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### Area VII Shetland Pony & Miniature Horse Assoc., Inc. [www.areaviiclub.com](http://www.areaviiclub.com)

The Area VII Shetland Pony & Miniature Horse Association, Inc., was incorporated on June 14, 1998 by the Board of Directors: President Marjorie Vliet, Director Virginia Flint and Director Jim Curry. It is and has always been member supported and driven, with a dynamic group of people volunteering to run the club.

Area VII is an American Shetland Pony Club/American Miniature Horse Registry/American Show Pony Registry (ASPC/AMHR/ASPR) registered and recognized club that is primarily active in California, though our area encompasses California, Nevada, Arizona, and Hawaii. Our membership includes owners of both ASPC Shetlands and AMHR Miniature Horses. Area VII welcomes members from all over—and you do not need to own a mini or pony to join.

Area VII's membership is spread across California and Nevada at this time, with members of all ages, with varied backgrounds and interests. Area VII is primarily a club for those that enjoy their Shetlands and Miniatures, with a particular interest in showing.

"We are an informal group of people of all ages who gather together for the enjoyment of friendships made, and the promotion of our beautiful equine. As members of this organization, we help maintain the recognition that our fine Shetlands and Miniatures deserve at the ASPC/AMHR level."

# Events of Interest

For updates, go to [www.areaviiclub.com](http://www.areaviiclub.com)

## 2016

### September

#### 8-18 AMHR Nationals

Expo Square, Tulsa, OK  
[www.shetlandminiature.com](http://www.shetlandminiature.com)

#### 17 Santa Cruz County Fair Pony Show (ASPC/AMHR)

Halter and Performance for ASPC Ponies  
Performance Only for AMHR Miniature Horses  
Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds,  
Watsonville, CA  
Julie Mabie, (831) 684-1555

#### 23-October 1 AMHA World Show

Ft. Worth, TX  
[www.amha.org](http://www.amha.org)

### October

#### 8-9 Fall Festival Pleasure Driving Show

Clay Station Horse Park, Wilton, CA  
Deb and Stan Packard, (916) 952-2196  
[www.claystationhorsepark.com](http://www.claystationhorsepark.com)

#### 29-30 Clay Station HDT

Each day is a separate event. VSEs welcome!  
Clay Station Horse Park, Wilton, CA  
Deb and Stan Packard, (916) 952-2196  
Website: [www.claystationhorsepark.com](http://www.claystationhorsepark.com)

### November

#### 10-12 ASPC/AMHR/ASPR 2016 National Convention & Annual Meeting

Holiday Inn Riverwalk, San Antonio, TX  
Hotel reservation deadline: October 8, 2016  
Registration deadline: October 24, 2016  
Email: [jill@shetlandminiature.com](mailto:jill@shetlandminiature.com)  
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## 2017

### February

#### 3-5 Western States Horse Expo Pomona

Fairplex, Pomona, CA  
Contact: Horse Expo, Inc., (800) 352-2411  
[horseexpoevents.com](http://horseexpoevents.com)

### April

#### 22-23 California Classic (AMHR, Classic, Modern, ASPR)

Murieta Equestrian Center  
Rancho Murieta, CA  
[www.areaviiclub.com](http://www.areaviiclub.com)

### May

#### 13-14 NorCal Miniature Horse Club (AMHA)

Brookside Equestrian Park  
Elk Grove, CA  
[norcalmhc.com/](http://norcalmhc.com/)  
*date is pending*

# Letter from the President

Top of the Summer to all!

It has been a busy Spring and Summer. I hope everyone had a wonderful foaling season and a successful show season. For those who attended Congress. I hope you came home in the ribbons. For those traveling to AMHR Nationals, have a safe trip and successful show, and make many lifetime memories!

Our Area VII Club put on a great show—the California Classic. Our show management and volunteers were spectacular and I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart. Our show would not have been a success without all your dedication and hard work. Our judges were wonderful, we had great attendance, and the horses were beautiful! Our Saturday night BBQ was delicious, and the farewell party for Gail Byrnes was lots of fun. Even more positive, our club made a profit and our treasury is in good standing. Plans are underway for the third California Classic in 2017. I encourage all members to consider getting involved. We are still looking for a show manager or someone willing to take the open book test to become a show manager. Your Board welcomes your participation and input! Please keep in mind—we are stronger as a team!

