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### The No. 1 Photograph that Captured the Essence of HIHS's 5th Annual Horse Expo 2012

**Paniolo Feed Company**  
(What's this company about?)  
By Laurence Todd

Did you know that nearly all feed, including horse feed is shipped to the islands? Maybe we can change that - at least Mr. Larry Feinstein, Marketing Director for the Paniolo Feed Company, thinks so.

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**Who is Hawaii's State Veterinarian?**  
By J.A. Wheatty

Name Hawaii's state veterinarian? It's none other than Mr. James M. Foppoli. What's his role in the Hawaii's horse community? Think West Nile virus - as it relates to horses.

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**Forming a Relation with Your Horse**  
By Pete Gorrell

This past Summer, ML featured Paniolo saddles crafted by Mr. Gorrell. Did you know that he is also a writer? Let us know what you think of his latest work.

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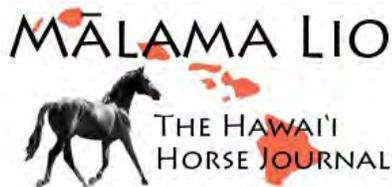
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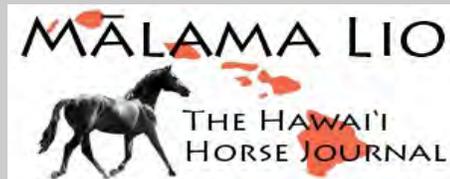
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### PRODUCT /SERVICE REVIEW

Have a Product or Service for Hawai'i's  
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Hawai'i's horse community is a lot closer than you think. Think your product or service could benefit Hawai'i's every growing equine industry, send us an email - our readers would love to review your product or service.

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Ever heard of the saying, “You don’t miss a good thing until it’s gone?”

That statement is true.

We often don’t realize or appreciate those special people/businesses, places or things, until they’re gone. But that doesn’t always need to be the case...at least for most of us.

The Mālama Waikoloa Nightingales are not new to many of you on the islands. The organization is dedicated to keeping feral donkeys off Waikoloa Road, but, most importantly, they also support humane management of the equine species. Simply put, they provide a valuable service. A service that many across the nation could learn from. Take our friends in Texas, for example. I came across a story reported by the Humane Society of the United States last month that made me think of the services of the Nightingales. In short, the Society condemned the killing and stuffing of two mules – for a new exhibit in the American Museum of Agriculture located in Lubbock, Texas.

Really? Who made that decision? Why? Was there no humane way?

Approximately 400 or so donkeys have been saved (or assisted in one way or another) by the Nightingales and their supporters. We’re fortunate, unlike our friends in Texas, to have such a fine, good organization.

Today, in the present economy it seems more and more likely we may be missing a lot of good things. Let’s show the Nightingale how much we appreciate them. Make a donation, volunteer some time – just do something that shows you’re appreciation. Their contact data is provided below.

[waikoloanightingale@gmail.com](mailto:waikoloanightingale@gmail.com).

*Laurence Todd*

**P.S.** What’s the difference between a donkey and a mule? That depends on which one you’ll allow in your home. I think.

VIEWED

## Paniolo Feed Company

By: Laurence Todd

**Editor's Comment:** On August 15th, the Oceanic Institute and Hawaii's Department of Agriculture held a conference regarding the OI's Pilot Research Feed Mill. Five samples of horse feed shipped to the island were analyzed - The feed by the PFC, which is grown locally, appears to be comparable to the sampled feed. For more information on Hawaii's Department of Agriculture 2002 report on the quality of feed shipped to the islands visit: [hawaii.gov/hdoa](http://hawaii.gov/hdoa).

### THE COMPANY

**Paniolo Feed Company** is a Kauai based manufacturer of a locally grown horse and cattle feed.

The objective of Paniolo Feed Company is a simple one: Providing a reliable source of locally grown, quality cubed feed at prices that are lower than mainland feed, with a business philosophy reflecting a genuine interest in being a positive force in the community. Personalized service, along with transparency and fairness will be hallmarks of the company.

