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## Locating and Buying the Right Horse



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Even though there is no such thing as a "perfect" horse, every horse owner should select the right horse for him. This requires some homework and planning, but if done correctly, can lead to a good relationship between horse and rider.

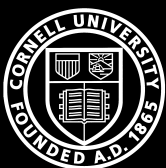
Millions of people enjoy their horses each day. The horse owner can receive years of enjoyment and satisfaction from locating and buying the right horse. The physical exercise and mental relaxation derived from a safe, well-trained horse can justify the expense associated with this form of recreation. A ride on a trail, completing a difficult hunt course and teaching a foal to lead are experiences that happen daily in the lives of horse owners.

The relationship between a horse and rider can be unparalleled if the right horse is chosen. This fact sheet will assist horse owners in not only locating but also selecting the most appropriate horse for their needs and desires. There are many considerations and questions to evaluate when selecting a horse. Many of the considerations are directed at the horse, while others involve the rider or the compatibility of the horse and rider.

- ◆ Age of Rider
- ◆ Experience of the Rider
- ◆ Age of the Horse
- ◆ Experience of the Horse (Level of training)
- ◆ Combination of Horse and Rider
- ◆ How Much to Pay for a Horse
- ◆ Breed or Breed-type Selection
- ◆ Daily and Monthly Expenses
- ◆ Registered or Unregistered (Grade) Horse
- ◆ Color
- ◆ Sex of the Horse
- ◆ Locating a Horse
- ◆ Pre-purchase Examination

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## Summary

First the prospective horse buyers must decide one major factor, "Am I willing to make a commitment?" This is not simply a financial commitment, but a total commitment by the buyer to the physical and mental well-being of the horse. If the answer is affirmative, the buyer can then start the decision-making process to decide and respond to considerations discussed in this fact sheet such as where to keep the horse, breed or breed-type, sex, age and level of training. Throughout the entire selection process the buyer must remember there is no perfect horse. Many horses may be acceptable, but the buyer must select the one that is right for him or her. However, to select the right horse, the buyer must do the necessary homework to locate and buy the horse. Remember, if this process were easy, everyone would have the perfect horse.

## *Suggestions to Help Find the Right Horse*

*Source: eXtension Contributor:*

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Take a professional with you to help select the horse. Just as a realtor can assist the home buyer, a professional in the horse business can assist the prospective horse owner. Do not underestimate the value of professional help in selecting a horse.

Make an unannounced visit after a horse has been identified as a prospect. Honest horse owners will not be offended by a surprise visit to see a horse for the second or third time. Initially, an appointment must be made and agreed to by both parties. It is a good idea to evaluate a horse that may not have been ridden close to the previous appointment time. This prevents an owner from giving a horse extra work prior to a visit so that it will perform better.

Try to spend some time alone with the horse. The more the horse is handled prior to purchase, the more likely a correct decision will be made. The horse's disposition and attitude can be more easily determined when the horse and rider are alone together. This is applicable both on and off the horse. Just watching the horse in the stall may give the buyer an indication of manners in the stall, such as a horse that continually walks or weaves back and forth. A prospective buyer can also observe eating habits.



Take some time to tie up the horse. The horse should be tied up and, if possible, cross-tied in an aisle to evaluate its ability to stand tied. Even though this may seem to be insignificant, a horse that will not stand tied will have limited use. The horse is a definite candidate for a trip to the veterinarian because of the increased chances of injury in halter pullers. Simply watching a horse's manners while tied provides an indication of prior training.

Have the owner ride the horse first. Do not attempt to ride a horse without watching someone ride it first, preferably the owner. A trainer riding a horse may make the horse appear to have more training than it really has. Try to see the horse ridden as fresh as possible without lounging. This can give the buyer an indication of disposition and level of training. In addition, watch the horse's actions as it is taken away from the barn. Many horses do not want to leave the barn area. These horses are referred to as "barn sour."

While riding the horse during the evaluation phase, make the horse sweat. Give the horse a good workout. Some horses are fine during a light riding session but become very ill-mannered and unmanageable if they have to go beyond a light workout. Do not try to overwork the horse, just a good strong riding session.

Load and trailer the horse. Some horses will not willingly load in a trailer, thus severely limiting their usefulness, since most activities require trailering. It is also good not only to load but actually trailer the horse for a short period of time.



