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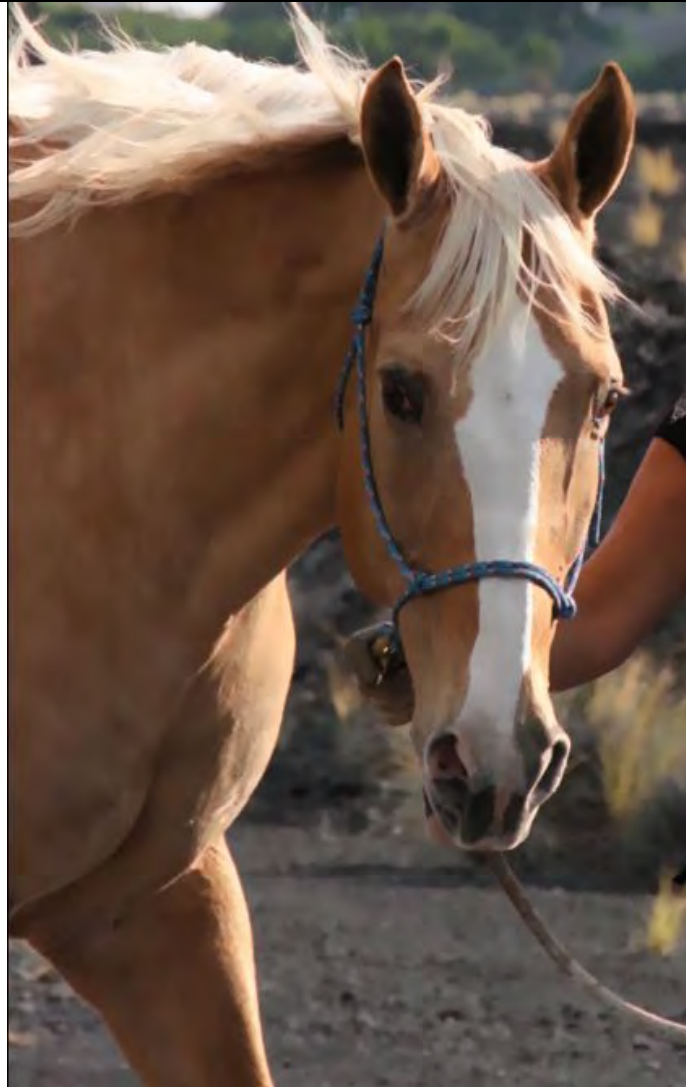
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By Jen McGeehan

As I stood in total shock, my farrier of eight years said, "If I were you, I'd put him down!" Ten little words, twenty two letters, and seven spaces no horse owner EVER wants to hear!

Smoke and I had been together, through thick and thin, for over 22 years. Divorce and moving six times – my issues; surgery to remove 10 pounds of stones in his abdomen – his issues. Now, I was like a deer-in-the-headlights.

What was I to do?



August 2010 –
A Rotated Coffin
Bone... What's That?

We had just competed in the final Western Horse Show of the season, taking the High Point blue ribbon. On the following Tuesday, Smoke had his normal visit from my farrier, Craig. By the time I came home from work that night, he was lame. Really lame! My first thought was, "That darn Craig! He trimmed him too short." (This had only happened two times in the course of eight years.) "No biggie. I'll just give him four or five days off to recover." I called Craig with my report, and he concurred.

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It's official, Fall has arrived. Not sure that means anything in a tropical paradise - weather wise, but doesn't it seem like it's the best time of year? It is for me. How could it not be with some of the best holidays and events packed right before the end of the year? If I'm honest, I'd admit that one of the reasons I love this time of year is because I get to watch those great Charlie Brown episodes (you know the ones) without shame or embarrassment...come on, we all watch them, right?

I believe that Fall is the time of year we get to enjoy life and those we value...well, at least some of them. For me, it usually involves doing something fun or interesting (and sometimes silly) with friends and family. All night movie-thons (provided I can stay awake), soirees or a "Bull or Bush" evening (beer and wine), shopping (the best sales are in the Fall, right?) or anything really - anything that says, "Hey, let's spend some time together." There is just something special about this time of year, I think.