Approximately one year ago, funding was secured and the process of fabricating and assembling the necessary equipment began in earnest. They anticipate starting the initial production early in the Fall of this year. The base of the feed is the guinea grass growing under several thousand acres of Albizia trees on the south side of the island. These grasses differ dramatically from those growing in open fields and the key difference is due to the environment created by the trees, which are an extremely potent nitrogen fixing species. Consequently, the grass is significantly higher in protein content, high enough to be comparable to imported alfalfa. A modest amount of molasses from Maui Commercial and Sugar is being added to guarantee the palatability and integrity of the cubes, along with completely digestible propionic acid, a mold inhibitor.

### PRODUCT TESTING

Extensive testing has been done on the grass in the field, (which is cubed) and tests are repeated immediately upon commencement of production. Testing to date indicate a protein level in excess of 15%, with key ingredients such as fat, ash, calcium and phosphorous very similar to alfalfa, along with a TDN that is also similar. **The key differences between imported alfalfa and Paniolo Feed is simple: It is locally grown and harvested throughout the year, providing a much fresher feed absent the exorbitant cost of shipping from the mainland.** Date of harvest will be indicated on the packaging as well.

### PRICING/PURCHASE

The 50 lbs. bags will be wholesaled to retail outlets throughout the State and the cost will be \$9.50. While the retail price cannot be controlled, the company will not tolerate pricing with excessive profit margins. The feed will be sold by the pallet load only to retailers. Paniolo Feed will sell direct to horse owners and cattle ranchers, who order by the pallet, one ton sack or container. These direct sale transactions will start at the wholesale price and be negotiated based on volume and length of contract, with price guarantees for the length of the order.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Every effort will be made to preserve and promote Hawaii's unique Paniolo culture. For example, PFC we will support the ongoing efforts of the Paniolo Preservation Society, honoring the Paniolo tradition. PFC will establish supportive relationships with 4H clubs throughout the State, in addition to other youth related efforts, insuring that our keiki have the opportunity to carry on this tradition. The Ikuu Purdy Paniolo Feed HHRSA Scholarship will be created to give our best high school rodeo competitors the ability to compete on the mainland. The company expects to be a mainstay on the rodeo circuit.

Building an electronic presence within the horse and cattle community, as well as information resource and classified service for the sale and purchase of livestock, equipment, etc. are future endeavors of Paniolo Feed Company.

### **Editor's Note:**

**For more questions about Paniolo Feed Company contact : Larry Feinstein, Marketing Director - (808) 652.5544.**

## EXHIBITION

## Who is Hawaii's State Veterinarian?

By: J.A. Wheatty

**Editor's Comment: Hawaii has no shortage of experience, knowledgeable veterinarians. Among the many items listed in your minimum standards of equine care manual/guideline be sure to add the contact data for your Mr. Foppoli's office.**

**James M. Foppoli** is the states veterinarian. So, what, right? Wrong. Mr. Foppoli department, which falls under the Department of Agriculture, is a valuable resource for our horse community. Information regarding equine disease out breaks, pre and post shipping requirements, export requirements and quarantine station facilities, all come from Mr. Foppli's department.

On August 29<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Foppli's office issued a press release regarding the West Nile virus as it pertained to domestic animals in Hawaii – which include equines. Below is a recap of the release.

#### **Hawaii Department of Agriculture West Nile Virus - General Information:**

West Nile virus was identified in 41 states, the District of Columbia and three Canadian provinces with the pattern of advance consistent with the movement of migratory and wild birds.

**NOTE: It has not been detected in Hawaii. The virus is transmitted only by mosquitoes and is primarily a wild- bird disease, but other birds, horses and humans may be also infected.**

West Nile virus is not a communicable disease: it cannot be transmitted from person-to-person or animal-to-person - mosquitoes are the essential vector.

Mr. Foppoli's department requested Hawaii's horse owners to monitor their horses for symptoms of West Nile infection which include the following: ataxia (weakness, stumbling, staggering, wobbly gait, and in coordination), inability to stand,

hind limb paralysis, coma or death.

