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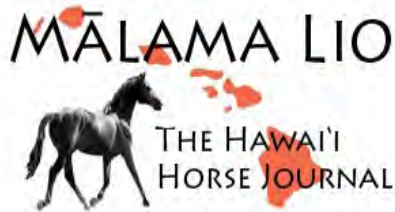
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How many horses are there on Maui? What about Kauai, Oahu or the Big Island? What about the breeds—how many Mustangs are there? It really does not matter what your answer is because you'd be wrong anyway.

It's been rumored that there are some 15,000 plus horses in the state of Hawaii. I say rumored because the data doesn't exist.

Bean counting every horse in the state is a big responsibility. Is it possible? How do you really count every horse—especially a projected 15,000 or so? Well, it's actually quite simple considering that the most important document a horse owner can have is a properly executed registration.

Registries are completely voluntary and usually benefit the owner i.e. sale, breeding fees, membership/affiliation, etc. Registration usually results in some type of authentication of the horse's existence and lineage. It's usually in the form of a certificate. Mandatory registrations are usually in the form of a permit/license administered by a local governmental agency or municipality of some sort.

There are literally thousands of registries across the nation, but none of them (so I discovered) was truly created for the benefit of the horse - as an animal. Specifically, I was unable to uncover a registry whose primary objective was equine welfare, legislation, business and commerce (we all know what it's like to ship to and from the island) health, education and training, or the development of a minimum standard of care of horses in general. At least, until now.

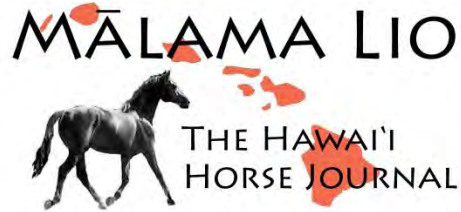
The Malama-Lio's Equine Registry was created to do what all of us here on the island strive to do best—taking care of our horses. It is our hope to register every horse in the state by the end of 2012, but we can't do it alone. Your help is needed.

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Let's all count the way.

Mahalo.

Laurence Todd



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Stable Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Email:

Phone:

Fax:

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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)

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

FEATURE

Equine Herpes—A recap of neurological diseases affecting horses...everywhere

By T. A. Marie

An equine herpes virus outbreak at the National Cutting Horse Association's Western National Championship held in Ogden, Utah between April 30th and May 8th, gave horse owners across the country a scare.

Equine herpes is a highly contagious infection among horses that can be fatal. The virus, which affects only equine animals, causes clear discharge in the nose, sudden high fevers, fatigue, disorientation, and even abortion. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, it is an airborne virus but can also be spread through contact with contaminated equipment and clothing. Humans aren't affected by the disease (that is, if you don't count the vet cost and the horror of losing a member of your family), but mules, donkeys, llamas, alpacas, and camels can also contract it.

The virus quickly spread to Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Utah and Washington, taking 10 deaths and sickening 72 of our equine friends. Hawaii was not affected but that doesn't mean that we should take the recent outbreak lightly.

Learning of the news, I almost instantly recalled an article that appeared in the *Malama Lio* regarding a report of Botulism in 2009. Sarah Blanchard, the former publisher/editor of the publication did a great job on addressing the neurological issues affecting our equine friends and the need for preparedness. Considering the recent outbreak, it's worth revisiting. Please, take notes.

Neurological Diseases

What can cause sudden and acute neurological symptoms in horses? According to the publication *Equine Disease Quarterly*, horses can be afflicted with a number of central nervous system diseases, and diagnosis can be challenging. "Central nervous system (brain and spinal cord) disease or dysfunction may manifest as altered mental state or behavior, cranial nerve deficits, seizures, abnormal posture, ataxia [discoordination], paresis or paralysis, muscle atrophy, incontinence, pain, recumbency, or coma."

When presented with a horse showing any of these symptoms, veterinarians have to consider several factors: age, breed, condition, feed, physical activity, contact with other horses, how fast the symptoms appeared have progressed, and a host of environmental factors. Tests to confirm a diagnosis—both pre-

and post-mortem—can be expensive, and owners often are unwilling to spend the money for tests on a horse that has died or had to be euthanized.

When a horse comes down with obvious neurological problems, everyone is understandably worried first about the potential transmission of an infectious disease. Quarantine of an affected horse is often a logical first step, but neurological symptoms can have many causes, and it's not always the result of a contagious disease. Horse owners are also often concerned about zoonotic diseases, which are transferred from humans to animals or vice versa. Humans can be infected by the same disease organisms that cause botulism or tetanus in a horse, but they won't acquire *it from* the horse. (And everyone working around horses or cattle should make sure their tetanus shots are up to date!)