## Ask questions.

Do not be afraid to ask the owner certain appropriate questions. Some of the questions could include:

- ◆ Why is the horse being sold?
- ◆ Is the horse easy to handle when being trimmed or shod? Also obtain the farrier's name to verify the response.
- ◆ Is the horse easy to clip or trim and bathe?
- ◆ How much training has the horse had?
- ◆ What aids and cues are used to make the horse perform?
- ◆ Could the buyer see a copy of the horse's show record?
- ◆ Does the horse have any unusual quirks?

Try to work out a lease or lease-purchase plan for the horse. Some owners are willing to lease in lieu of selling, particularly if the owner is having a hard time selling the horse. This provides a great way to "test drive" a horse before a large expenditure is made in case the horse is not satisfactory.



## *Caveat Emptor - Let the buyer beware: How to Avoid Mistakes When Buying a Horse*

Source: *eXtension*. Contributors: Jenifer Nadeau, University of Connecticut Department of Animal Science, Revised by Holly Spooner, West Virginia University

Buying a horse can be a complicated and confusing process. It is important to know what kind of horse you are looking for and have a plan laid out before you begin shopping. The article below discusses some tips to help your horse buying experience.

Whether you're buying your first horse or your 21st, it is both an exciting and scary process. You have dreamed of the day when you could own this horse, and you want everything to be perfect. There are several things you can do to improve your chances of selecting a suitable horse.

1. **Know your requirements.** If you don't know what you are looking for, you won't find it. Have a list of what you want in a horse and imperfections you are willing to accept because there is no perfect horse. Consider your equestrian goals and what attributes a horse would need to attain these goals with you. Determine your riding level or have a riding instructor or professional trainer assess your skills.
2. **Enlist a professional.** If you are inexperienced, enlist the help of an equine professional. In an online query by *Equus* magazine, one of the major causes of a sale that did not turn out well was buyers purchasing unsuitable horses. Another cause was the buyer lacking knowledge or the financial assets to keep the horse healthy and able to perform to its ability. Make sure that the professional you enlist has no conflict of interest through prior contact with the seller.
3. **Consult a veterinarian.** Consider having your veterinarian perform a pre-purchase exam. This may include including taking radiographs (X-rays), checking for lameness and taking blood samples in horses you are seriously considering buying. Blood samples may be drawn for the purpose of determining a complete blood count, chemistry analysis, Coggins' test for equine infectious anemia, drug testing for analgesics and tranquilizers, equine viral arteritis (EVA) titers for broodmares and EVA or piroplasmiasis testing for horses traveling abroad. You should discuss testing with your veterinarian to see what tests he or she recommends for the type of horse you are interested in purchasing.



The most common deceit practiced in horse sales is use of local or systemic medications to mask physical or behavioral problems. Make sure the veterinarian does not know the seller; most will refuse to do the exam if they know the seller due to possible conflict of interest. Attend the exam yourself so that you can hear what is said. Realize that the pre-purchase exam is not a guarantee that a horse will "pass" or "fail." Instead, you will simply be made aware of the veterinarian's findings.

4. **Check all paperwork.** Carefully inspect the horse to be sure it matches the description on the papers and consider contacting the registry to double check that the horse is registered. Consider contacting previous owners to ask about the horses' physical condition and normal behavior under their care.
5. **Ask direct questions.** In general, sellers are not legally obligated to volunteer information about the horse they are selling unless directly asked. Under the Uniform Commercial Code, Sales Article 2, horses are considered "goods." This code has been adopted by every state with minor variations. According to the code, the seller must truthfully answer the buyer's questions, or the seller may be guilty of fraud and selling a horse that was not as warranted. Instead of asking if the horse has any vices when riding, ask, "Does he buck when ridden? Does he rear when ridden?" Direct questions such as these may result in hesitation by the seller when responding if the seller is hiding something. If looking for a seasoned show horse, ask for a list of shows where it has competed and any awards it's won and then verify the information. Watch the horse in action at a show if it is currently showing in order to see how the horse behaves in that environment.
6. **Show up early.** By arriving early, you may be able to see things like how hard a horse is to catch, halter, lead and tack up. You will get a good idea of its ground manners.
7. **Evaluate the horse's conformation.** Do not be distracted by an attractive head. This does not mean that the rest of the horse has good conformation. Remember the old adage, "Pretty is as pretty does." Have knowledge of the ideal horse for the breed and compare the horse you looking at to this ideal to see where it comes up short, or consult an equine professional for assistance in judging conformation. The horse's conformation can dictate future soundness concerns as well.