Surprisingly, most infected horses will not show clinical signs of the disease. Others may suffer from equine meningitis and/or encephalitis which may be fatal. Horse owners were encouraged to consult with their veterinarians on the merits of vaccination against the virus.

HDOA has been working with other state and federal departments on methods of surveillance for the virus and to develop methods to lessen the likelihood of virus introduction into the state. The same methods of mosquito control recommended for Dengue virus control are also recommended for West Nile virus. It is always good practice to remove standing water where mosquitoes lay their eggs.

Again, among the many, valuable resources in your minimum standards of equine care, please be sure to include contact information for Mr. Foppoli's office. Make it a habit to visit HDOA's website ([hawaii.gov/hdoa](http://hawaii.gov/hdoa)) for the latest news relating to equine health.

In the meantime, let us know of any specific questions or comments you would like us to ask Mr. Foppoli or his department. We'll be sure they get it.

Continue doing what you horse lovers do best...taking care of your horse.

#### **Editor's Note:**

**For more information on West Nile virus as it pertains to animals, call HDOA at (808)973-9560.**

## COVER

## The No. 1 Photograph that Captured the Essence of HIHS's 5th Annual Horse Expo 2012

By: Laurence Todd



Photo by Karen Veriato

As usual, the 5th annual Hawaii Island Humane Society's Hawaii Horse Expo was a success. It raised nearly \$20,000 for the organization's Horse Rescue Fund. Pat yourself on the back and a big thank you to our friends at HIHS for staying committed to the cause.

The event also benefited Paniolo Preservation Society - substantial improvements were made to Pukalani Stables by organizers of the Expo.

The history of the Expo is not foreign to many, but funds raised over the past five years has resulted in the establishment of a first class equine holding facility at the Hawaii Island Humane Society Waimea Shelter. In 2012, it treated twenty-four horses and one donkey.

The Expo also included the presentation of the 3rd Annual Mana

Award by HIHS and Veterinary Associates to Dick Solmssen - founder and director of HPA's horse program. Mr. Solmssen has been at the helm for the past 50 years. Expo Clinicians and presenters included Janice Baxter, Dr. Brady Bergin, Linda Tellington-Jones, Dr. Daniel King, Rick Lamb, Dr. Robert Miller, Susanela Nobel, Charles Wilhelm, Richard Winters, Sarah Winters and Dr. Lisa Wood.

And of course, let's not forget the winner of this year photo contest.

The photograph above was taken on Sunday, August 12, 2012. The presenter (in front of the horse) was Janice Baxter, demonstrating **Taking Yoga to Your Horse**. Story has it that the rider, whose name we wish we had, rode a horse bareback (as reported by mom) and fell off. This was the first time since that incident she rode bareback again. What trust she must have had in the horse and Ms. Baxter. Awesome. **Congratulations Ms. Veriato, your prize check in the amount of \$150.00 is in the mail.**

## THE TROUGH

# Forming a Relationship with your Horse

By: Pete Gorrell

**Editor's Comment: Building a relationship with your horse sounds pretty fundamental. Then why is it so hard...for some of us? Looks like Mr. Gorrell has a few pointers for us.**

Relationships are an important part of life. They are formed between spouses, family and in the business world. A sound relationship, based on trust and respect, leads to the most satisfying association with any other living being. And as such, it seems reasonable that relationships between people and their pets - horses, in particular, are equally important.

A horse, by nature, is a group animal. The social structure within the herd is clearly defined. Some lead and others who follow. The herd is looking for, and needs, direction and leadership. Some horses achieve leadership by bullying, kicking and biting other horses (and may even try these tactics with their human partner) while others achieve leadership by quietly demonstrating their leadership abilities.

Unfortunately, people in their relationship with horses, often take the first approach by use of the whip and spur. Specifically, they demand that their desires be met through force, rather than through communication. The horse might respond because he has to, but the response will not always be willing or dependable when under stress.