We had a wonderful General Membership meeting in June at Jim and Vicki Killfoils Lost Spur Ranch. Thank you again for your generous hospitality! The day was beautiful. The meeting was held on the back deck near the pool and the pond with magnificent views of nature. The potluck was totally yummy! (We are good cooks, and eating what our friends share is even more fun!!) During the meeting, we discussed the next California Classic, the club sponsoring a play day or a schooling show, and a club BBQ.

Due to really hot weather, the club BBQ, scheduled for August, has been postponed until the fall. We hope the weather will cooperate so that more people will be able to come. We will also be working on a play day event where people can bring their horses and try our new disciplines.

Please watch the website for information on the upcoming meeting and special events. I hope to see many of you at our next get together...until then, stay cool and give your horse an extra carrot!

Respectfully, Susan Browning Wroe  
Your Team Leader



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# Subluxated Patella ("locking stifle") (A Proven Genetic Trait)

by Barbara Naviaux

Some breeders may have experienced "locking stifle" problems in their purchased miniatures. Or affected horses with this defect may have popped up unexpectedly in their breeding herds. Incidentally, a horse's patella is equivalent to a human's knee cap even though it is up next to the flank. The following won't be good news for the above mentioned breeders, but geneticists have known for a long time that this is a recessively-inherited Mendelian genetic trait. Locking stifle (subluxation of the patella) may also be called a congenital displacement of the knee cap. When the patella is pulled out of its normal position and locks, the animal is forced to keep its hind leg stretched out and extended behind itself. Then, when the patella is suddenly released by the pull of the tendons (back into a normal position), there is a decided "snap" or jerk of the leg. But the most difficult problem with the patellar subluxation syndrome is that affected animals often don't start exhibiting actual locking of the patella until they are over a year old, and there is no inexpensive way to identify these animals prior to that time.

Here is what scientists and breeders should now know about this genetic defect. In 1987 (long before our current advances in genetic research), a scientific investigation into this syndrome was conducted and published. The title of this paper was, "Investigation into the Heredity of Congenital Lateral Patellar (sub) luxation in the Shetland Pony." [1] Please note that because of their direct lineage from Shetlands, Miniature Horses are automatically included.

A breeding experiment was carried out in a group of Shetland ponies in order to investigate the heredity of congenital lateral patellar subluxation. A long-term breeding herd was established and consisted of stallions and mares acquired at different times. Some were free from, and others were affected by, lateral patellar subluxation in either one or both femoral-patellar joints (stifle, or knee cap area). Over a period of 20 years, 49 foals were born from different mating combinations. Some offspring were free from the defect and others showed the abnormality. Although the number of foals bred during this study was admittedly small, there was still sufficient evidence to suggest a monogenic autosomal recessive hereditary transmission of the defect. This means that lateral patellar subluxation is a recessively-inherited trait that must be acquired from *both* of an affected foal's parents. It is possible for either or both parents to not show this defect themselves, but each of them must at least carry one recessive gene (allele) for the defect.

If breeders make an effort to acquire a stallion that is totally free from the syndrome (even recessively), they can still use all of the mares that have previously thrown the defect in some of their foals, but do not show it themselves. These mares carry one gene for subluxation, but not two. However, breeders should realize that each of those mares may be passing down one recessive gene for the defect. Not all of their foals will acquire this gene, but some definitely will. Unfortunately, all of these foals will appear to be normal and there is no way to tell the carriers from the non-carriers.

Finally, it is important to remember that all of the mares that actually suffer from locking stifles will be consistently passing down one of their two recessive alleles for this defect, even if they are being bred to a non-carrier stallion. It follows that inbreeding or even line-breeding within such a herd should never be a consideration.

Veterinary surgery to correct the defect is easily accomplished and has been very common for many years. In fact, during the 1950s and 60s, this might have been one of the most common surgeries performed on small equine. The only problem with that was, knowing that it is an inheritable characteristic, should these animals ever be used for breeding? Or, worse yet, should they ever be sold for breeding purposes, without disclosing the condition and the corrective surgery that was performed? If done properly, the incision is very tiny, so no scar is readily apparent. It then becomes a problem of ethics. Therefore, the reason that this defect is still a problem in our Miniatures and Shetlands today must be that many breeders in the past have sold their carrier animals (or used carrier stallions for breeding outside mares) without providing full disclosures to their clientele.

