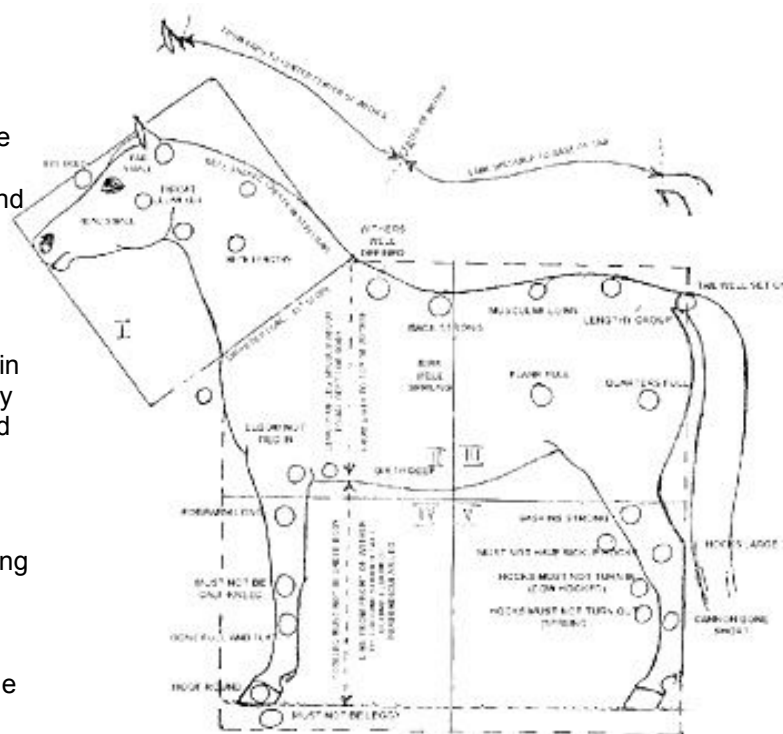
Later, the harsh climate and continual persecution, not only by Henry VIII, but also by the lowland farmers who drove the ponies back into the hills whenever they went in search of better grazing, led to the development of a very hardy pony with plenty of bone, a thick mane and tail and lots of feather. The ponies were of predominantly dark colors with blacks, browns and dark duns being proven the most hardy.

Founders of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society, recognizing the need to preserve the integrity of the bloodlines of Welsh Ponies and Cobs, decided to exclude those animals with excessive white markings from purebred registration. This was an educated decision to discourage the propagation of Welsh carrying piebald and skewbald coloration and various other traits foreign to original Welsh Mountain Ponies. Those officers, concerned breeders themselves, decided that preserving the original Welsh standard was the Registry's priority, and registration and show rules were adopted which would best serve the preservation of the Welsh pony and cob breed.

Racing was a favored sport of British equine breeders. One has to consider the amount of Arabian, Barb and Turk blood introduced into the Welsh through the British breeders by the use of Thoroughbreds in the 1600's, 1700's and 1800's, and the propensity of each of these breeds to carry and propagate many traits foreign to the original Welsh ponies and cobs, such as lightness of bone, length of cannon, dropped tail set, changed freedom of movement and Splash or Splashed White, which is one Overo white pattern, and another Overo pattern, Sabino. The white in TB's began with the introduction of white Arabian horses. Loudly marked Arabian horses were prized in ancient times (Saqlawi strain), Barbs spread pinto markings in many parts of the world, and the Turks and Akhal-Teke's were known for a natural metallic bloom to their coat, all of these breeds are incorporated in the ancestry of Thoroughbreds. Trace the bloodlines of many of today's Welsh Ponies and Welsh Cobs and you will find the Thoroughbred lines many times over. Researching the coefficient of inbreeding one sees how inbreeding in the fifth, tenth, twelfth, fifteenth generation back affects the quality of many ponies and cobs bred today for exactly those traits the original Officers of the WPCS tried so hard to suppress.

## Evaluate a Welsh Pony and Welsh Cob

### Welsh Pony & Cob Breed Standard



### Faults To Beware Of

*General Character:* without pony type, without Welsh type.

*Color:* piebald or skewbald, excessive white markings, disjointed white markings.

*Head:* convex head, frog faced, over-bite, under-bite.

*Eye:* pig eye, bulbous eye.

*Neck:* Unduly long weak neck, short neck lacking throatlatch, ewe-neck.

*Back and Loins:* unduly long loin and/or swayed back.

*Hindquarters:* goose rump, short croup, short flat hip.