8. **Watch the horse as it is ridden.** Ideally, the owner, or the representative, should be able to ride the horse and show it in its best form. If the owner is injured, it may be from the horse. If the owner does not provide a rider to ride the horse before you, assume there's a problem. Examine its attitude: Is it calm or tense, does it avoid work or is it ready to go? Watch for head tossing, which could be a sign of resistance, mouth problems or allergies. Look for lameness when it is trotting, as well as stiffness. Make certain the horse is worked both directions at all gaits.
9. **Ride the horse yourself.** When the horse is cantering or loping, watch and determine if the horse has an even cadence and if it picks up the proper lead readily in both directions. Also listen to its breathing during cantering and see if it is regular, relaxed and in time with its strides, with no rattling or gurgling. As another test, if it is within the skills you will ask the horse to perform, consider taking the horse out of the arena and trot it up and down some hills. Does the horse have comfortable gaits? Is the horse relaxed and fun to ride?
10. **Write a good contract and get a bill of sale.** Be wary of a seller anxious to close the deal that day, regardless of his/her reasons for a quick sale. Don't rush into the purchase. If others want to buy the horse, let them. You should only purchase a horse when you are absolutely sure that the horse is suitable for you. Write a strong sales contract including at least a three-week trial period, if possible, using a ready-made form or one prepared by a lawyer. Be sure to get a bill of sale. It is important because it will prevent misunderstandings and protect your interests in the event of a legal dispute. Consider having a lawyer draft the document so that it will be written with your needs in mind. Make certain that any guarantees provided by the seller are clearly identified in the contract as well as the recourse should the horse not meet such guarantees, such who will provide return transportation.  
Hopefully these pointers will aid you in your next equine purchase. Remember that there is no substitute for knowledge and experience and do not be afraid to admit you need help and enlist the aid of a reputable trainer and veterinarian in your search. Good luck and caveat emptor! If you would like further information on this topic, please consult the sources listed below.



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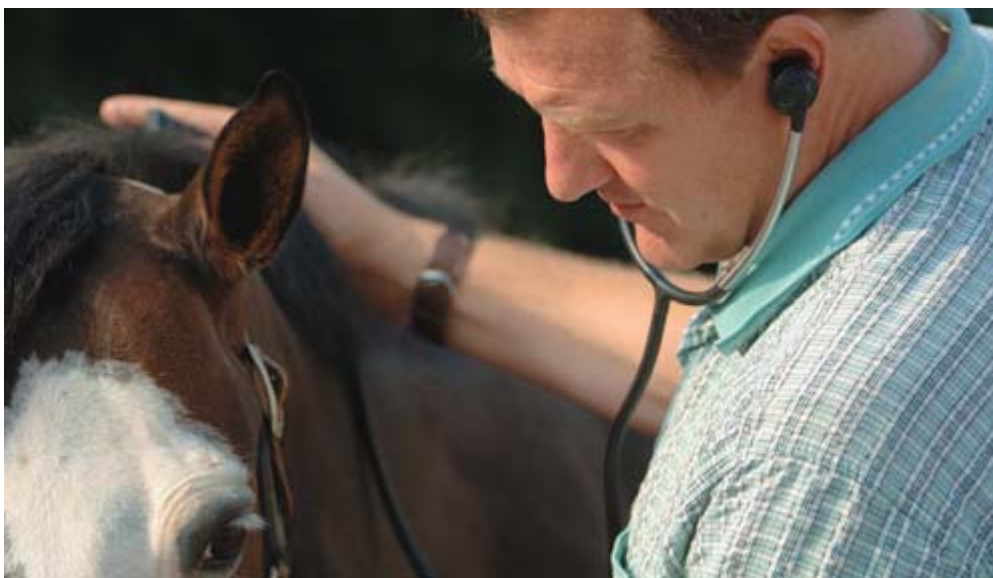
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## Benefits of a Pre-purchase Exam

Source: eXtension

A 1992 study of 134 pre-purchase evaluations showed that of 84 horses found to be unserviceable on evaluation:

- ◆ 35 were purchased and serviceable on follow-up
- ◆ 40 were not purchased and lost to follow-up
- ◆ 9 were purchased and unserviceable on follow-up



This indicates that despite a horse being found unserviceable on examination, some issues may resolve themselves with time. This is why a veterinarian should always be consulted, because he or she can tell you whether or not the horse is likely to continue to be unserviceable, or if it will recover from this condition.