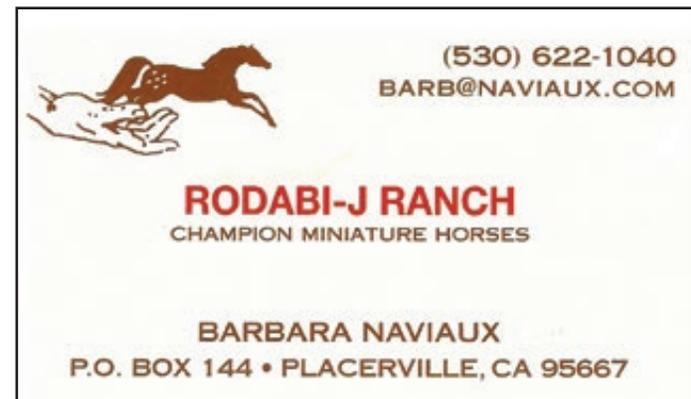
## About the Author

Barbara Naviaux is author of *Miniature Horses: Their Care, Breeding and Coat Colors*. [2] She has been breeding and showing Miniature Horses (with a specialty in appaloosas) since 1979. Her late husband, James L. Naviaux, D.V.M., was a well-respected equine veterinarian. Barbara welcomes all comments or questions, positive or negative, at [barb@naviaux.com](mailto:barb@naviaux.com)

Barbara's article "Miniature Horse Coat Colors and Pattern Charts," reprinted from the Autumn 2007 issue of *Miniature Horse Showcase*, is available for download here: [http://www.areaviiclub.com/pdfs/coat\\_colors\\_naviaux.pdf](http://www.areaviiclub.com/pdfs/coat_colors_naviaux.pdf)

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# Disaster Preparedness for Horse Owners

*Fire season in Northern California is a scary time— just ask the folks in Lake County! Remember that the 1991 Oakland firestorm was in October, so we're not out of the woods until the rains (hopefully) come in November. The following information is from a brochure produced by the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the California Veterinary Medical Association.*

## BEFORE

**Plan Ahead:** Determine the best place for animal confinement in case of a disaster. Find alternate water sources in case power is lost and pumps are not working or have a hand pump installed. You should have a minimum of three days feed and water on hand.

**Evacuation:** Decide where to take your horses if evacuation is necessary. Contact fairgrounds, equestrian centers, and private farms/stables about their policies and ability to take horses temporarily in an emergency. Have several sites in mind. Familiarize yourself with several evacuation routes to your destination.

**Identification:** This is critical! Photograph, identify, and inventory your horses. Permanent identification such as tattoos, brands, etched hooves or microchips are best. Temporary identification, such as tags on halters, neck bands, and duct tape with permanent writing will also work. Include your name and phone number. Keep identification information with you to verify ownership. (Breed registration papers may already have this information.)

**Medical Records and Vaccinations:** Your horses need to have current vaccinations. Keep medical histories and record special dosing instructions, allergies, and dietary requirements. Write down contact information for your veterinarian.

**Vehicles:** Keep trailers and vans well-maintained, full of gas, and ready to move at all times. Be sure your animals will load. If you don't have your own vehicles, make arrangements with local companies or neighbors before disaster strikes.

**Fire Preparation:** In high risk areas, clear fire breaks around your house, barns, and property lines. Keep fire fighting tools in one location.

**Flood Preparation:** Identify available high ground on your property or other nearby evacuation sites. Be familiar with road availability during flood conditions.

## DURING

Listen to the Emergency Broadcast System (EBS) on the TV or radio.

Evacuate your horses early, if possible, to ensure their safety and ease your stress.

Take all vaccination and medical records, the emergency disaster kit, and enough hay and water for three days.

Call your destination to make sure the site is still available.

Use roads not in use for human evacuation when you transport your horses to the sheltering site.

The leading causes of death in large animals during disaster are:

- Collapsed barns
- Kidney failure due to dehydration
- Electrocution from downed power lines
- Fencing failures

If you must leave your animals, leave them in the preselected area appropriate for disaster type. Leave enough hay for 48 to 72 hours. Do not rely on automatic watering systems. Power may be lost.

## AFTER

Check fences to be sure they are intact. Check pastures and fences for sharp objects that could injure horses. Be aware of downed power lines, fallen trees, and debris.

