



The Shelly Times



Good News for Equine Health Care

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Last Thursday, scientist announced that they will be starting a research project on equine stem cells that could potentially develop ways to repair serious injures in horses.

Stem cells are cells that can be turned into specialized cells. They have the ability to turn into bone, ligament, cartilage, and tendon cells to repair injures. “This is a huge breakthrough! This could save a lot of horses’ lives.” said a researcher in on the project.

During the years to come scientist will be working on perfecting the ways to use equine stem cells. Hopefully this research will lead to better treatments in all vet offices. “Horses being put down for broken legs will soon be a thing of the past.” said a hopeful vet.

Whether it takes two years or fifty years to fully develop treatments for horses involving stem cells this research will have a huge impact on the horse world.



Trick Tryouts

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On March 23 in the Westernaires volunteer arena trick riders tried out for a spot on the top trick team in Westernaires called the Freedom Riders.

The riders who tried out were judged by how well they preformed their tricks. The tricks ranged from classic tricks to tricks made up by the riders. Some riders even preformed such daring tricks as the tail hang.

The riders were at their best. Each trick was preformed with skill and the flashy costumes of the riders made the tricks look that much more special. “I have never seen a better bunch of trick riders in all my years of teaching. It will be hard to decide which ones will get to move up to Freedom Riders. With this much talent

I wish I had a spot for all of them on the team.” said the instructor of the Freedom Riders who was judging the event.

Obviously it will be hard for the judges to chose which riders will move up. They all did so well. The Freedom Riders are sure to get some awesome new additions to the team.



Goodbye State Line Tack

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State Line Tack announced last Tuesday that it will be closing its stores located in Petsmart.

State Line Tack is an English and western tack store. It has been providing supplies to horse owners since 1969. Over the past couple of months it has been losing business as more and more horse owners turn to the less expensive, independently owned tack stores. “Business has slowed way down. We are just not selling as much as we used to.” said a State Line Tack employee.

Sadly due to the hard times and a lot of competition this amazing store has been forced to close its doors but this is not the last you will hear of the store. Customers will still be able to purchase tack online through their website statelinetack.com.

Everyone will be sad to see State Line Tack leave the Petsmart stores. The convenience of shopping for all your animals at one place will be greatly missed. Be sure to get your last look at State Line Tack’s huge going out of business sale. Goodbye State Line!

Westernaires

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Westernaires has been racing around the continent performing drills on horse back since 1949.

Westernaires is an equestrian drill team made up of kids from Jefferson County Colorado. Located at the Jefferson County Fair Grounds in Golden, it has grown from a small group of kids learning how to ride to a group of over 1,000 riders and adult volunteers.

Members start at the beginning level called tenderfeet and move up through the levels. With a lot of dedication and countless Saturdays of hard work some lucky riders make it to the top team in Westernaires called the Varsity Big Red Team (Red Team for short). Red Team has been called the best mounted drill team at speed in the world by many people and they have even preformed their Firelight drill featuring the “ride of the colors” for former President Clinton and other world leaders when the Summit of the Eight met in Denver in 1997. During the summer Red Team travels to other states to perform in shows while the lower level teams stay close to Golden doing parades and local shows. This past summer Red Team traveled to Iowa. During the winter months Westernaires continues to practice every Saturday and the higher level teams perform at the National Western Stock Show.



Westernaires is a group of young horse crazy people dedicated to practicing year round to improve their skills. Westernaires will be performing and continue to keep our western heritage alive for years to come.

A Big night for country music

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The Academy of Country Music Awards will take place on April 5th at 8/7c on CBS.

The ACM awards are awards given to artists for different categories including “Entertainer of the year” and “Top vocal group.” All of the top country stars will be present at the event including stars like Brad Paisley, Keith Urban, and Kenny Chesney. Many performances will be given and many people are expected to watch the awards be handed out.

Be sure to watch this awesome night of country music. Many awards will be handed out and be sure to see who gets them!

Shoes or No Shoes?

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Should horse owners put shoes on their horses? This is an issue that has been discussed by English and Western horse owners alike. Most people that put shoes on their horses say that the shoes protect their horse’s feet from the many surfaces that they have to walk on living in a city. I agree that we do make horses walk on many hard surfaces. I don’t think, however, that we need to protect their feet from them. Horses lived in the wild and ran on rocky mountain terrain and their hooves were all right. I think the only reason that horse’s hooves have a hard time walking on city streets is because we have put shoes on them which have weakened their feet.



In some cases putting shoes on horses (if not done correctly) can cause long lasting damage. Putting shoes on horses can often put pressure on the navicular bone in the hoof and cause the horse to get navicular disease. A horse with shoes can also have a hard time walking without slipping in the winter months. Walking over ice in shoes is very difficult for horses. Shoes falling off horses are also a very dangerous thing. If a horse kicks a shoe off, most of the time it ends up hanging half way off the hoof. The horse will then most likely end up hurting himself.

Yes, shoes can protect horse’s hooves from cracking but is that one little thing worth all of the dangers shoes can cause? Would you rather have a horse with cracked hooves or a horse that has navicular disease and you can’t ever ride him again? I have had a

horse that developed navicular disease because of careless shoeing. I will never again take the risk of that happening again. Horses should not have shoes. They did not in the wild and they don't need them now.

Puzzle of the Day

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H Y N O P K T R U C K W R U E
F H M X S I X V P M E Z Y C A
H I P P O P H W I S P E C B T
E L B P H S E N T Y K D U E L
S K A P F L I E E N G L I S H
R N E O D P R X O T V Y R N N
O C O D O N K D E H E Q E N D
H H A N Y U L S K S T V D R L
Y S Y K S B E L D I R B T F I
W E S T E R N A I R E S E K M
L Z S T A T E L I N E T A C K
P W O H S H K B A R N U M P E

Barn

Bridle

Country

Donkey

English

Hippo

Hoof

Horse

Mini donkey

Mini pony

Pony

Red team

Vet

Truck

State line tack

Show

Shoes

Saddle

Western

Westernaires

Ask Shelly

Question-

Dear Shelly,

I want a hippo, but my parents got me a mini pony instead. They told me that they'll only get me a hippo if I give up my mini pony, but I want both now! What should I do?

-Horse or Hippo

Answer-

Dear Horse or Hippo,

You should not have to give up your mini pony. You should be able to have both a hippo and a mini horse. If your parents won't let you have both, you should get new parents.

-Shelly

Question-

Dear Shelly,

Last night my horse tried to kill me. I don't know what to do. I'm sure he just got into my house by accident, but how he made his way upstairs and into my room, I don't know. Should I tell someone about this?

-Crazy Horse Owner

Answer-

Dear Crazy Horse Owner,

I think you are going crazy. How in the world would a horse get into your room unless it is a mini pony which I doubt you have because you are not cool enough. Even if you are not going crazy and your horse did get into your room and try to kill you, your horse probably had a good reason. I would not tell anyone because they will think you are crazy but I would go to Dr. Phil for help.

-Shelly

Question-

Dear Shelly,

I am addicted to Club Penguin. It is taking over my life. There is not a Penguins Anonymous, so my only solutions are to go on either Dr. Phil or Oprah, but neither of them thinks my problem is serious enough to have on their shows. What should I do?

Club Penguiner

Answer-

Dear Club Penguiner,

If Dr. Phil and Oprah will not let you on their show you should make your own talk/help show. Then you can solve your own problems and be on TV.

-Shelly

Weather

Sunday
Partly cloudy



Monday
Sunny with
a chance of rain



Tuesday
Sunny



Wednesday
Rain



Thursday
Snow



Friday
Windy



Saturday
Sunny