- ◆ 50 horses were found to be serviceable:
- ◆ 42 of these horses were serviceable on follow-up.

This indicates that in most cases, the veterinarian is correct about the serviceability of the horse, making a pre-purchase exam worthwhile in determining future ability of a horse.

- ◆ The price paid for the horse was decreased through negotiations based on the pre-purchase exam in 6% of the horses.

This indicates that a pre-purchase exam can benefit you by giving you additional information that can aid you in negotiating a lower purchase price.

### Auction - To buy or not to buy

Many people fear buying horses at auction and most professionals recommend against purchasing horses at auc-

tion. In general, you should avoid purchasing a horse at an auction unless you have enlisted the help of a veterinarian or experienced horse people or have experience yourself. You will want to:

- ◆ Find out if the auction has a good reputation from other horse enthusiasts in the area.
- ◆ Get a sales catalog in advance and call consignors to get more information on horses you are interested in.
- ◆ Find out if a reputable veterinarian will be provided by the auction or if you need to bring your own.
- ◆ Get references for the auction company.
- ◆ Know the auction's terms and conditions.
- ◆ Get there early to look over your potential purchases, ask questions, have the horse examined and watch the consignor ride the horse or ride it yourself.
- ◆ Consult with your advisor.
- ◆ Be sure that the horse is suitable for you and don't make a hasty decision to buy.



# Creep Feeding Provides Needed Nutrients to Nursing Foals

Written by Donald Stotts, Ag. Communications Specialist, Oklahoma State University

A nursing foal's nutritional requirements will exceed the mare's ability to supply nutrients to the foal a few months after birth, making creep feeding a good way to get the young horse off on the right hoof.

Dave Freeman, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension equine specialist, said many foals allowed access to grain will start to show interest in eating within a month of birth.

"If a mare's feed is soft and small enough, it is expected that foals will soon eat alongside a mare's trough," he said. "While milk will serve as the main source of nutrition for the first couple of months, unweaned foals older than three months to four months of age will need a substantial source of additional nutrition."

## For unweaned foals older than three months:

Given that adequate amounts cannot be assumed just by eating alongside the mare, Freeman recommends horse managers provide unweaned foals older than three months to four months of age access to a creep feed.

Creep feeds are formulated to be nutrient-dense, highly palatable feeds that are easily digested by foals. Creeps can be fed as pellets or as coarsely processed grains.

"Most creep feeds are about 16 percent protein, and are formulated to contain about 0.6 percent to 0.8 percent calcium and 0.4 percent to 0.6 percent phosphorus," Freeman said.

Recommended schedules start with supplying a half-pound to 1 pound of creep feed per day for the first month, with expectations of increasing supplies as the foal grows through the next several months.

Once fully on creep feed, expect consumption to be around 0.75 percent of the foal's body weight per day. Thus a 150-pound foal can be expected to consume approximately 10 pounds of creep feed per day. The amount of creep feed intake per day likely will increase to approximately 1.25 percent of the foal's body weight per day after a few months.

"Feeding schedules and amounts will be dictated by the individuality of the foal and its growth," Freeman said. "As long as processed feeds and forages can be chewed easily and are palatable, most foals will be eating diets characteristic of other horses within a few months of age."

Most foals can be allowed free-choice creep feed without fear of overconsumption being a problem.

"A foal's intake capacity generally will be lower than levels that will cause fat deposition or too-rapid growth," Freeman said. "Of course, foals learn to eat feed through imitation. A foal that does not care to eat might be encouraged by placing a companion next to or with it, such as another foal, pony, goat or horse."

## Feeder construction

The main concern in creep feed construction is to design it to be easily accessible to a foal while deterring the advances of the broodmare's attempts to get at the feed.