Beware of local wildlife that may have entered the area and could pose a danger.

Familiar scents and landmarks may have changed, and animals can easily become confused and lost. If you find someone else's animal, isolate it from your animals until it is returned to its owner or can be examined by a veterinarian.

Always use caution when approaching and handling strange or frightened horses. Work in pairs.

If you've lost an animal, contact veterinarians, humane societies, stables, surrounding farms, and other facilities. Listen to the EBS for groups that may be accepting lost animals.

Check with your veterinarian and the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Animal Health Branch for information about possible disease outbreaks.

## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS KIT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic trash barrel with a lid      | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlights         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water buckets                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Shovel              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stored feeds                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Lime or bleach      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-nylon leads, halters, and shanks | <input type="checkbox"/> Fly spray           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leg wraps                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Wire cutters        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horse blanket or sheet               | <input type="checkbox"/> Sharp knife         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid items                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Hoof Pick           |
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# Donka Miniature Horse Ranch News!!

## 2016 Show Season Oh My!!!!

### April 1-3, 2016—NorCal AMHA Show, Corning, CA

We had a good show. Getting there was OK, but getting home was a disaster. Just past the Mt. Rose Hwy. turn off in Reno, I lost the tread off of the inside rear duelly. 10 miles an hour on the shoulder to get home. Going up the hill to Mound House (eight miles from home) the other duelly went flat. Don came and got me and the horse trailer. The next day Les Schwab came with two tires, and then I drove to the Les Schwab store for all new tires.

### April 21-25, 2016—California Classic AMHR and Pony Show, Rancho Murieta, CA

We started out on Thursday in the motor home to Murieta Equestrian Center, and the motor home overheated. Went home and decided to pack everything into my truck and horse trailer and camp in my grooming stall. Checked road conditions, all roads clear. Got to just past Kirkwood on Hwy. 88 and it snowed and we ended up in a ditch. And everything in the back of the horse trailer was covered with snow and very wet. Reggie stayed near the front and stayed dry. CalTrans very kindly towed me to a safe place and called a tow truck. The tow truck came and put chains on the truck and trailer (\$400) and told me to continue on, going back was too dangerous. We got to the show and Julie Mabie very generously offered me a bed in her camper. Thank you Julie! Sleeping



Rivenburghs Reggie of Troy (HOF)

in a wet sleeping bag would not have been nice. Roads and weather were all good going home. Reggie had a great show!!!

### May 24-31, 2016—Emerald Valley A and R Show, Eugene, OR

We got to the show with no problems, had a great show. Reggie did awesome. But on the way home my motorhome started drinking oil (6 qts) and gas like there was going to be an end to the supply. Then the horse trailer lost all the tread on one tire. It was a long trip home.

### June 8-12, 2016—Snake River Mini Pony Show, Blackfoot, Idaho.

Because the motorhome and horse trailer were out of commission, we chose to use our Son's travel trailer and put Reggie in the horse hauler in the back of the pick up. All's good—but by the time we got to Elko, NV ( 5 hrs from home) the truck started to over-heat. We found if we didn't go over 55 mph we were ok and decided to go on. We have two granddaughters that live near the show grounds and really wanted to see them, also our daughter was driving over from Wyoming. Must go on!!!! Got to the show grounds late and Tammi and Alan Dial were waiting for us to show us where our stall was and where to park. Big thank you to them!!!! We had an awesome show. Reggie finished his HOF in halter and gained 3 Stakes wins in driving. I called my mechanic at home told him about our overheating problem and he reminded me that we live with a lot of Cottonwood trees and said to check the radiator. Don and friend Philip checked the radiator, it was covered with cottonwood seeds and dust, also packed inside. They washed it off and flushed the radiator and all was good coming home.

I think I'll stay home for awhile and just go to some local open shows.

Reggie did great for not being shown for 4 years, while we retrained him to drive (he was afraid of the cart, bit and whip). What fun it was at the shows.

Looking forward to next year showing and not have vehicle problems.

—Kathie Peterson @ Donka Miniatures Horses

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## News from Tomahawk Ranch

Unfortunately, my auto-immune disease has returned, and either I will be stuck with it for the rest of my life or it will go away again. The good news is that prednisone makes the pain go away...the bad news is that it also screws up one's memory.

