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Already June and it seems like last week was just Easter, is it me or is time really flying ? Yesterday we were looking forward to the foaling season and its almost over, seems like every year the time speeds up a bit more.....

We hope you all had your foals and they are what you were looking for.....we are sure that the Association doe's not have as many than the years before, but everything that has been born , has been very loud and colorful and of great quality.

A big thank you to our members that have paid their membership fee for 2009 and with their prompt payment helped to support the office of the AApa and the work and expenses we face daily.

Some of our members only pay a membership when they are in need of a registration for some of their stock that year, the other years they do not pay their Dues, which does not help our situation here at the Office. We still have to have the office open, have to pay the usual expenses, such as Utilities, postage, supplies, phone, computer repairs, ink and internet connection, upkeep for the web site and what else is needed. Most members do have horses registered and these are the files we have to work and handle every year , no matter if the member is a current paid member or not. It does cost us to keep Your Horses records current and in our files, and this does create a challenge if we do not get any support from all the horse owners to take care of all that.

Registration Numbers are down a little , but transfers of ownership have risen, do to the fact , that many horse lovers finally have bought the Appaloosa they always wanted for so long, just never could afford one. Many comments made , state that "If we had known what these horses are all about, we long would have bought and owned one,." We are glad that we did !

Sounds great , doesn't it?

The Appaloosa picture in general does look more promising than last year at this time and we really think that we can see a light at the end of the Tunnel. The Bad Horse Market seems to come to a bend in the road and some so long awaited relief seems to be ahead. It will not be happening over night, but relief will be on the way.....

The most important fact now is for us not to give up and sell what we have left of good stock , this old stock you have of our breed will be more needed than ever to make this breed to survive.

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For Immediate Release !

Special tuition discounts for equine study courses are now available to AApa members.

Your association has made arrangements with HorseCoursesOnline.com to secure an automatic \$25.- discount per course for any accredited equine studies degree or certification course you may wish to take. You may take one course or several for your personal enrichment, or you may choose to seek your Bachelor of Science in Equine Studies degree or Professional certification as a Horse Trainer or riding Instructor.

AApa endorses continuing education for all horsemen: The more you learn the more you can be of benefit to horses and horse lovers.

A listing of all the courses available (from equine nutrition to equine massage) course description, course outlines , samples of course lessons and quizzes and instructor biographies will be found at www.horsecoursesonline.com

Go to the HorseCoursesOnline.com website, select a course or courses of interest to you, complete the order form and put "AApa member" in the "reference/code" line. Your AApa discount will be automatically applied.

You can expect an e-mail welcome note and your first lesson link within hours of your course order submission. Work one-on-one with your instructors when convenient for you at your pace. There are no completion dead- lines, and you never will be "locked out". You are never obligated to be in a "program" but your courses can , if you choose, be used to earn your Bachelor of Science in Equine Studies degree or Professional Certification as a Horse Trainer or riding Instructor.

www.HorseCoursesOnline.com

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The feeling has always existed with many of us that there is a conspiracy in force that strives to eliminate the Appaloosa breed.....and if we do not wake up to the fact soon, the real Appaloosa will only be known in History books of the days gone by.....

Here are some interesting facts:

To date the

2009 leading Sires of Point Earning Hunter in Hand horses are 5, of which 4 of them are sired by an AQHA stallion.
2009 leading Sires of Hunter in Hand Class Winners are 2, of which both were sired by an AQHA stallion.
2009 leading sires of point Earning Performance Horses are 10, of which 9 were sired by an AQHA stallion.
2009 leading Sires of Performance Winners are 9, of which 8 were sired by an AQHA

These are facts that show us what our Appaloosas have in their blood today and when you check their pedigrees you will find it on the mares also. Its every where. Where does this leave the real Appaloosa???
Do the MATH yourself and see your answer!

Its time for all of us to wake up and ask our self's, do I want a Real Appaloosa or a colored cross out?
I know what "Chief Joseph" answer would be....

Give it some thought and search your soul.

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www.donblazer.com

HorseCoursesOnline.....

by Don Blazer, President HCO



As traditional college tuitions continue to rise, a Bachelor of Science in Equine Studies degree online has become today's best education value, making a college degree achievable for anyone.

Compare the costs of our accredited Bachelor of Science in Equine Studies degree with traditional college programs and it's easy to see why we're your best educational value said Don Blazer, HOrseCourseOnline.com president. While a *Breyer State University* online degree is less than \$7000.- including books, the average bachelor's degree in equine science is \$85,000.-.