Openings into the creeps will need to be narrower than the width of a mare's chest while being wider than the foal's chest and hips. The height of openings likewise need to be lower than the wither height of a mare, but several inches taller than that of the foal.

"Placement of a smooth top board that can be easily raised as the foal grows is one option," Freeman said.

Construction of a feeder that protects feed from rain and other environmental concerns will help maintain a fresh and safe supply of creep feed.

## Come Ride With Us!

Submitted by Meme Hanley. Photos by Renee Zernitsky.

The Mohonk Preserve, located in Ulster County, is home to some of the best riding opportunities in New York State. Here you'll enjoy cool, forested trails and sweeping views from open fields down to the valley below. Riding along on nearly 30 miles of 19th-century carriage roads, you'll feel you've stepped back in time... and into nature. Wider than most horseback riding trails, these carriage roads have no cars (except for the occasional Ranger truck).

The Preserve's carriage roads were built more than 100 years ago and are something of an engineering marvel. Built without modern construction equipment, these hand built, unpaved roads are today a treasured antique. Because





## *Equine Conversation & Book Signing Event*

Join the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame for an informative conversation and book signing event with horseman Alex Brown at the Harness Racing Museum on Sunday, June 5, 2011, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm, as he discusses his premiere work, *Greatness and Goodness: Barbaro and His Legacy*, a biography of one of Thoroughbred racing's greatest champions, Barbaro, and an examination of his legacy and the disease that tragically ended his life, laminitis. Immediately following the discussion, the author will sign copies of his book that will be made available for sale; \$5.00 from each sale of the book will benefit the Equine Rescue Resource, located in Pine Bush, NY. Admission is free. The museum is located at 240 Main Street, Goshen, NY 10924. Reservations are strongly suggested by calling 845-294-6330.

they were designed specifically for horse and carriage, they are a spectacular resource for riding.

Despite the age of the carriage roads, all are presently in at least fair condition for riding. The Preserve is planning a major donor-funded campaign to restore eight critical miles of roads to bring them back to their original condition. In addition, the Preserve is planning two bridges over County Route 6 (Mohonk Road) to eliminate hazardous crossings, improve accessibility and build a new, dedicated parking area for horse trailers.

The Preserve is a nonprofit organization that protects more than 7,000 acres of land located on five towns. By becoming a member, or making a donation, you help ensure that generations to come will be able to enjoy this special place.

To find your way on the Carriage Roads, pick up a free copy of Shawangunk Horse Trails at Spring Farm, or the Preserve's Visitor Center. The Visitor Center is located at 3197 Route 44/55 Gardiner, NY. Equestrian parking is available at the Spring Farm Trail Head located on Upper 27 Knolls Road, High Falls, NY.

Annual memberships start at just \$55 and there is no charge for horses or trailers. Day passes are available. Call 845-255-0919 or visit [www.mohonkpreserve.org](http://www.mohonkpreserve.org) for more details.

To support the Carriage Road and Bridge Project, please contact Meme Hanley 845-255-0919 x240 or [mhanley@mohonkpreserve.org](mailto:mhanley@mohonkpreserve.org).

## *2011 Pasture Walk*

Watch your mail box for the upcoming 2011 Pasture Walk details. This year, Landsmere Farm in Montgomery will be our host!

Soil & Water Conservation District & Cornell Cooperative Extension professionals will have hands-on workshops with the following topics:

- ◆ Fencing Selection and Installation
- ◆ Poisonous Plant Identification
- ◆ Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) use for hearing, vision and skin protection
- ◆ Safe Tractor and Equipment Operation



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For your convenience there are also have pdf files of each month to read/download/print**

# Equine Calendar

## APRIL

- 30 **PHA Pointed Show** Lucky C Stables, New Paltz, NY 845-255-3220  
Susan Clark [sdark@hvc.rr.com](mailto:sdark@hvc.rr.com) [www.luckystables.com](http://www.luckystables.com)
- 30 **Hudson Valley Draft Horse Assoc. Spring Plow** Saunderskill Farms, Accord, NY 845-657-2032  
John Ingram [dmjire33@frontiernet.net](mailto:dmjire33@frontiernet.net)
- 30 **SPARC Benefit Trail Ride** Stewart State Forest, Montgomery, NY 845-496-6754  
Debbie Schiraldi [debbieschiraldi@hvc.rr.com](mailto:debbieschiraldi@hvc.rr.com) [www.stewartride.com](http://www.stewartride.com)