So I am having a serious dispersal sale. I would like to cut the herd down to about four of my best driving minis. Pat and Linda Anastasio have recently bought four of my mini horses, but I still have a champion Shetland gelding, a Welsh mare and several AMHA/AMHR minis.

I have been busy this summer with daughters and grandkids. I went with Heidi and her girls on a cruise to Canada, which was wonderful. Came back from that trip to then take a road trip to Washington with Michele, her twin boys, and her daughter Jolene. We tried to stop by a mini show in Oregon, but it was finished by the time we got there. We did see a lot of sights along the way and some of the forest fires along the highway. My husband, Ray, informed me last night that we are going to Europe in a few months, so you can see why I need to cut down herd size. —Nancy Turner

# Rodabi-J Ranch Miniatures

Remembering

## Rodabi-J Celestial Seasonings

(Rehs Patriarch x Rodabi-J Skyline Sparkler)



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## Rodabi-J Ranch News

We have a new mare here at the ranch. I was able to purchase a lovely appaloosa mare from Nancy Turner a few months ago. She is an 11 year old black few-spot appy and is registered as Mardi Gras Legacys Devine Design, 33.5", AMHR/AMHA (Mardi Gras Links Legacy x Lucky Four Flirtatious). I bought her specifically as a pasture-pal and "wife" for my stallion, Ebony Thrills, and he immediately approved of my decision, of course. All of his fence-pacing and very poor appetite stopped about five minutes after her arrival. I'm calling her "DD." Thank you, Nancy, for letting me have her and also for being so kind as to deliver her to me!

I actually have another mare with the nick-name of "DD," but she is now owned and very much loved by my close friend, Sandi Miller. She is an exotic and extreme-Arabian-type mare named Rodabi-J Delightful Destiny (Rodabi-J Ebony Thrills x Rodabi-J Aztec Allure).

Have a great summer everyone! –My best, Barb



My son, Bill, with my grandson, Jordan, and my filly, Rodabi-J Velvet Frost, now a HOF mare, owned and bred by me.

# Radulovich Farm Good News

—Penny Radulovich



Katy and Spitfire at Clay Station CDE. It was beautiful day for driving!



Brit and Warlance at the Norcal show at Brookside.



Katy and Buffy at AMHA Western Regionals.



My Wendy darling and Daisy at the Norcal show in Santa Rosa.



Richard's new miniature mare, Natalie, out for a drive.

# Whisper Equestrian Center

Summer is just flying by and as soon as you blink it will be time for the Santa Cruz County Fair Pony Show. If you have not gone on line to [santacruzcountyfair.com](http://santacruzcountyfair.com) and gotten your entry you can do that now, or contact me and I will get you one. It is a fun show and the fair food is great.

We have been very busy trying to catch up this year with deferred maintenance and life in general. We have welcomed two new grandchildren—Alice Mabie from our son PJ Mabie and daughter-in-law Stephanie Mabie, and William Whaley (Liam) from our daughter Melissa and son-in-law RJ Whaley.

We have sold several ponies this year, but still have a few to offer, including this years' colts by our senior stallion McCall's CB Jazzee Jet (HOF). He is producing as good or better than himself so we have pulled him from the show ring and put him with his girlfriends. His sons and daughters are now representing him.

Our show season has been limited this year by grandchildren, but we hope to hit more shows in 2017. We have done well at all the shows we have attended, but we can do better. We hope to get some of our ponies trained to drive and start showing in performance classes again.

We have been fortunate enough to obtain a Hug's and Kisses daughter, Whispers Delight. She is from our original breeding and is trained for driving, riding, and jumping. You won't see me riding or jumping, but you might see me driving her. We have also

obtained a Jet daughter and a full sister to Whisper's Sparkle. She is a yearling and we are delighted to begin to show her also. We might have to start stacking them in the trailer.

We have been fortunate enough to only get smoke from the fires around Big Sur, but the weather has been wonderful and that helps us all.

We have three mares bred for 2017 and are no longer standing McCall's CB Jazzee Jet (HOF) at public stud, so if you want a gorgeous show pony or just one to love give us a call and we will hook you up.

See you at the Fair!—Julie Mabie



Whispers Buck ( pending) FR Puffinstuff x McCall's CB Jazzee Jet (HOF)



Whisper's Magnum ( pending) McCall's Little Miss x McCall's CB Jazzee Jet (HOF)

## Bellota Miniature Horse Ranch

It's been a great year! Pat has a new colt, Boss, and he has done very well at several shows. We participated in Touch of Class in Arizona last March. Jim Curry went with us and helped show Zeus with me. Well, he showed Zeus much better than me! Thank you Jim!