*Hind legs:* cow hocks, sickle hocks.

*Bone:* that is too light or too fine for a Mountain or Moorland breed.

*Male character:* monorchid or cryptorchid.

*Movement:* Poor shoulder movement, poor impulsion, aberrant from the description of Welsh pony and cob movement.

*Disposition:* Intractable, unruly.

### A short film on Welsh Hill Ponies - Two Men and their Ponies by First Light Movies, Wales -

<http://www.firstlightmovies.com/films/full.php?id=191>

### Welsh Pony & Cob Pamphlet distributed to WPCSA Members in the 1960's & 1970's

<http://www.casmaranstud.com/newsletters/WPCS/wpcs-pamphlet.htm>

### The Welsh Pony - by Olive Tilford Dargan

Private printing for Charles A. Stone 1913

<http://www.casmaranstud.com/newsletters/thebook/Introduction.htm>

**Horses 2009: 'Knowledge is Horse Power'**

**March 28 & 29, 2009**

**Busch Campus, New**

**Brunswick/Piscataway, New Jersey**

**Featuring Keynote Speakers**

**Dr. Scott Palmer, New Jersey Equine Clinic, Millstone, NJ**

**Eric Scott, Millennium Radio New Jersey and New Jersey 101.5**

Horses 2009 promises to be the most practical, informative event of the year. Designed as an intense learning experience, the conference offers the latest information on responsible horse ownership, equine health and behavior, nutrition, performance issues, equine facility operations and other concerns. Exhibitors, prizes and drawings will round out the weekend activities. Information and Registration Forms are found online here:

<http://www.esc.rutgers.edu/Horses2009/index.htm>

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**Inheritance Ignored**

- **By Robert M. Miller, D.V.M.**

It is a shame, I said to Walt.  
Her conformation's filled with fault.  
Her head is plain. Her neck is ewe.  
Her back is long. Her tail askew.  
Her shoulder straight, back at the knees;  
She toes out in front, you'll notice please.  
Offset cannons and you see.  
This mare, I fear, will never be  
A racing prospect, or good for show;  
Brittle feet with seedy toe.  
Four years old, already lame  
In both forelegs; in back the same.  
Problems to worsen eventually  
Because she's built inadequately.  
Her hip is short. Her croup is low.  
The right fore tendon's begun to bow.  
She cribs, you know, and lolls her tongue,  
Too many vices in a mare so young.  
And when she's worked to desperation,  
She wheezes with each respiration.  
Her teeth are bad. She overbites.  
With other mares she always fights.

When she trots she'll weave and bobble.  
Her hind end has a definite wobble.  
Now melanoma in horses gray  
Is very commonplace I'd say.  
But these masses 'neath her tail are bad.  
In a mare so young it makes me sad.  
I hate to bear such tragic news:  
You might as well just pull her shoes.

And stop her training as of now.  
You cannot ride her anyhow.  
Walt looked at me and then replied,  
The guy who sold her surely lied.  
He told me that she was so great,  
And I so eager, could hardly wait,  
To load her up, to pay for her,  
And take her home, make her my own.  
Well, no matter, said Walt aloud,  
She'll make a broodmare fine and proud.  
We'll breed her soon and get repaid  
For the investment that I made.  
I know a stallion with a fee so low  
He's laid up for a year or so.  
He's got navicular disease they say.  
But his stud fee I guess I'll pay;  
And raise a foal so this young mare  
Will pay her way and earn her fare.  
Don't you agree, Doc, with my plan?  
I answered him ... I told the man:

Like begets like. You've heard that said?  
This foal you're planning, in your head,  
Is good for business - mine, I mean.  
Foals like this, I have seen,  
Are useful to support a vet.  
Because of many defects, yet  
Our voice is often heard alone  
Warning breeders, Do not condone  
The breeding of inferior sire  
To inferior mare if you desire  
To produce foals to improve the breed  
Breed best to best, that's all you need.  
Now listen you breeders of puppy dogs  
And cats and sheep and cows and hogs,  
For your own species just change the name.  
The principles are still the same.  
Like begets like. It's in the genes,  
Controlled by DNA it seems.  
Breed best to best, it's your only chance  
For offspring that will the breed enhance.