## MAY

- 21 **Orange County Horse Show Series** Old Field Farm, Goshen, NY 845-294-6339  
Deb Corr [debcorr@exclusivelyequineproperties.org](mailto:debcorr@exclusivelyequineproperties.org) [www.OldFieldFarm.net](http://www.OldFieldFarm.net)
- 1 **WHVPHA Point Show** Old Field Farm, Goshen, NY 845-294-6339 Deb Corr  
[debcorr@exclusivelyequineproperties.org](mailto:debcorr@exclusivelyequineproperties.org) [www.OldFieldFarm.net](http://www.OldFieldFarm.net)
- 1 **OC 4-H Riding Clinic - Members Only** Orange County Park, Montgomery, NY 845-361-1290  
Maryellen Mann
- 1 **Gardnertown Farm USEF 'C' Rated Show** Gardnertown Stables, Newburgh, NY  
845-564-6658 Tricia Dencker [TDencker1@aol.com](mailto:TDencker1@aol.com) [www.GardnertownFarm.com](http://www.GardnertownFarm.com)
- 1 **Flying Change Farm Open House** Flying Change Farm, Accord, NY 845-626-0020  
Diane Schoonmaker [flyingchangefarm@wildblue.net](mailto:flyingchangefarm@wildblue.net)
- 1 **UCHC Drill Team Practice** Green Heron Farm, Woodstock, NY 845-246-9427 Roberta Jackson
- 1 **Ulster County Horse Council Wine Dinner** The Hillside Restaurant, Accord, NY 845-626-2669  
Carol Fitzpatrick [uchcny@gmail.com](mailto:uchcny@gmail.com) [www.uchc-ny.org](http://www.uchc-ny.org)
- 3 **Orange County Horse Council Meeting** Town of Hamptonburg Hall, Campbell Hall, NY  
845-361-5026 Patricia Bowers [info@orangecountyhc.com](mailto:info@orangecountyhc.com) [www.orangecountyhc.com](http://www.orangecountyhc.com)
- 8 **Gardnertown Farm USEF 'C' Rated Show** Gardnertown Stables, Newburgh, NY 845-564-6658  
Tricia Dencker [TDencker1@aol.com](mailto:TDencker1@aol.com) [www.GardnertownFarm.com](http://www.GardnertownFarm.com)
- 9 **Equine Environmental Stewardship** Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange, Middletown, NY  
845-344-1234 Cathy Hughes [cah94@cornell.edu](mailto:cah94@cornell.edu)  
[http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/orange/Equine\\_Environmental\\_Stewardship.pdf](http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/orange/Equine_Environmental_Stewardship.pdf)
- 14 **WHVPHA Point Show** Willow Hill Farm, Montgomery, NY 845-457-1414 Annette Mohr  
[poppy4@frontiernet.net](mailto:poppy4@frontiernet.net) [www.WillowHillFarmNY.com](http://www.WillowHillFarmNY.com)
- 14 **Group & Private Lessons w/ Julie Robins** Little Creek Farm, High Falls, NY  
Julie Robins [julierobinsinc@gmail.com](mailto:julierobinsinc@gmail.com) [www.julierobins.com](http://www.julierobins.com)
- 15 **NYSTQHA Open Show** Orange County Park, Montgomery, NY 845-733-4172  
Gail Clark [gail.clark@ogilvy.com](mailto:gail.clark@ogilvy.com) [www.NYSTQHA.com](http://www.NYSTQHA.com)
- 15 **Group & Private Lessons w/ Julie Robins** Little Creek Farm, High Falls, NY  
Julie Robins [julierobinsinc@gmail.com](mailto:julierobinsinc@gmail.com) [www.julierobins.com](http://www.julierobins.com)
- 15 **Tri-County Show** Whisper Wind Farm, Warwick, NY 845-986-0588 Nina Lieberman
- 15 **WHVPHA Pointed Show @ Whisper Wind Farm** Whisper Wind Farm, Warwick, NY  
845-986-0588 Nina Lieberman <http://whvpha.org> for pointed class listings
- 15 **UCHC Horse Show** Ulster County Fairgrounds, New Paltz, NY 845-247-0546  
Carla Picayo [picayo4@aol.com](mailto:picayo4@aol.com) [www.uchc-ny.org](http://www.uchc-ny.org)
- 21 **WHVPHA Show** Brook Edge Farms, Ferndale, NY 845-292-5311 Deb Norris  
[brookedgefarms@gmail.com](mailto:brookedgefarms@gmail.com) [www.brookedgefarms.com](http://www.brookedgefarms.com)
- 21 **Tom Clair Horsemanship-Your Horses Engine** TBA Tom Clair [Info@tomclair.com](mailto:Info@tomclair.com)
- 21 **Sullivan County Horse Council** NYS Bear Spring Mountain Horse Park, Walton, NY  
Lisa Shaver Steingart [info@schc-ny.org](mailto:info@schc-ny.org) [www.schc-ny.org](http://www.schc-ny.org)
- 22 **Woodstock Riding Club Spring Fling Clinic & Show** Woodstock Riding Club, Woodstock, NY  
845-688-5727 Jane Booth [woodstockridingclub@yahoo.com](mailto:woodstockridingclub@yahoo.com) [www.woodstockridingclub.com](http://www.woodstockridingclub.com)
- 22 **Tom Clair Horsemanship-Your Horses Engine** TBA Tom Clair [Info@tomclair.com](mailto:Info@tomclair.com)
- 23 **Equine Environmental Stewardship** Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange, Middletown, NY  
845-344-1234 Cathy Hughes [cah94@cornell.edu](mailto:cah94@cornell.edu)  
[http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/orange/Equine\\_Environmental\\_Stewardship.pdf](http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/orange/Equine_Environmental_Stewardship.pdf)
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Barbara Montanye [Firehaven@aol.com](mailto:Firehaven@aol.com) [www.NYSTQHYA.com](http://www.NYSTQHYA.com)