We are getting ready to go to Central Point in Oregon for our last show of the year except the AMHA World show in Texas we are planning to attend.

Pat and I were able to find a few days to travel to Oregon for a few days to visit all three of our grandkids. We visited with our new grandson, Kasey, now 3 months old in Salem. We spent a day in Redmond, Oregon, visiting our 16 year old grandson, Kody. He is starting his third year with the high school roping team in Oregon. I think he told us he ropes almost every day! He sounds as dedicated to his horse as his grandpa Pat. It was a fun day with him.

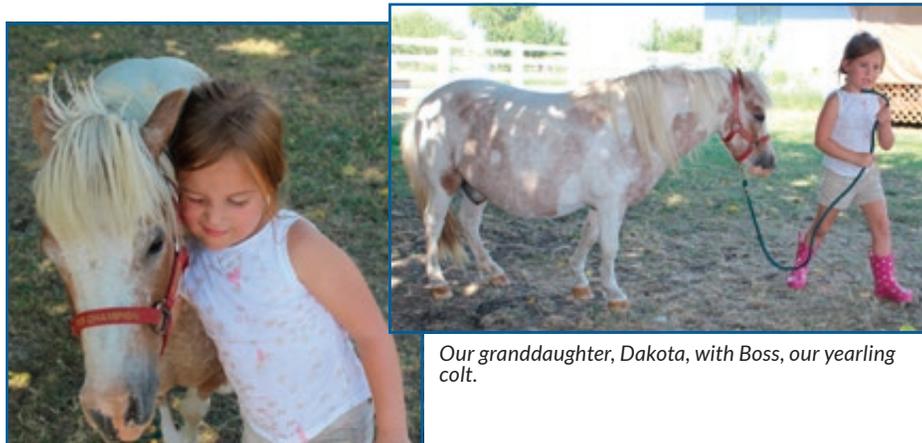
We ended up bringing our granddaughter, Dakota, home with us. She is a natural with the miniature horses, and follows grandpa everywhere. She learned about mosquito fish, even caught a couple. She has been a joy for us, and we hope she will get to visit us every summer. She starts preschool in September, then will be old enough for kindergarten.

It has been a very hot summer, but we had 4 new fillies this year, and 2 colts. We are excited to watch them unfold and grow. It may be possible we will show halter next year if they continue to grow up to be show quality.

As the year ends, we wish everyone a great fall and winter. It seems they go fast and it is horse show time again!—*Pat and Linda Anastasio*



*Jim Curry and Zeus at the Touch of Class show in Arizona.*



*Our granddaughter, Dakota, with Boss, our yearling colt.*

## Wesco Farms Ranch News

Greetings all,

It's been a good year—yeah. Highlights were getting a couple of the 2015 foals into some wonderful homes. Wesco Farms TC Trailblazer went to Colette Jordan-Griffin, in training with Bryce and Shawn at Piece of Me Miniatures, and Wesco Farms TC Lovely Lolita went to Lynn Marshall (both sired by WCR Top Cop). Colette has shown Little Man in the AMHA stock classes, with plans to take him to Worlds. Lolita is a spoiled princess in Woodside with Lynn and Fide.

A couple of Oz's boys became wonderful geldings—the brat pack—Wesco Farms Ozs Elite Dangerous, “Cisco,” and Wesco Farms Ozs Black Market Trader “Leo,” and then ventured to their new life on a ranch in Oregon with their new owner, Bonnie Howitson. We're hoping Bonnie will get Cisco driving one day, he's a powerhouse mover.

We had three foals sired by Oz (Fallen Ash Scouts Oscar), Duck (Wesco Farms Ozs Luck of the Draw), Lucy (Wesco Farms Ozs Fashionista) and Wynn (Wesco Farms Ozs Imagine Me Wynn). We're very happy with what Ozzie has been siring for us overall.

Our most senior mare, Tanglewood Farms Maria turned 30. She still has all her teeth, and is bright-eyed and a bit chunky. She may outlive us all! We keep her in the nursery—she rules the new moms and the babies learn a lot about respect from her.