Here's a rundown of several possible causes of neurological problems:

Neurologic equine herpes virus (EHV-1). This disease IS contagious. Usually EHV-1 causes only a mild respiratory illness (rhinopneumonitis), but it's also responsible for abortion in pregnant mares. The neurologic form of EHV-1 (and more rarely, a second strain, EHV-4) can cause serious illness and death. Rhinomune vaccine is recommended to prevent the respiratory and abortion-causing forms of EHV-1; it's not effective against the neurologic form, but may help transmission of EHV in general.

Botulism. Botulism is closely related to the bacterium that causes tetanus, but botulism is more deadly and it acts more quickly. The clinical signs of botulism can be confused with other conditions such as rabies (not present in Hawaii), equine protozoal myelitis or EPM (very rare here), Tetanus and Azoturia (tying up). Unlike most of these, however, botulism can process very rapidly. The toxins works by inhibiting the release of acetylcholine, a neurotransmitter. Without acetylcholine, muscles don't function properly. There is a preventive vaccine (anti-toxin) available, manufactured by Neogen Corporation. A yearly intramuscular vaccine (administered once a month for three months, and thereafter with an annual booster) costs about \$100.00

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Recap cont.

Tetanus. An often fatal disease caused by anaerobic bacteria, commonly present in the soil, that produce a powerful neurotoxin which blocks neurotransmission, resulting in muscle contraction and spasm. Prevention is easy: Vaccinate all horses, including newborn foals. See

Exertional rhabdomyolysis ("tying-up," azoturia). Horses become stiff, sweaty, and reluctant to move during exercise, because of pain in the large muscle groups in the back and hindquarters. The muscles aren't functioning correctly at a chemical level. Genetics, nutrition and exercise management may be factors.

Cervical Stenosis (Wobblers Disease). Literally, a narrowing of the spinal canal that causes nerve damage and creates ataxia, or discoordination. In young horses, contributing factors may include genetic predisposition or too-rapid growth. In older horses, it may be due to arthritic changes or degenerative spinal cord disease.

Equine Protozoal Myelitis (EPM) On the mainland, this is the leading cause of neurologic disease in horses. The infecting protozoa is transmitted to horses through feed contaminated by possum urine. Possums don't live in Hawaii, but EPM can arrive here through contaminated feed, and a horse might be infected on the mainland and then shipped to Hawaii.

Encephalitis (EEE, WEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV). Eastern encephalitis, which is fatal to horses 90% of the time, is on the rise in many southern states on the mainland. Transmitted by infected mosquitoes, these diseases can definitely infect humans as well. Prevention in horses is simple: vaccinate.

Physical trauma. Serious damage to the spinal cord can occur when a horse falls, flips over backward or hits his head.

This information was gathered from several sources which included the University of Hawaii at Manoa Cooperative Extension Service and the www.thehorse.com.

COVER

HYGAIN FEEDS "Equine Feed Par Excellence"

It has often been said that it takes a few years for trends on the mainland to make their way to the Hawaiian Islands.

However, since late last year we are pleased to report that in the field of equine nutrition this theory has been well and truly reversed with an increasing number of the islands' horse owners - the first in the USA to enjoy the benefits of one of the world's most advanced feed ranges. Hygain Feeds, based in Melbourne, Australia is one of the largest manufacturers of specialist horse feeds in the world and employ a number of technologies including micronizing that are among the most advanced methods currently available.

In November 2010, Waimanalo Feed Supply on Oahu began importing and selling 3 of Hygain's most advanced products and have been thrilled by the response and, most importantly, the performance of the feeds. Dickie Ng who is the senior equine feed advisor at Waimanalo and a long time keen horse enthusiast himself became increasingly confident with the range as the feedback began to filter in from horse owners. *"Not only were owners very pleased with the results but they found they were feeding much less which is what the guys at Hygain had promised"* says Ng. *"These feeds are unlike anything we have sold before and they seem ideally suited to Hawaiian conditions. Some of the horses on the island have never looked so good when fed so little"*

On the Big Island the products are now available through Walco International, a development that has pleased well known Veterinarian and part time horse breeder Dr Brady Bergin for one. *"Nutrition is such an important part of horse health. I'm very pleased Hygain is now supplying our islands with their high quality line of horse feed. This will definitely benefit our horses here, especially those with medical conditions such as equine metabolic syndrome, laminitis, obesity, etc."* says Dr Bergin.