- 28 **NYSTQHYA Barbeque** Orange County Park-Boat Pavillion, Montgomery, NY 845-649-2830  
Barbara Montanye [Firehaven@aol.com](mailto:Firehaven@aol.com) [www.NYSTQHYA.com](http://www.NYSTQHYA.com)
- 29 **WHVPHA Show** Greystone Stables, New Hampton, NY 845-355-7433 Jody Moraski  
[jodymoraski@optimum.net](mailto:jodymoraski@optimum.net) [www.Greystonestables.net](http://www.Greystonestables.net)
- 29 **NYSTQHYA English/Western Clinic** Orange County Park, Montgomery, NY 845-649-2830  
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- 3 **NATIONAL TRAILS DAY** Lusscroft Farms, Sussex County, NJ Janice Elsishans [gldg@nji.com](mailto:gldg@nji.com)
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- 4 **Woodstock Riding Club Annual June Show** Woodstock Riding Club, Woodstock, NY  
845-688-5727 Jane Booth [woodstockridingclub@yahoo.com](mailto:woodstockridingclub@yahoo.com) [www.woodstockridingclub.com](http://www.woodstockridingclub.com)
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845-688-5727 Jane Booth [woodstockridingclub@yahoo.com](mailto:woodstockridingclub@yahoo.com) [www.woodstockridingclub.com](http://www.woodstockridingclub.com)
- 5 **WHVPHA Show** Lucky C Stables, New Paltz, NY 845-255-3220  
Susan Clark [sdark@hvc.rr.com](mailto:sdark@hvc.rr.com) [www.luckystables.com](http://www.luckystables.com)
- 5 **NATIONAL TRAILS DAY** Lusscroft Farms, Sussex County, NJ Janice Elsishans [gldg@nji.com](mailto:gldg@nji.com)
- 5 **NYSTQHA FUNDAY** Orange County Park, Montgomery, NY 845-649-2830  
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- 5 **Enhancing the Relationship Course w/ Julie Robins** Little Creek Farm, High Falls, NY  
[julierobinsinc@gmail.com](mailto:julierobinsinc@gmail.com) [www.julierobins.com](http://www.julierobins.com)
- 7 **Orange County Horse Council Meeting** Town of Hamptonburg Hall, Campbell Hall, NY  
845-361-5026 Patricia Bowers [info@orangecountyhc.com](mailto:info@orangecountyhc.com) [www.orangecountyhc.com](http://www.orangecountyhc.com)
- 11 **Tom Clair Horsemanship-Your Horses Steering** TBA Tom Clair [Info@tomclair.com](mailto:Info@tomclair.com)
- 12 **Orange County Horse Show Series** Seven Meadows Farm, Goshen, NY 845-294-0611 Mary Peres  
[sevenmeadowfarm@aol.com](mailto:sevenmeadowfarm@aol.com) [www.sevenmeadowsfarm.net](http://www.sevenmeadowsfarm.net)
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- 13 **OC 4-H Schooling Show** Orange County Park, Montgomery, NY 845-294-5957  
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- 18 **WHVPHA Show** Willow Hill Farm, Montgomery, NY 845-457-1414  
Annette Mohr [poppy4@frontiernet.net](mailto:poppy4@frontiernet.net) [www.willowHillFarmNY.com](http://www.willowHillFarmNY.com)
- 19 **Gardnertown Farm USEF 'C' Rated Show** Gardnertown Stables, Newburgh, NY 845-564-6658  
Tricia Dencker [TDencker1@aol.com](mailto:TDencker1@aol.com) [www.GardnertownFarm.com](http://www.GardnertownFarm.com)
- 19 **G & M Riding Club Horse Show** Orange County Park, Montgomery, NY 845-294-3462  