Life has been rather quiet dealing with ranch and work; updating a few websites for clients and finishing a brand new one for Galloping Angels Miniature Horse Rescue and Sanctuary (<http://garshorsesanctuary.com/>); that is until July 31st. We had the joy of dealing with our first rattlesnake bite case—Lucy. You don't realize how much of a “get the @#%! out of my way!” driver you are until push comes to shove! Fortunately we're only 15 miles from UC Davis, so we had Miss Lucy in the van and on the road within minutes. She had one nostril open still by the time we got there, but did require a tracheotomy, performed by the excellent vet Dr. Fauna Smith. (There are photos on our FaceBook page).

Lucy was there, we all *thought*, for a couple of days, so the decision was made to not bring her dam in to. The day she was coming home, we had the bad news call. A different vet treating her gave her the flu! Long story short, UCD is picking on the tab on that, as Lucy's 2–3 day stay turned into two weeks. She's home now, and glad to be back in with her mom. We're still quarantining her (she had two negative cultures before she was released), just to be on the safe side for the rest of August. As can be expected, any lengthy anything at the vet is \$\$\$, so we're rearranging a couple of “really want to do projects” to “maybe we'll do” status!

Other than that, we're looking forward to cooler weather and some rain— it looks like the Mohave here right now.—*Michelle Sharrock*

## News from Double E Ranch

The show season this year has been full of surprises! Initially, I had planned to drive Gigi, but she sold midway through the season. She was the high point driving horse at Brookside and made her current owner very happy. Crystal also performed well in her first show with her new owner, as well as with Casey. Mac shone with the Taraps in their first show with him. Sensa has lived up to the hype having dominated in his amateur and open halter and driving classes. Now on to nationals!

Thor has gotten better and better and is now with our good friend, Diane Dorigan. Both are very happy at last count. Zoie, our beautiful, grey country pleasure driving and halter mare has done increasingly better as the season has progressed. Fingers crossed for regionals! Pistol is settling a bit, and I've enjoyed driving him immensely. Cassidy has enjoyed better and better placings with him. We hope that continues into regionals. Songbird, Pistol's firstborn, is the surprise of the season. At the time of this writing, she is leading in honor roll points with me. So exciting! Rich has shown Dakota and Sara to grands as well in two of the local shows. Admittedly, Sonny has done better with his trainer. We are, nevertheless, pleased with his progress. At the end of the show season, he will go over to Belgium. Our partners, Kevin and Tanja Latthowers will incorporate his bloodlines into their breeding program.

Skunk is taking over where his brother left off - success galore with Casey in whatever class he enters both in AMHA and AMHR. I have enjoyed success with him as well, but my showing has been divided between him and Pistol. Overall, we are pleased with our results this year and cannot thank Cassidy and Casey enough for their expert training and never ending encouragement. A high point of my show season took place when Brooke Parsley allowed me to show in my first Roadster class with her powerhouse gelding "Player."

It's been a great year for babies as well. Pistol has knocked it out of the ballpark with his conformational contributions to our gorgeous mares. He's sired three gorgeous colts and one beautiful filly this year. New pictures are forthcoming. We have an amaz-



Marystown Heir to Glory and Casey Campbell, Grand Champion at Western Regional Championships for the second consecutive year!

ing filly out of our half sister to Grahams Ragtime that we call Destinys Double Shot of Vodka on the Roxx. Finally, we were pleased with the arrival of our first filly sired by Samis Breakdancer - should be an incredible moving machine! She's very small, so we named her Tiny Dancer for short.

Finally, we have just returned from our annual summer trip abroad. This time we did far less driving! Before heading to Sweden to visit Rich's side of the family, where we had the

best of times, he and I got to see some incredible ranches and horses.

Sophie Monchicort near Normandy, France was such an accommodating host! She let us stay in her beautiful guest house on her farm and wined and dined us accordingly. Her horses are spectacular, and she has a group of teenage kids who help her on the property and are learning how to show. So cool!



Jacob shows with his friends Kevin and Tanja from Belgium at the Summer Show in the Netherlands

We visited Cedric DuBroque who is one of the best trainers in Europe and saw his lovely foals sired by the famous "Junior." Afterward, we visited family in Sweden but managed to sneak in a visit to Emma and Margaretta Lindahl who are in the midst of building a major training center near Stockholm. They have Caspian horses in addition to minis.