As horse lovers, riders or what have you, it seems as if our interactions usually are centered around our equine friends. While meeting to ride or to attend an event/tournament or just running in to each other at the stables, may be the norm of our interactions, not many of us get together when we're not "in the saddle," or have much to say to each other when we're not "talking horse." Or (there's one more) have become accustomed to only seeing each other at certain functions. How often have you said, "I'll see you next month or next year" to one of your horse buddies? At least for me, I find myself talking and behaving with my fellow riders differently than with those who you couldn't pay to get on a horse. Why is that I thought? Why are my two worlds separated?

This year, I'm challenging myself to spend more time (this Fall) with my horse buddies doing things and going places that don't necessarily involve horses. After all, taking care of the horse also requires us to take care of the rider. Join me.

Enjoy this Fall getting to know your Hawaiian horse buddies -they're everywhere. Have a movie night, host a barn fire, meet weekly for coffee (you'd be surprised what people will say over a cup of Joe), go hiking, plan a fundraiser for a worthy cause, ride stick horses on the beach at sunset (no boots required). Just do something that says, "Hey, let's spend some "more" time together."

Write me about your adventures and new found friends (include pictures- nothing is too embarrassing) and I'll report on them, in detail, in the Winter 2012 edition.

Have fun.

Laurence Todd

COVER

Smoke Signal Dunn Rotated Coffin Bone Survivor—Motivator of Stage I Co-Op

By Jen McGeehan

Editor's Comment: It's true. Jen and Smoke are on the island, but they didn't come empty handed. Enjoy their amazing journey that lead to the saving of one life and the development of the Stage 1 Co-Op.

(Survivor Cont.)

Five days later, Smoke had NOT improved, so Craig came out the following Monday to investigate. Actually, over the course of the next three weeks, I had three visits by Craig, a second opinion by another farrier, two vet visits, a poultice to draw out the potential abscess; but NO improvement! Time for a trip to the equine hospital two hours away.

Six Thousand Dollars Later...

Off we went to the equine hospital. I felt I was in excellent hands when I realized that the surgeon who saved Smoke twelve years earlier with stone surgery was still on staff. A series of radiographs (x-rays) revealed the source of his pain. His right front hoof had separated from the coffin bone! A coffin bone rotation. "What the heck was that?"

I had owned horses for over 47 years but I didn't have a clue about a coffin bone rotation!

I soon learned that Laminitis is the precursor to this condition, especially in older horses. The lamellae that holds the hoof to the bone breaks down and can no longer support the hoof. For a human, it would be like your ankle bone crashing through your heel!

Smoke stayed at the hospital for six days, wore a soft cast to support and cushion the hoof, and was on a ton of meds. He was then sent to a recovery boarding facility for ten days. Another visit to the hospital, more meds, and an extremely hard decision was made to cut his right front

flexor tendon. The surgeon explained that this procedure would give him the best chance of keeping the heel down, allowing the re-alignment of his coffin bone to the new hoof growth. My farrier did not agree with this procedure, and even though I totally trusted his judgment, I agreed to the surgery.

Thank God for my Visa credit card. Six thousand dollars later, we were heading home. But, one thing kept gnawing at the back of my mind... Exactly how would all this damage be reversed? There had to be more to all of this, but remarkably, the surgeon didn't really have concrete answers!

The Call That Saved Smoke's Life

A month after Smoke came home, and, in my opinion, way too much bute for the pain, I began to panic. Appaloosas are said to be the strongest of equine breeds, and I could tell that Smoke was fighting for his life. But, he wasn't improving. In fact, he was getting worse! Craig came to check on him, and with tears in his eyes, he told me again, "I'd put him down." (I had a number of other people suggest the very same thing!) I asked Craig how many clients he had had over the course of his 15-year career, who had survived this type of trauma. His answer was, "Out of 17 horses, NONE survived." Needless to say, I was speechless, as the reality of the situation sunk in to my brain and my heart. Smoke was my best friend and I loved him beyond comprehension. I knew I wasn't ready to make that decision quite yet...

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The next day, Craig's wife, Amy, called. We had only met once or twice at social events. She was very cautious with her words, but as I recall, she said, "Jen, have you done blood tests on Smoke?" "No", was my answer. "The hospital never took any!" (In hindsight, that seemed like an unbelievable over-sight.) "Laminitis, founder, coffin bone rotations can happen when horses are receiving an overload of sugar and starch from their diet. This coupled with a lack of exercise, can create what Smoke is experiencing", she carefully explained. "In essence, they become diabetic. In equine terms, Insulin Resistant (IR). In addition, older horses can develop a benign tumor on their pituitary gland in the brain, causing Cushing's Disease; also know as Pituitary Pars Intermedia Dysfunction – PPID." As I listened to her, I could hardly comprehend all that she was saying. Again, I was like a deer-in-the-headlights, completely overwhelmed with what she was telling me. Now what? Something had to be done, and quickly! I knew Smoke could not hang on much longer.