**HAPPY 84<sup>th</sup>  
BIRTHDAY  
HELEN LUST  
Member of  
NJPBO since  
the 1940's!**

**NJPB&O GIFT TO  
ERIC CALECA**

At the annual awards banquet, the Chinese Auction and Fifty/Fifty netted \$600 which was gifted to Eric Caleca. Winner of the Fifty/Fifty, the Keogh family donated their winnings!. The club also awarded Eric a Life Membership.  
Donna Raquet

**United States  
Equestrian Federation**  
<http://www.usef.org/>

**United States  
Dressage Federation**  
<http://www.usdf.org/>

**"Horses Gone But Not Forgotten"**

Rutgers is starting up an internet memorial program to honor horses and ponies. It is a good place to keep and honor your animals that are deceased. Information on how you can take advantage of this program is on our website at [www.njponybreeders.org](http://www.njponybreeders.org) under NEWS "Horses Gone But Not Forgotten"

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## From the New Jersey Horse Council Newsletter

**Q:** I have fed flax seed in the past: cooked whole seeds, then ground raw flax meal. I have always gotten 25 -50 lb bags. The last time I picked up a bag, I noticed that the label stated, "Not to be fed to horses intended for food. Not for human consumption." What is the story? Is it toxic raw or ground? Is it worth feeding?

**A:** I know many people who do swear by flax seed, however, I do not have any personal experience using it. The raw seeds contain cyanogenic glycoside compounds which, when the seeds are ground, and especially if moistened, will release cyanide! However, this really is not a concern, since the enzymes needed to cause the cyanide release are inactivated by boiling and gastric acids. So, as long as you don't add water before feeding the flax meal, it should not be a problem. If the meal is processed in any way it is also probably totally safe. Read the label again to see if there are other substances added. If not, the warning is probably due to the minuscule risk of cyanide poisoning. But it shouldn't hurt in small enough quantities.

The presence of cyanogenic glycosides in the diet is significant only in relation to dose and the nutritional status of the consumer. Flax seed meal contains two cyanogenic glycosides, linustatin and neolinustatin. Many foods are slightly cyanogenic (e.g. wheat and barley!), probably as an evolutionary adaptation to discourage herbivory, and our body and our horses have a limited capacity to detoxify low concentrations of cyanide through addition of sulphur (from amino acids). Thus, if the dietary levels of sulphur-containing amino acids are high, the body can resist a low intake of cyanide, but if the diet is low in protein overall, then we see toxicity. It has been determined by research out of the University of Toronto that up to 50g high-alpha-linolenic acid flaxseed is palatable, safe and may be nutritionally beneficial in humans by raising n-3 fatty acids in plasma and erythrocytes and by decreasing post-prandial glucose responses.

*Answer provided by Sarah Ralston, VMD, Ph.D., dACVN, Rutgers Cooperative Extension.*

### **American Driving Society**

<http://www.americandrivingsociety.org/>

### **Blaenavon & District Pony Improvement Society**

<http://www.welshponyandcob.com/bpis/>

### **Dowlais Pony Improvement Society**

<http://www.hillponies.co.uk/index.html>

**Q:** I was wondering why cottonseed shouldn't be fed to horses? Does it cause blindness? I have fed a mixture in the past that contains 10% cottonseed without any adverse reactions over about a 4-month time period in the winter.

**A:** There have been many questions regarding the adverse effects of feeding cottonseed to horses. Cottonseed meal is the most popular form of cottonseed fed to horses. Raw cottonseed and cottonseed meal contain a substance called gossypol that interferes with digestion. Therefore cottonseed is particularly undesirable for feeding foals. Adult horses can tolerate the gossypol if fed cottonseed in moderation.

Monogastrics (e.g. horses, pigs and poultry) seem to be more affected by gossypol than other species. Research in other species has shown cottonseed meal to decrease sperm production in males and slow growth in young if fed in high levels.

It was at one time thought that blindness in cattle was caused by gossypol. I have never seen proof of cottonseed as a factor in night blindness. However, cottonseed meal and hulls are low in vitamin A, which plays a significant role in vision. It is a major vitamin requirement for horses, and if a horse is experiencing a vitamin A deficiency one of the most common problems experienced is night blindness.

The nutrient composition of some feeds can be altered by different processing methods. Feeds like corn, for example, can be fed whole, ground into a meal, or even made into silage. There is a difference in the digestibility of cottonseed if it is fed raw or if it is made into a meal but this does not seem to affect its vitamin content. Moreover, cottonseed oil and its gossypol can be removed from cottonseeds by extraction with ethyl ether. It has been shown that using cottonseed with 0.2% or less gossypol has had no toxicity effects.