Hygain's commitment to the Hawaiian market was demonstrated once again in May when their senior dietary advisor, Martin Connell conducted seminars at Waimanalo and at Aina Hou Hospital at Waimea. Connell, who was making his 4th visit to the islands in the last 18 months, also visited with a number of ranches and customers demonstrating that Hygain Feeds aren't just aesthetically pleasing but are also backed by solid nutrition and support.

The 3 unique products that are now available on the Big Island and Oahu are as follows:

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HYGAIN FEEDS (cont.)

Showtorque

An extraordinarily unique blend of micronized lupins, micronized faba beans, black sunflower seeds and a soy hull based pellet that is fed at relatively low levels to enhance topline, hoof quality and overall conditioning and well being without the concerns of cereal grains.

**Hygain Senior**

Providing the conditioning benefits and hind gut protection of micronized barley and corn along with a high fiber content and additional amino acids and micro nutrients that are ideal for the older horse that requires safe conditioning. Includes Glucosamine, Yucca and Bio-Mos and is coated in rice bran oil.

**Zero**

As the name suggests this pelletised product contains absolutely no cereal grain by products and as such is extremely low in starch and high in fiber. Zero has been extremely successful in addressing such issues as EMS, laminitis, obesity and Cushings disease and boasts concentrated levels of natural Vitamin E, organic selenium, Bio-Mos and biotin amongst a range of other micro nutrients.



The Hygain range is available on Oahu through Waimanalo Feed Supply (259-5344) and The Feed Trough (637-5600), and on the Big Island from Walco (882-7778)

For more information on the Hygain range you can visit the website www.hygainfeeds.com or for more personalised advice you can email Martin Connell at mconnell@hygain.com.au.

FEATURE II

HAWAII HORSE EXPO 2011

The Hawaii Island Humane Society's Hawaii Horse Expo 2011 is slated for August 5 through 7 on Hawaii's Big Island at historic Anna's Ranch in Waimea. Proceeds from the annual event benefit the Humane Society's Horse Rescue Fund, which helps abused and abandoned horses on the island.

New to the line-up of informative clinics and hands-on demonstrations will be an all day Equine Medicine Symposium on Friday, August 5 at the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel. Top equine veterinarians will share their experiences so that attendees learn better care for their animals.

"I was fortunate to be invited to the American Veterinary Medical Association convention in Atlanta, Georgia where equine behaviorist Dr. Robert Miller and Boulder, Colorado equine veterinarian Dr. Mark Fitch presented a series of lectures relating to equine medicine," said Hawaii Horse Expo producer Nancy Jones. "I knew immediately that their presentation needed to be part of our Expo and am thrilled they're able to join us." Content presented during the Equine Medicine Symposium will benefit professional veterinarians as well as recreational horse owners so they may better address the needs and proper care of horses Jones added.

Symposium Topics will include The Art of Handling Equine Patients, Different Approaches for Different Patients, Training New-Born Foals to be Cooperative Future Patients, Physical Restraint, Chemical Restraint, and Problem Solving. Joining Drs. Miller and Fitch will be Waimea veterinarian Dr. Brady Bergin who will extensively cover the subject of reproduction.

The cost of the Symposium, which will run from 9am until 5pm with a one-hour lunch break, is \$50. Register by July 22 and receive \$10 off the fee. Symposium registration is limited to fifty people. Registration forms are available at Hawaii Island Humane Society shelters in Kona, Waimea and Keaau.

Interested persons may also download registration forms at www.HawaiiHorseExpo.com or contact Nancy Jones at 808-887-2301.

Organizers have once again confirmed an impressive list of nationally and internationally noted experts for Hawaii Horse Expo 2011. In addition to Drs. Miller, Fitch and Bergin, on hand will be accomplished horseman and trainer Tommy Garland, RFD TV host Rick Lamb, "HorseThink" founder and trainer Scot Hansen and TTouch founder Linda Tellington-Jones. These experts will share their knowledge in a variety of horse-related disciplines during three days of clinics and demonstrations that include personal interaction to enhance attendees' learning.

Expert clinicians at Hawaii Horse Expo in 2010 included Western Horseman's cover girl Tammy Pate, Road to the Horse Champion Richard Winters, equine behaviorist Dr. Robert Miller, biting expert Dale Myler, certified veterinary acupuncturist Dr. Jody Bearman, and TV star Rick Lamb.