Step One – Blood Tests

I called my local vet out and she did a blood draw which was then overnighted to Cornell University's Animal Health Diagnostic Center. Within a few days, the results were in. She read the report and happily announced that he was NOT Insulin Resistant. But, my joy was short-lived. I forwarded the report to Amy, who then forwarded it to her friend, Betty. Betty had seen all of this before and she ran the numbers through a *Glucose to Insulin Ratio Evaluator*. The ratio indicated that he was, in fact, Insulin Resistant! Here are his initial numbers:

Glucose – 96 mg/dL
 Insulin – 28.83 uIU/mL
 G:I (Glucose to Insulin) Ratio – 3.33

A G:I ratio less than 4.5 indicates insulin resistance, and a ration between 4.5 and 10 correlates with "compensated IR." (2007 Patti Woodbury Kuvik, Kathleen F. Gustofson and Equine Cushings Group.)

In addition, his ACTH Baseline, Adrenocorticotrophic Hormone), which stimulates steroid production and secretion by the adrenal glands, came in at 64.5 pg/mL. A normal reading is between 9 and 35 pg/mL! Smoke was definitely IR and Cushing's. An OMG moment, for sure!

Those blood tests, which cost me \$200.00, told me more than the \$6,000.00 visit to the equine hospital because now, I knew a correction had to be made, both externally and internally, for Smoke to not only survive, but thrive! The new question was, "How would we get him there?"

Education + Networking = ANSWERS

Information was coming at me like bullets shot from a World War II fighter plane! I was instructed to immediately go on-line and join the Equine IR/Cushing's support group founded in 1999 by Eleanor Kellon, VMD. This web site is the foremost provider of information for equine owners searching for answers to the myriad of questions that surface on an hourly basis. I could search the extensive "files", post questions, receive quick responses from qualified IR/Cushing's advocates, as well as receive encouragement from others in the same horrific "boat."

I also purchased a very informative book entitled, "**The Horse Nutrition Handbook**" by Melyni Worth, PHD. The highpoints include:

- Feeding for maximum health, longevity, and performance
- Evaluating weight and well-being
- Designing a year-round feeding program
- Understanding proper supplement use and resolving nutritional disorders
- Managing pastureland for optimal health, safety, and feed value

This book supported all that I was learning from the IR/Cushing's group.

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In a nutshell, this is what I and my support team did IMMEDIATELY after the blood test results were reviewed:

1. Smoke's feed was changed from a combination of alfalfa and 3-way to Bermuda hay exclusively. (Other types of grass hay such as Timothy and Orchard are also good options.)
2. I had my hay tested through Equi-Analytical Laboratories to confirm that the sugar/starch was 10% or less. Otherwise, I would have to soak his hay to reduce the sugar and starch levels.
3. Based on the complete vitamin and mineral analysis, I ordered a special supplement mix from Horsetech.com. In addition, to this ground flax seed mixture, he received two tablespoons of iodized salt (to encourage the drinking of water), as well as 2,000 iu's of Vitamin E, which I ordered from Puritan's Pride at an unbelievably cheap price. (Buy two get three, sometimes four, FREE. What a deal!)

In addition to Doxycycline, an enzyme suppressant (for his hoof issues), Smoke started on Pergolide, which inhibits tumor growth in the pituitary gland.

By this time, I had collected so much information that I had to put everything into a 2" binder just to keep things straight!

On The Road To Recovery

In November, 2010, I had a lameness specialist out to evaluate Smoke's right front hoof and take a new series of radiographs. Internally, the alignment of his hoof to coffin bone was improving, but he was still in a great deal of pain. The vet recommended a partial re-section of the hoof to remove damaged tissue and reduce pressure, another tough decision to make. Thankfully, Craig and Amy stood by me every step of the way, and when the re-section was done, Smoke had six people there to encourage him... and me. We were definitely on the road to recovery.