In addition to being affordable, Blazer noted, the *Breyer* equine degree program is expanding while other programs are being cut back.

"Our core program of 16 courses is being expanded to 18 courses and we are adding four new special knowledge courses as electives", Blazer said.

"In addition to new courses, such as *How to Train a Reining Horse* and *How to Up Your Dressage Scores*, we are adding instructors, all of whom are experts in the fields they teach. We believe we have the most qualified equine study faculty in the country," Mr. Blazer said.

Dollar for Dollar, an online degree program is a better value, while being considered equal or superior to traditional classroom programs according to the Sloan Consortium which surveyed

Academic leaders. Students enjoy one-on-one communications with instructors, work at their own pace, when convenient, and have no completion deadlines.

We do not work on a semester basis, Blazer noted. A student can begin any course at anytime and then study that course until she has a complete understanding of the principles and mastered all the skills learned. A student is never "locked out", which is essentially the case when a semester ends.

In addition to costing much less, the online program allows a student to take one course at a time while saving for the next course. Blazer points out with the "pay as you go" opportunity, there is no need for student loans and massive student debt at graduation. The average debt carried by a graduating student in 2008 was \$19,000.-, according to USA today.

In today's economy, having academic credentials means a person has opportunities for financial success instead of being left behind in mundane jobs which lack of benefits and security.

It has never been more important for those in the equine industry to have an education. Horse owners are demanding that trainers, riding

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instructor and care-givers have a record of academic achievements, Blazer said.

Did You Know.....

Supporting your horse's heels and the back of his leg by proper shoe fitting can improve his way of going. The horse in these pictures had difficulty picking up or maintaining his left lead. After proper shoeing, which balanced his feet, he was able to consistently pick up the left lead. Visit Red's blog at:
<http://equinestudiesinstitute.blogspot.com>

Registration Rules to remember.

Breeding Appaloosa to Appaloosa you apply for "regular" registration

Breeding Appaloosa to AQHA, AHR, or J.C. You have now to apply for a hardship registration.....
(if Appaloosa parent is registered with AApA, ApHC, or CRHA you apply for class A Hardship,

If you have a colored Appaloosa, you have both parents as UNKNOWN, you have to enter through the Hardship class B.

Double Registrations will go "regular" on App x App parents
Out cross parents Hardship class A. Hardship

Non colored ApHC stock (no ID or PC) will only qualify for breeding stock only (must be of two Appaloosa registered Parents only and can not be exhibited as an Appaloosa)

Should you have questions, just give us a call.
417-466-2046

Visit our Sale Corral.....

www.amappaloosa.com/salecorral

You might just find a horse you like to have.

There are several nice Appaloosas for sale, see if there is one you can not live without?

Attention: all mares and stallions must have a DNA on file with us, before we can register their foals. For a DNA testing contact our office 417-466-2046 or e-mail us

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Bio-Security Measures for your horse

Operation:

Keep every new horse isolated for 30 days. Don't use pitchforks, grooming tools, or feed and water buckets on any horse but the new one. Mark these buckets with red tape or use red brushes etc., only for the isolation area.

Work with the isolated horse last each day. Alternatively, wear boots and coveralls when working with the isolated horse and remove them before working or going near other horses. You can keep these in a plastic – covered tub near the horse. Exercise the isolated horse, alone, at a separate time from others in the stable.....

Always wash your hands and blow your nose after working with the new horse, You could carry germs to your other horses in your nose.....

Bringing Horses back from a show:

If one or more horses travel to horse shows, all horses on the premises should be vaccinated. Horses that show can bring home infectious agents. Discuss with your veterinarian what vaccinations the horses need and how often.

If possible, keep horses that were of the farm isolated for at least 2 weeks. At the very least, make sure there is no nose to nose contact between horses in the stable.

Visiting Other Farms, Horse Shows or Auctions.

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Have an extra pair of Boots or plastic shoe covers you do not wear around your own farm.

If you are going to be working with horses on another farm, wear coveralls or plan to change clothes before returning home to your horses.....

If there are farms you visit all the time and you can't change clothes and shoes, be sure their vaccination program and bio security practices are as good as your own.

Hopefully this will help all of us to keep our horses a bit safer and healthier. Today's world has so many hidden dangers, that it pays to be more careful and pay better attention to our surroundings.

Have a great and wonderful summer, a field full of spots and travel safe.....

Happy Appy- trails Heidi