Cottonseed meal, at about 40 % protein, is ranked second to soybean meal in high protein supplemental feeds for horses. It also has half the lysine of soybean meal. About 25% of the protein source in a ration can be made up of cottonseed meal before you run into problems. Therefore, it is recommended that high quality cottonseed is combined with other forms of protein and lysine supplements.

If you choose to feed cottonseed, follow these guidelines:

1. Make sure the cottonseed doesn't comprise more than 25% of your protein source.
2. Supplement with either a source of protein that is high in lysine (such as soybean meal), or with a pure lysine source.

*Answer was prepared with the help of Nicole Fiorellino, Animal Science Research Student at the School of Environmental Sciences, Rutgers University*

**NEW JERSEY PONY BREEDERS & OWNERS, INC.**

Non-Racing Breeder Awards Nomination Form for New Jersey Bred American Shetland, AMHR Mini, American Crossbred, Welsh, and Hackney Ponies

**2009**

Breed	Division	Nomination Type:	Life	Transfer
Name of Animal		Registration No.		
Name of Sire		Registration No.		
Name of Dam		Registration No.		
Color	Sex	F	G	S
Date Foaled		Place Foaled		
		Town	County	State

*I certify that this animal is a New Jersey Bred and qualifies for such by: (check one only)*

- 1A. Foaled in NJ and out of a mare that is a permanent resident of NJ.
- 1B. Foaled in NJ and out of a transient mare that is not a permanent resident of NJ, but resided here for 120 Consecutive days, including the day of foaling. Proof of such residency and foaling is attached. (Examples of Proof but limited to: Veterinarian certificate and board or mare-care bills)

**OR**

2. Foal resulting from an embryo transfer when embryo transfer is agreeable to the national registry of animal's breed. Foal is born to the national registry of animal's breed and born to a recipient mare residing the full Season in NJ, and blood typing of the mare, stallion and foal has been carried out to authenticate parentage, and when the mare donated only in NJ and resided here for 120 consecutive days. Proof of such residency is attached. (Examples of proof, but not limited to: veterinarian's certificate, and board or training bills.)
- 3 The get of a stallion standing only in NJ during the breeding season of the year in which animal was conceived.
- 4 Foal resulting from the transport of semen, and semen transport is agreeable to the national registry of animal's Breed, from a stallion standing the full season in NJ and blood typing of the stallion, mare and foal has been carried out to authenticate parentage.

*I hereby certify that the above is correct and that I am the owner of the above named animal and that I am a member of good standing of the New Jersey Pony Breeders & Owners, Inc.*

Signature	Date	Phone
Print Name	Email	
Mailing Address	County	
City	State	Zip
		Social Security No.

Send with this form <b>THE FIRST TIME</b> the animal is registered. 1. Life Registration Fee \$10.00 2. Copy of animal's National Breed Registration papers. 3. Proof if necessary to certify NJ Bred status.	Checks payable to NJPB&O, Inc.	Send the following with this form for a TRANSFER of ownership: 1. Transfer of ownership fee \$5.00 2. Copy of animal's national breed registration papers.
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You must use the same social security number and name throughout the NJ Bred Program. Information provided to the NJ-Bred All-Breed Show must match. If you sell or retire the pony from the program please notify your Division Chair (listed below) so that it is removed from the eligible list. This will enable us to more accurately decide on appropriate classes to be held each year for all divisions. Only those points won at shows after the date of receipt of the nomination will be recorded. Show certification forms are also to be sent to the High Score Award Chair and postmarked no later than October of the show year.

*Send to your division High Score Award Chairperson:*

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Date received _____ Date Posted _____
Signature of Chair

**Classified Ads**

**For Sale** - Section D welsh cob gelding- 15 hands, 6 years old. National Champion WPCSA and USEF. Good lead changes and extensions. Beautiful mover. 201-818-5640 Liz Hofer

**For Sale** - Brand new rolled fine harness with Patten trim and chrome fittings for a 12 .1 Hackney. \$1000, Whitney Eick 973-383-6770

**For Sale** – Cross Creek Ember, Welsh mare, 12.2h. Ember has no vices, is an easy keeper, and is barefoot and 100% sound. Winning show record on Long Island, NY. Great with kids, walks the lines, snap and jump to die for, swaps are there, and she’s fancy enough for the Divisions. Trainers and brokers welcome. Lease also considered. Sara 973-670-2578 – [www.casmaranstud.com](http://www.casmaranstud.com)



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