The vet suggested a therapeutic boot by Soft Ride Boots. He felt this boot would give Smoke the cush-

ion he so desperately needed, while the orthodic insert would stimulate blood flow to the frog. I ordered a pair immediately. The owner, Debbie, was willing to let me pay over time when I reluctantly explained that I was out of money! I cried on the phone as we sealed the deal and the boots were shipped. Those boots, in partnership with a med called Isoxsuprine, (a vasodilator which helps blood flow to the hoof), jump-started Smoke's healing process. And, by late winter, Smoke was walking with about 50% improvement. In addition, he had dropped about 100 to 125 pounds, reducing the stress on his legs and hooves. He looked great!

The Proof Is In The Pudding – Or, in the Blood Tests!

In February, 2011, we did another blood draw to determine if Smoke really was on the right path. His G:I ratio had not improved, but his ACTH Baseline had dramatically dropped from 64.5 pg/mL to 21.9 pg/mL, putting him into the safe range of 9 – 35 pg/mL! His Cushing's was successfully under control. As the pain from the coffin bone rotation eased up, Smoke was able to move about more. Increased exercise, coupled with his new feed/supplement regime, would eventually bring his G:I ratio into proper alignment. We would stay the course.

Big Milestones

As the weeks and months plodded by, I could see the new hoof growth. He was limping less, moving more, and eventually graduated from stall/corral access to dry pasture during the day.

After six months in the Soft Ride Boots, he now had a hoof that he could walk on unassisted! (The boots went into the tack box!) For me, it was like finally placing my child in the backseat of my car and using the regular seat belt rather than the infant car seat! I slowly decreased the meds to the point where now, he only had the Pergolide. Then, the big day came when we started our hand-walks. Woo Hoo...we were free! Many neighbors cheered us on. Often, I cried as I led him down the road.

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EXHIBITION

Managing a Horse with Insulin Resistance

By Brady J. Bergin DVM—Aina Hou Animal

Editor's Comment: As usual, Dr. Bergin is providing more reliable and useable information. Dr. Bergin was kind enough, on short notice, to provide some data on insulin resistant equine. Who Knew? Take notes.

Insulin is a hormone that is secreted by the pancreas to control blood sugar (glucose) following a meal. Insulin triggers skeletal, liver and adipose (fat) tissue to take up glucose from the blood and store it as glycogen. Insulin resistance (IR) is defined as the failure of these tissues to respond appropriately to insulin making it more difficult to transport glucose out of the bloodstream. As such, the pancreas responds by producing more insulin to help maintain blood sugar levels. This condition is very similar to Type II Diabetes in humans.

The exact cause of IR still remains unknown, but there a number of contributing risk factors including:

- Genetic predisposition
- A diet that is high in sugar and starch (non-structural carbohydrates)
- Inadequate exercise
- Vitamin/Mineral imbalances
- Being overweight (obesity)

Horse owners should be aware of this syndrome and take it seriously as one of the most common sequela of IR is chronic Laminitis. **Although there is no current medical treatment for IR, many of these cases can be effectively managed through adequate exercise, appropriate hoof care and most importantly proper nutrition.** Some important tips for feeding horses with IR are listed below.

- First and foremost minimize the sugar and starch (non-structural carbohydrates) being fed. This means any treats or grains containing sugar must be eliminated from the diet.
- Pasture grass can be one of the largest sources of sugar for a horse's diet, but it does vary widely on climate, soil type, species of grass, time of day, etc. Consult with your veterinarian or an equine nutritionist to determine the pasture risk.
- Replace pasture grass with hay that is low in non-structural carbohydrates.
- Grazing muzzles can be useful in certain situations to limit pasture grass intake.
- Commercial complete feeds specifically formulated for IR horses are now available.
- Balance the diet with a good quality vitamin/mineral supplement. Be sure to check the sugar content. A complete feed designed for IR horses may eliminate this requirement.
- Feed only enough to maintain their energy needs.
- Soaking hay or cubes in cold water for 30 minutes will lower the sugar content prior to feeding. Remove any soaked feed that wasn't consumed as it tends to spoil.
- Molasses-free beet pulp, rice bran and corn or rice bran oil can be safely added to the diet to increase fat and energy.

If you suspect your horse of being insulin resistant it is critical to have them examined by your veterinarian for diagnosis and to develop the most effective management strategy. Recommendations may vary depending on the severity of your horse's condition and your location.