A relationship, based upon a willing response to communicate, will always be the most satisfying. To form a relationship of this kind, there must be two sides. Don't ask without giving. We need to communicate to the horse what we want him to do and then reward him for the desired response. We do not punish the wrong response but simply ignore it. When the right response is achieved, we reward it with release from pressure (the cue) and with praise.

When two horses meet, or the horse and human meet, there will naturally be a question of who is the boss. A battles ensues. But that does not have to be. We, as the human, might assume we are in this position but the horse might not have the same assumption. To bring the horse to accept the person as leader we must understand the way horses interact with each other. There will be ears laid back and bites and kicks directed toward a newcomer. The new horse will be chased and driven away until he shows subtle signs of accepting his position and rank within the herd. He may try to fight and

confront the lead horse for his dominant position but the lead horse cannot allow this if he is to maintain his leadership.

In the human/horse relationship, the round pen is a useful tool for achieving this role as leader. With the horse loose – no halter or restraint – in the round pen, the horse is driven away. The human, as the “lead horse” must control the horse’s motion, both speed and direction. A length of rope or a flag can be used as an aid. This is not to hit the horse but to encourage him to move, to choose a gait, and to control direction. If the horse chooses to fight, that is, kick at the human, the pressure must be instantly increased. This may include a swift swat on the butt with the rope and increased pressure to cause the horse to run and run hard. This response must be immediate and only for that instant. Then, things go back to normal. In a period of time, usually only a few minutes, the horse will start to watch the human and turn toward the human rather than looking out of the pen for a way to escape. You have his attention. There may also be licking of the lips and dropping of the head. When this occurs, the pressure stops and the person gives the horse a chance to rest and realize that is the desired response. The person might advance and stroke the horse and then back away. When stepping to one side, the horse should face up to the handler. When walking away, the horse will often follow. Reward this behavior.

Not everyone is fortunate enough to have a round pen. No problem. A halter with a long lead will work. The preferred halter is a tied rope halter rather than a flat nylon web halter. The rope should be six meters in length. The rope is threaded loosely through the halter and tied around the neck with a bowline knot, which cannot close and choke the horse. This arrangement will prevent any injury, which can be caused by pulling on the head, and also give better leverage on the halter. Yacht braid (also known as stable braid) or sailing rope with a core and a braided cover is the preferred rope for this as it has weight and body and is responsive for giving the horse cues. Soft, twisted rope or nylon lunge straps are next to worthless for this use.

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### (Forming A Relationship With Your Horse Cont.)

Using the end of the rope, drive the horse away. Ask him to run in circles around you. Stop him and reverse directions. Move him at your command. Watch his eyes and ears. Watch his posture and his response to your actions. When he shows a willingness to respond, stop and let him rest. Compliment him with a rub and good words in a soothing voice.

Next, standing in front of the horse, move his head from side to side. A horse has a blind spot directly in front of him. By moving the horse's head from side to side you cause him to see you with one eye and then the other, while passing through the blind spot between the eyes. A horse sees with each eye individually. A horse will often try to keep the person fixed with one eye and not want to lose sight of the person in the blind spot. This is a sign of distrust. We want the horse to see us from both sides and trust us enough to allow us into his blind spot.

When the horse is comfortable with this, then you can ask him to back up. The cue for this is shaking the lead rope. This should not be a violent shaking of the lead but more of an asking pressure. At first, the horse will not know what you are asking and therefore will not respond. You can help him find the answer by pressing back lightly on the bridge of the nose or on the horse's chest. Always give the cue first and follow the cue with the help if needed. Do not give the help before the cue. The horse needs to know the cue and not confuse the cue with the help. Work on this until the horse will back to the end of the rope and stand until asked to move. The forward movement should come when asked. The horse should move forward when asked on a slack rope. Always try to train using the minimum amount of pressure. A horse, which is trained light, will be light. A horse, which is trained heavy, will be heavy.