At Eva Rubin's, we were treated to her driving of multiple hitched horses as well got to see the famous Patsy Cline who is confirmed in foal to Lymricks Bravado. Next, we rented a car and drove to Denmark. We met the lovely Gitte Bager and her charming daughter Katja. They own the famous Night Rider and allowed us the privileged opportunity to drive him! It was a dream come true!

Next we visited Kai and Wolfgang from Baldensey Miniatures. They live on a hillside ranch overlooking the majestic Baldensey lake. We were treated to a photo shoot



Visiting the famous Night Rider with his new owners in Denmark.

of their exquisite newborn filly and to a lunch fit for kings in their beautiful home right out of a magazine!

The piece de resistance took place when we visited our friends and business partners, Kevin and Tanja Latthowers, of Belgium. For the last year they have been building their farm and dream house. Such a beautiful place, such wonderful people, so much good food and drink - so many lovely memories. We attended the summer show in Holland with them, and I even got a chance to show Tanja's heart mare, EBF SH Shines bright like a Diamond. Overall, the trip was amazing.—Jacob Elliott and Richard Erickson

# Hello from Mont Vernon, New Hampshire

The summer has just flown by and we have been New Englanders for four months already. I left California with my car packed up to the roof with my items that could not be shipped with the movers, my two parrots, and my niece, who flew up from Florida to help with the driving, and off we went on our 3,416-mile trip.



It has been a huge transition for all of us but we are finally getting settled. On June 1st, we moved into our new home on Purgatory Road and immediately started looking for a barn builder to get Scout and Stepper's new home built.

It was a long journey for my two boys as they travelled from California to New Hampshire. They finally got here on July 16th with the help of many transporters and a lot of networking. I found it interesting how many wonderful people reached out to us with suggestions of carriers that might be able to help. My boys went to Wingate Training Center at the end of April and Casey Campbell took them to Congress with him in July, then Bruce Abbott took them from Congress to his home in New York, and from there they got on a trailer with Pat Herrick and he delivered them to me. It was a very long wait, but the joy I felt as they got off that trailer was hard to describe. I felt like crying and



yelling for joy at the same time. My babies were home, sort of—I had to board them when they first arrived at a nice place just two miles from my house, and counted the days until the barn would be finished and they would really be home.

The barn got finished today, August 14, 2016, and we will have a welcome home party tomorrow with a sweet feed cake topped with apples and carrots, and jello shots for the adults.

Wishing all of our Area VII friends a great fall and let's not talk about winter, but I will be thinking of you.—Gail, Scout and Stepper



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# Ten Ways to Becoming a Better Equestrian

Contributed by  
Michelle Sharrock

**10** Drop a heavy steel object on your foot. Don't pick it up right away. Instead, shout, "Get off, Stupid! Get OFF!!"

**8** Learn to grab your checkbook and write out a \$200 check without even looking down.

**6** Affix a pair of reins to a moving freight train and practice pulling to a halt. Smile as if you are having fun.

**4** Practice dialing your chiropractor's number with both arms paralyzed to the shoulder and one foot anchoring the lead rope of a frisky horse.

**3** Borrow the US Army's slogan: "Be All That You Can Be"—bitten, thrown, kicked, slimed, trampled, frozen...

And the number one exercise to become a better equestrian:

**1** Remember, it's never the horse's fault...

**9** Leap out of a moving vehicle and practice "relaxing into the fall." Roll into a ball and spring lithely to your feet.

**7** Jog long distances carrying a halter and a carrot. Go ahead and tell the neighbors what you are doing—they might as well know now.

**5** Hone your fibbing skills: "See, moving hay bales is fun!" and, "No, really, I'm glad your LUCKY PERFORMANCE and MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR HORSE won the class."

I am just thankful that MY HARD WORK and actual ability won me second place."

**2** Lie face down in a puddle of mud in your most expensive riding clothes and repeat to yourself, "This is a learning experience. This is a learning experience. This is ..."

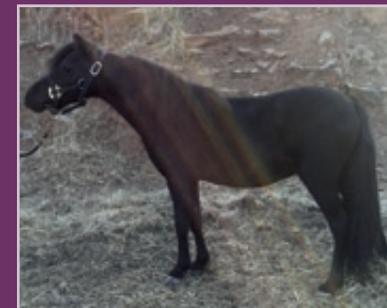
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