(Survivor Cont.)

In April, 2011, I had a new vet come and do another series of radiographs. He confirmed that Smoke's coffin bone had 100% re-aligned and attached to the hoof! It truly was a miracle. By this point, Smoke was no longer wearing shoes, but was in a natural barefoot trim. And, we were both thrilled! His hoof was rasped every two weeks, and the program was working. All throughout this process, I would ask Craig, Amy, Betty, all five vets, if they thought I would ever ride Smoke again. They cautiously thought it was possible, but NOT the norm. I wondered as well. I was more than grateful that he had survived this terrible trauma, but secretly, I wanted more.

The Big Day!

On August 20, 2011, after ordering a pair of Easyboot "Trail" boots for traction, Smoke and I rode off the property for the first time in 12 months! I decided to do this with no audience just in case we had to abort the mission. But, Mission Accomplished! No limping! In fact, it was more than obvious to me that Smoke was grateful to be back to "work." We're taking it slow, but I think it is safe to say that "Happy days and trails" are here again. I will always be indebted to the network of equine lovers who came to our rescue, and to the most amazing 29-year old Palomino Appaloosa who, with a lot of help from his "friends", refused to give up.

IMPORTANT TAKE HOME INFORMATION

Your horse can avoid the onset of Laminitis, and the potential disaster of a coffin bone rotation, by simply changing his feed to grass hay. As your horse enters his/her late teens, reduce the pasture grazing to early morning hours, before the sun pulls the sugars up, and during overcast days. Be sure to provide two tablespoons of iodized salt daily and 2000 iu's of Vitamin E (based on a 1,000 to 1,100 pound horse). Having your hay tested is probably not a reality in Hawaii due to the mold issue, but supplementing with up to 4 ounces of ground flax seed and, minerals and vitamins that round out your hay, will take your horse a long way towards complete health. I recommend a combination of grass hay and the **LMF Stage I Low Carbohydrate Cubes** available through the newly created Co-Op. Feed your horse in three to four piles so he/she must walk rather than stand in one place. If your farrier says, "Hey, Girdie is showing signs of Laminitis or Cushing's, don't ignore the warning." Sign up for the IR/Cushing's Group and learn more!

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, right? (See **Help At A Glance** for contact information for all resources mentioned in this article to the right of this page.)

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VIEWED

A Farrier's Experience with Laminitis & LMF Safer Feeds

By Sally Boyd, Certified Farrier

Editor's Comment: Ms. Boyd is no stranger to Malama Lio. Her viewpoints and opinions regarding the proper care of our equine friends are always helpful and on point. Her first hand experience compliments the creation of the Stage 1 Co-Op.

Laminitis is a farrier's nightmare. The horse is in agony, the owner is in distress, and the hoof is a disaster. Because it is a hoof disorder that results from a metabolic disease, the work of the farrier or trimmer, no matter how caring and skilled, can only assist the healing by mechanical means. True healing from Laminitis has to involve changing the metabolic health of the whole horse. You just can't "trim" or "shoe" health into a diseased hoof! Veterinary care is crucial in founder cases, but vets can't control what you feed your horse everyday and its effects on the disease. Traditional vets and farrier's have wise saying: "What you pour in the top, comes out the bottom!" This means they recognized that nutrition and digestion have everything to do with hoof health. Nowhere is this more apparent than cases of Laminitis (and its nasty little brother, white line disease).

There is good research out there showing that specific types of carbohydrates in grasses and forage (NSC, or non-structural carbohydrates, also known as lectins), can trigger and make Laminitis worse. (See www.safergrass.org for more info on this.) Most bagged feeds are not checked for levels of lectins or for NSC levels, which can vary widely from batch to batch. (In addition, magnesium deficiency can make Laminitis worse. Much of our soil is low in available magnesium, and our most available hay source, alfalfa, is typically high in calcium and low in magnesium, making the problem worse.) This is where LMF's line of "Safer" products can be a lifesaver.