Anyone interested in becoming a supporter, vendor or sponsor should contact Jones at 808-887-2301 or email NANJON8@aol.com. For more information, registration, and ongoing program updates visit www.HawaiiHorseExpo.com.

The mission of the Hawaii Island Humane Society is to promote respect for all animals, prevent cruelty to animals, eliminate pet overpopulation, and enhance the bond between humans and animals. HIHS holds a contract with the County of Hawaii to enforce certain animal-related laws and it offers 24-hour service for injured animals and other animal emergencies, humane education classes, low-cost spay and neuter services, lost and found assistance, microchipping and more.

Learn more at HIHS.org or visit WWW.HAWAIIHORSEEXPO.COM or call 808-329-1175 or 808-887-2301.

Posted

(Calendar /Events/ News)

Hawaii**July 3**

Hawaii Polo Club
Army polo vs. Marines polo

July 10

Hawaii Polo Club
USPA 4-6 goal, Players Cup

July 17

Hawaii Polo Club
USPA 6-8 goal, Presidents' Cup
Qualifier

July 17

Honolulu Polo Club
Campos Cup - Amateur Cup USPA
- Hawaii Polo Legends Memorial

July 24

Honolulu Polo Club
Naturally Hawaiian Honu League

July 24

Hawaii Polo Club
USPA 8-10 goal, Officers' Cup

July 31

Hawaii Polo Club
USPA 8-10 goal, Intra-Circuit Cup

July 31

Honolulu Polo Club
Naturally Hawaiian Honu League

August 5-7

Hawaii Island Humane Society's
Hawaii Horse Expo 2011

August 7

Hawaii Polo Club
Mexico vs. Hawaii

August 7

Honolulu Polo Club
Gene Turchi Memorial Cup

August 13-14

Hawaii Quarter Horse Association
AGHA and Open classes

August 14

Hawaii Polo Club
Mexico vs. Hawaii

August 14

Honolulu Polo Club
Naturally Hawaiian Honu League

August 21

Hawaii Polo Club
Wealth Strategy Partners vs. Army
Polo

August 21

Honolulu Polo Club
Women's Challenge Cup - USPA

August 28

Honolulu Polo Club
Imai Samurai Cup

August 28

Hawaii Polo Club
India vs. Hawaii; Al Lopaka Day

September 4

Hawaii Polo Club
India VS. Hawaii; closing
day a Day

September 18

Honolulu Polo Club
Naturally Hawaiian Honu League

September 24

HICHA
Jackpot Cutting & Reining Show
Davidson's Arena
Kona, 9:00 P.M.

Sharing the Trails

As open space for riding becomes harder to find, horseback riders in many areas are finding they need to share the trails with hikers and bicyclists. Everyone who rides on multi-use public lands should understand how the basic rule works: Mountain bikers yield to hikers, and cyclists and hikers both yield to horseback riders.

This rule acknowledges that our horses have special needs and may react unpredictably, so we, the riders, need to call the shots. But it also means that we riders—the privileged users—carry extra responsibility for being alert to others and tactfully educating other people about horse behavior. We want to create a positive image as responsible trail users, so the hikers and cyclists understand our needs without resenting our presence on the trails.

Stay alert for others. Listen for hikers talking to each other or their dogs, or for the squeak of mountain bike brakes. Watch for people who may startle your horse because he can't see them easily until they're quite close.

Good manners mean good communication, so make voice contact with the other people. This alerts others to your presence, and helps your horse identify the hiker or cyclist as a person, not a monster.

Be ready to slow down or halt. As soon as you're aware of someone else on the trail, slow to a walk and call out "hello!" Don't assume the other people see you, so speak, make eye contact and use hand signals if necessary.

Take responsibility. As the trail user with the right of way, you must direct the situation to keep everyone as safe as possible. But if the other hikers or cyclists don't see you in time, be ready to move off the trail to stay safe.

Be cheerful. Say "thank you" when others cooperate. Show them how courteous and friendly horseback riders can be!"

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(Calendar /Events/ News)

Hawaii (cont)**September 25**

Honolulu Polo Club

Aloha Festivals Week Challenge

TBD

Hawaii Isle Dressage

& Eventing Association

Dressage and Horse Trials

October 2

Honolulu Polo Club

Naturally Hawaiian Honu League

October 9

Honolulu Polo Club

Military Appreciation - USPA

Congressional

October 15-16

Hawaii Quarter Horse Association

AGHA and Open Classes

October 16

Honolulu Polo Club

Naturally Hawaiian Honu League

October 23

Honolulu Polo Club

Naturally Hawaiian Honu League

October 30

Honolulu Polo Club

Colin Ogawa Cup - Governor's

Cup - USPA

November 12 -13

HICHA

Big Island Cowhorse Championship

Kauai**July 22-24**

Linda Tellington-Jones

3 day Clinic

ASDS News

From Debra Harrison -

Our Junior riders had a wonderful clinic with Sara Christy, the assistant trainer for one of our best US trainers, Guenter Seidel.