A horse should be trained to give to pressure. It is natural for a horse to fight or push against pressure rather than to give to pressure. An exercise for this is to put the lead around the off side of the horse and ask him to turn in that direction. At first, the horse will want to turn toward you rather than follow the rope. Drop the rope around the butt above the hocks and hold, giving the horse time to find the answer. This exercise will do two things. It will ask the horse to follow the pull of the rope and also allow you to cross the blind spot behind the horse, further building trust.

Leading past is a good exercise. Stand in one place and ask the horse to lead past you to the length of the lead rope in both directions. Try doing this along a fence. This exercise is also good to prepare a horse to load in a trailer.

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Saddle A



Saddle B

Saddles A - C are a few of the beautiful saddles crafted by Mr. Gorrell



Saddle C

### (Forming a Relationship With Your Horse Cont.)

Asking a horse to step over obstacles such as jump rails or tires is also good practice. A horse should be willing to give to pressure on the lead in many situations. We often think a horse is leading just because he follows us.

Leading and following are two different things and we should not confuse the two.

Asking a horse to step the hindquarters around or the fore quarters across is also good training to build responsiveness in a horse. When doing this, it is not necessary to hit the horse with the rope or use aggressive measures. Pressure applied to the horse's ribs in the location of the flank cinch, using your thump as the cue, combined with adjusting the horse's head will give the same result while preparing the horse for cues which will lead to controlling the horse's quarters when being ridden.

Ground driving is also a very beneficial exercise. The horse learns many of the same cues as will be used when being ridden. Riding is the same as driving except on top of the horse rather than behind the horse. It also can help a horse to become familiar with ropes and things around his legs and under his tail.

A few extra hours spent working on groundwork and the development of skills and cue response will result in days saved in training the horse from the saddle. A relationship develops between the horse and the human, which, if not abused, will last a lifetime. There will be less stress, less frustration, faster learning and increased safety for both the horse and the rider.

#### Editor's Note:

The Trough is a new section for ML. Have an article you want published? Submit it. Contact [editor@malama-l.io](mailto:editor@malama-l.io) for more details.



The above photograph is another great photo submitted by Karen Veriato from the HIHS's 5th Annual Horse Expo 2012. Thanks, again, Ms. Veriato.

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Jan 4 -6, he'll be on Oahu's North Shore. Jan. 11-13, he'll take on the Big Island to Brian Anderson's arena in Kamuela.

Come learn first-hand, the gentle, effective and practical horsemanship techniques that are the hallmark of Chris Cox's program. His style of horsemanship is no salesmanship, no showmanship, just horsemanship.

Cost: Three day clinic cost is \$600 - which is half price for everyone in Hawaii. Payment must be made by Nov. 30th.

For more information on the clinic in the North Shore, Oahu clinic, contact [ceceb@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:ceceb@hawaii.rr.com) or text/phone 808-864-1695.

For the Big Island clinic, please contact Brian Anderson at [atbrian@anekona.com](mailto:atbrian@anekona.com) or text/phone 808-987-4585.

**For more info on Mr. Cox visit:**  
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Aloha  
Cece Bulkley

#### Letter:

Laurence, can you provide some data on the following diseases in upcoming issues?

James.

Contagious equine metritis  
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## HICHA ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Final Show:

Aloha everyone,

We are super excited about the final show of the year! We have all worked hard all year for this! The excitement of the Fence work, the Super Horse Competition, the battle in the team cutting!!!

For this Big Island Cowhorse Championship Show, a Trophy Buckle will be awarded to the All-Around Youth Champion, All-Around Green as Grass Champion, and All- Around Amateur Champion!!!

#### **Qualifying Classes are:**

All-Around Youth- Youth Cutting, Youth Reining, Youth Limited (buckaroo);

All-Around Green as Grass- GAG Cutting, GAG Reining, GAG Limited (buckaroo);

All- Around Amateur- Amateur Cutting, Amateur Reining, Amateur Limited.

Don't forget this show also counts towards the year end points and high point amateur and youth saddles. So make sure you enter those classes!!!