Kathleen Croak [shamrockarabians@frontiernet.net](mailto:shamrockarabians@frontiernet.net) [www.gandmridingclub.com](http://www.gandmridingclub.com)
- 19 **Open Show - Sullivan County 4-H** Grahamsville Fairgrounds, Grahamsville, NY 845-292-6180  
Nikki Olsen [nmb62@cornell.edu](mailto:nmb62@cornell.edu) [www.sullivance.org](http://www.sullivance.org)
- 19 **Enhancing the Relationship Course w/ Julie Robins** Little Creek Farm, High Falls, NY  
Julie Robins [julierobinsinc@gmail.com](mailto:julierobinsinc@gmail.com) [www.julierobins.com](http://www.julierobins.com)
- 26 **NYSTQHA Open Show** Orange County Park, Montgomery, NY 845-733-4172  
Gail Clark [gail.clark@ogilvy.com](mailto:gail.clark@ogilvy.com) [www.NYSTQHA.com](http://www.NYSTQHA.com)
- 26 **WHVPHA Show** Crystal Waters Farm, Warwick, NY 845-986-0100 Diane V Hatt  
[crystalwaterfarm@aol.com](mailto:crystalwaterfarm@aol.com) [www.crystalwaterfarm.com](http://www.crystalwaterfarm.com)
- 26 **SCHOOLING DRESSAGE SHOW** North Wind Horse Farm, Wallkill, NY 845-744-5584  
Rosemary Budney [nwhf@frontiernet.net](mailto:nwhf@frontiernet.net) [NorthWindHorseFarm.com](http://NorthWindHorseFarm.com)
- 26 **Tri-County Show** Crystal Waters Farm, Warwick, NY 845-986-0100 Diane V Hatt  
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- 29 **Evening Series** Crystal Waters Farm, Warwick, NY 845-986-0100 Diane V Hatt  
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# Free First Aid & CPR Training For Farm Emergency Response

*What would you do if you found someone  
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*Would you know what to do to help them?*

In some rural communities it may take over 30 minutes for EMS to arrive on-scene. The outcome of the victim depends on the immediate actions of the first responder!

Join Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange, Ulster, and Dutchess Counties, and the Ulster County Agricultural Society as we host Jim Carrabba (left) from the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH), as he leads a free

first aid & CPR training for farm owners, trainers, workers, and managers.

## **The benefits of involving farm employees in this training class:**

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- ◆ Teaches how to act quickly and stay calm in an emergency situation.
- ◆ Provides training roster for your records.

The training session is limited to the first 20 registered participants. This farm emergency response training session will be tailored for local horse professionals who work with youth and adult clients, but is open to all farm owners. (Bilingual training and materials are available.) You must pre-register.



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**This training  
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**Monday, June 6, 2011  
1:00 - 4:00 PM**

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**Tuesday, June 7, 2011  
6:30 - 9:30 PM**

**Dutchess County Farm  
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Millbrook, NY 12545**

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