LMF's line of low NSC feeds are checked and carefully controlled to ensure low lectin/NSC levels. Years ago, when LMF feed was available through a few dealers on the Big Island, I had a number of serious founder cases on my route. We arranged for several of these horses to be fed LMF's low NSC/WSC feed (*Stage 1* for pastured horses, and *Complete* for stalled/paddock horses) and controlled their grazing routines according to the research on [safergrass.org's](http://safergrass.org) website. (We also gave them some magnesium, usually just about 5,000mg a day.) That feed change, in addition to regular trimming, produced astounding results! Horses that could barely walk were now growing healthy new hoof, and they were actually becoming ride able again. Rejoicing occurred!

Unfortunately, the sources for LMF dried up. When the feed was changed to other brands, (even brands that say they check for NSC levels), the Laminitis symptoms often returned. Sadly, in several cases, the horses were actually put down because they were in so much pain. What an avoidable tragedy.

I am so excited for the Laminitic horses of the Big Island now that we will be able to get these LMF feeds again. Why? Because my experience has shown me that this feed is actually good medicine for these horses.

Go "Stage 1 Feed Co-Op"!

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The award recognizes a Hawaii Island individual who has inspired and educated the community about horses so others are not abandoned.

Ms. Laura Rose was the first recipient of this prestigious award.

Congratulations, Ms. Lassiter.

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October 30
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Kauai**HICHA NEWS:****2011 Big Island Cow
Horse Championship**

The Hawaii Island Cutting Horse Association will host its 13th annual Big Island Cow Horse Championship at Anderson's Arena in Kamuela, Hawaii on Saturday, November 12 and Sunday, November 13, 2011. Events will start promptly at 9:00 am both mornings. The Big Island Cow Horse Championship brings together some the finest cow horses and riders

ASDS News

From Debra Harrison -

Our dressage riders are finishing up the Show season with Judge Thomas Poulin. He is an S rated Judge and regularly judges the last 2 shows of our season.

We are very proud of our Jr. rider, Taylor Yamamoto - **HAWAII'S YOUNGEST RIDER TO RECEIVE THE USDF SILVER MEDAL**. Tune in to OC16 on Nov. 28 at 8:00 a.m. to hear amazing her story - ASDS is having an hour show on dressage in the State of Hawaii.

As always, visit our web site (alohastatedressagesociety.com) for all of our show information and results.

Also, be on the lookout for our new web design coming soon. I hope! We are working on the new design.

Till next time, Aloha.



T. Yamamoto on Domino (Photo by Terri Cordell)

from around the state to compete in the futurity, maturity, reining and cutting events. The event will be judged by National Reined Cow Horse Association judge Lyn Anderson of Madera, California. Competitors in all classes will be vying for over \$10,000 in cash, buckles and saddles. The amateur rider with the highest combined score in amateur reining, cutting and non-pro limited events and the top open rider in the snaffle bit futurity and maturity events will walk away with a saddle.

For the second year in a row, HICHA is sponsoring a Superhorse event where horses and riders compete in cutting, reining, fence work and steer stopping. The horse with the highest combined score from all 4 events will be named the 2011 HICHA Superhorse. Once again, new competitors will have the opportunity to compete in our Green as Grass Cutting and Green as Grass Reining classes. Both classes are designed to give new competitors an opportunity to compete in reining and cutting under a different set of rules. Our 2 year old in training reining and cow horse classes will bring out our upcoming horses as they prepare to enter the arena as a 3 year olds.

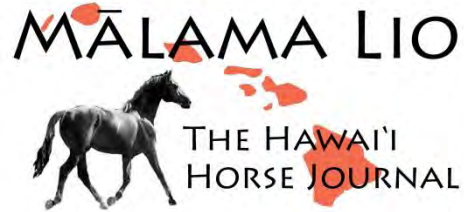
In addition to the horse events, the club is also sponsoring a silent auction in which bidders will vie for various horse and non horse items. Bids will be taken from 9:00 am on 11/12 to

noon 11/13. Proceeds will benefit HICHA. The event is open to the public and admission is free. The Hawai'i Island Cutting Horse Association was started in 1998 by a group of Cutting Horse enthusiasts as a performance-oriented organization, open to all breeds of horses. HICHA sponsors monthly cutting and reining events for youth and adults and culminates the year with a Big Island Cow Horse Championship.



Wes Hammond (Photo of by Scott De Sa)

For more information on the Big Island Cow Horse Championship, visit <http://hicha.wordpress.com/> or visit us at Hawaii Island Cutting Horse Association on Facebook.