Also, BESTEVER Trophy Saddle Pads will be awarded to our class Champions of this show!

HICHA Year End Awards Party will be starting right after the completion of our show on Sunday. So be ready to enjoy the fine cooking of the Valenzuela Ohana, good music, and each others company as we hand out awards from the Championship show and Year End.

We will also be announcing the 2013 Board of Directors, so get your nominations in because ALL members will be voting at sign in!

We also would like to ask for donation items for the silent auction. If you have an item please email us the info so we can have the paper work ready.

Safe riding everyone and we will see you at the show!

Mahalo  
HICHA Board

**Editor's Note:** Sounds like a great, fun packed event. Attend, have fun and send us the results....be sure to include a photograph or two. Thanks.

## Maui Equine

Aloha,

I am please to announce the Dr. Clayton Matchett will be back on island October 16th for 4 weeks. Clayton and I are licensed veterinarians with extensive education and experience for all your equine dentistry needs. And as always, we will be available 24/7 for all your equine emergencies and care. We are a local company and here to serve the community. I appreciate your continued support. Mahalo

Dr. Brian Atwell MZS, DVM  
Maui Equine Veterinary Services  
808-281-1087 [drbrian@mauiequine.com](mailto:drbrian@mauiequine.com)

### **Mark your Calendar - Dec. 6 - 12**

Dec. 6th through Dec.12th for the **58th Annual Miss Rodeo America Pageant** . It will be held in conjunction with world-class professional rodeo action of the **Wrangler National Finals Rodeo**.

For more information contact: [www.missrodeoamerica.com](http://www.missrodeoamerica.com)

### **Pasture available in Haiku**

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### **Honolulu City County**

#### **Resolution 12-172, CD1**

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### **Wanted: 5 Product Testers**

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# MĀLAMA LIO



## 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):  
U.S. funds only.

\$25.00

Please make check or money order payable to:

**Malama-Lio Equine Registry**  
P.O. Box 91984  
Pasadena, CA 91109



Under Hawaiian law, the torture, mutilation or poisoning of any animal, including equine animals, is a class C felony. It also is a misdemeanor to starve a horse or any animal in the state, and one can be required to reimburse the state's humane department for any and all costs incurred to care, feed, and house any animal that is surrendered or forfeited under applicable Hawaiian law.

So why doesn't Hawaii have minimum standards of care for equines?

Let's have that discussion.

The above photograph/ad appeared in ML's Hawaii's Horse Expo special issue.

ML would like to send a special thank you to all of its readers who took time from their busy schedules to write us and express support for the establishment and implementation of minimum standards of care for equines in the state of Hawaii. It's our time to act, now. Look for additional stories regarding this topic in upcoming issues of Malama-Lio, The Hawaii Horse Journal.

## NOTICE: Hawaii Needs a Feed Mill

All feed, regardless of industry i.e. cattle, horse, etc. is shipped in. **Waldon Feed Co.** operated a successful milling operation between 1902 and 1993. Unfortunately, there has not been a replacement for the valuable services this company provided the island state.

**Oceanic Institute**, which is not a commercial feed mill, conducted a conference entitled “**Status of Oceanic Institute’s Pilot Research Feed Mill – ODA/OI Feeds Round-Up on August 15, 2012.**”

The conference addressed the lack of milling operations on the island and OI’s potential to become a commercial mill. In short, the conference provided a full glance of the benefits of local feed development. OI, assisted by Hawaii’s Department of Agriculture, presented a well planned, very insightful presentation. For example, did you know that the state’s agricultural department tested sampling of horse feed in 2002? What better way to ensure your feeding your horse exactly what the manufacturer’s represented i.e. what the labels say. Shouldn’t regular samplings of all imported horse feed be monitored for quality assurance? What a great benefit this would be to Hawaii’s horse community.

**Oceanic Institute/Hawaii’s Department of Agriculture’s round-up is a must read. The full report can be obtained from the DOA at: [hawaii.gov/hdoa](http://hawaii.gov/hdoa)**

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