Dear Reader:

Since the birth of Malama Lio's Equine Registry, the response has been good - even amusing; everything from "Can horses read?" to "Duh! It's about time!" However, there was one response (from an unidentified reader) who raised some concerns about the registry. Surprisingly, many of the reader's questions surrounded "why" the horse registry was formed or its legality, but one question, in particular, had me thinking.

Question:

"What about the personal information of the owners, how is that data safe guarded?"

Answer:

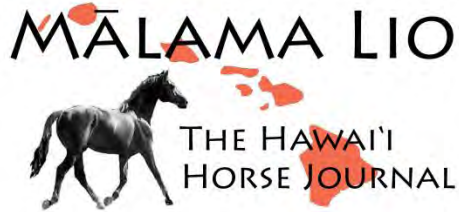
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Again, many of the reader's questions surrounded the motives behind the creation of the registry - those were no brainers i.e. the registry's sole objective is to facilitate a collective care program for equines residing in the state of Hawaii. For example, as a result of the initial registrations, Malama Lio was able to fund the creation (research and development) of an **"Equine Minimum Standard of Care"** which will be featured in the Winter 2012 issue. However, the above inquiry was an important concern; one which wasn't fully addressed in our initial release/coverage concerning the registry. We apologize for the oversight, but, again, rest assured that your personal information will not be released without your expressed written consent.

Malama Lio's Equine Registry application is attached - see next page. Please, take the time, today, to register your horse(s). Every registration helps.

Laurence Todd
Publisher/Editor
Malama Lio - The Hawaii Horse Journal

P.S. Horses can read; you in particular.



Equine Registry Application – 2011/12

PART ONE: OWNER INFORMATION

Owner's Name:

Stable Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Email:

Phone:

Fax:

PART TWO: EQUINE DATA

Official Name:

Breed:

Current Registration No. (If any)

Eye Color:

Coat Color:

Birth Date:

Sex Mare/filly

Stallion/colt

Gelding

List all identifying markings, scars, or brands:

I hereby certify that all of the above information is true and I am the owner of this animal.

(Signature)

(Date)

PART THREE: WHERE TO MAIL WITH PAYMENT

Registration fee (renewal required every 5 years):
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\$25.00

Please make check or money order payable to:

Malama-Lio Equine Registry

P.O. Box 91984

Pasadena, CA 91109

Posted (Cont.)
(Calendar /Events/ News)

Hawaii's horse community doing big things!
Way to go **HICHA!**



(Photo by Scott De Sa)

More HICHA News

Aloha!

The HICHA Board would like to extend a huge mahalo to everyone who came out to support our first community outreach event. HICHA was able to donate **\$1,700** to the cancer program at **Hui Mālama Ola Nā ʻŌiwi** (see above photo).

This would not have been possible without the generous donations from our members. A special mahalo to Del's Feed & Farm Supply for their contributions to our silent auction and the staff at Hui Mālama for their presence at our show.

Mahalo,

HICHA Board

Miss Rodeo America, Inc.

Las Vegas, Nevada:

Kailua-Kona native, **CHEYENNE GASPAR**, (stand up and yell her name in a public place - louder!) will compete against 27 other cowgirls in the Miss Rodeo America 2012 Pageant.

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Event: Miss Rodeo America 2012
Date: December 3-10, 2012
Location: MGM Grand Resort & Hotel
Las Vegas, Nevada.

Go, Cheyenne!

Malama Lio Publishes Minimum Standards of Care in 2012:

In an effort to establish a basic guideline for horse care in the state of Hawaii, Malama Lio will unveil it's " Minimum Standards for Equine Care in Hawaii" in January 2012.

The guide doesn't attempt to recreate the wheel regarding proper horse care but rather, to provide simple, basic guidelines for horse care requirements i.e. feed, drink, shelter and various health issues for equines that any horse interested individual/group can digest and employ.

The guide is comprised from data gathered (and approved by) from a variety of sources i.e. veterinarians, etc. , locally and internationally.

The guide is complimented with a checklist to aid horse owners in scheduling regular equine exams, as well as a "What do you see?" template that teaches horse owners how to visually inspect their equines for health related issues.

The guide, sponsored by Malama Lio's recently created equine registry, will be offered for free to all horse interested persons and groups on the island.

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Mauipoloclub.com or 877-7744

Maui Youth Rodeo
rodeo808.com

Oahu

Aloha State Dressage Society (ASDS)
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