She brought with her a wealth of knowledge for our young dressage riders.

I spoke with 11 yr. old Haley Crabtree who rode her horse Maui. She loved the clinic, because it was easy to relate to a young instructor, and she felt she learned a lot because Sara came from a different perspective.

She was so well liked that we hope to get her back for another clinic.

Please check our web site for show dates, results and clinics. Our 2 June shows were cancelled do to bad weather. We may add 2 shows in October, if this happens it will be posted on the website.

Aloha, everyone.

**HICHA NEWS:**

Last call to see if enough members are interested in holding a practice day with an emphasis on herd holding on July 23rd.

We need a minimum of 20 people interested in coming out to practice cut @15.00 / go and learn about / work on the various herd holding positions that are so necessary to the sport.

If you are interested - please respond to this email by Friday, July 15th.

We will email the results (yes / or no) by Saturday so everyone would have a week's notice.

Hope you are having a good summer!

HICHA Board.



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Kauai (CONT.)**August 21**

Kauai All- Girls Rodeo
CJM Ranch, Pipou

Maui**May 20-22**

John Lassetter Dressage Clinic
Kalae Farm Hanoverians
Contact: Trish (264-9375)

September 4

Maui Polo Club
Sunday Outdoor Polo Games
begins

Oahu**July 23**

Ranch Sorting No.4
New Town and Country Ranch
Waimanalo
2:00 p.m.

July 23

Extreme Cowboy Race Hawaii
No. 2
Location and Judge: TBD

August 13

ASDS
Hilltop Equestrian Center

September 10

ASDS
2011 ASDS Dressage Show VII
Hilltop Equestrian Center

September 11

ASDS
2011 ASDS Dressage Show VIII
Hilltop Equestrian Center

The Masterson Method is coming to Oahu!

In August, Jim Masterson is bringing the Masterson Method of Performance Bodywork to Oahu! The Masterson Method™ Weekend Seminar will be held August 20-21 at B & R Ranch , 47-814 Ahilama Rd, Kaneohe, Hi.

Jim, a former Hawaii resident, teaches a unique method of equine bodywork & massage. This method recognizes and follows the responses of the horse to touch, to release tension in key junctions of the body, that most affect performance. This unique form of bodywork allows you to connect with the horse in a whole new way, learning to communicate with your horse, through reading his responses. Anyone can learn, from the average horse lover, to professional massage therapists. Weekend Seminars, & Advanced courses are open to all. The Certification courses can be obtained by professionals or those with additional training.

For weekend participants all it takes is a desire to learn, some experience handling horses, and a sense of humor...as it is always a fun time!

Jim has been teaching Masterson Method™ Workshop Seminars in the United States, England, Australia and Europe since 2005. In 2004, Real Bodyworks of California released an instructional DVD, *Equine Massage for Performance Horses: The Masterson Method™*.

He served as the USEF Endurance Team's Equine Bodyworker for the 2006 World Equestrian Games and 2008 World Endurance Championships, and 2010 World Equestrian Games. Meg Sleeper, member of the 2006 and 2008 Teams said of Jim, "It is impossible to overestimate his ability to keep performance horses working at their peak level. Simply put, he is like having a secret weapon."

He currently works on 500 to 600 horses a year on the Show Jumping Circuit in the US, including horses that compete in FEI Grand Prix, Nation's Cup, Pan American and World Cup events. Jim has been a presenter at Equitana Asia Pacific (Australia, 2008) and Equine Affaire (US, 2009) equine conventions, and the 2009 Syracuse Invitational Horse Show.

For information go to www.MastersonMethod.com.



35th Annual HPA Horse Show

Results/photos submitted by J. Folk

Any anniversary is always a fun reason to celebrate and such was certainly the case as we held the 35th Annual HPA Horse Show today, May 8, 2011 at Hawaii Preparatory Academy's Upper Campus. Entries were distributed throughout the state and though interest seemed to be aroused, today's economics kept the contestants from near by areas. All seemed to enjoy the excellent weather and the fun and vivre which can arise from riding and showing horses. In the **Hunter Trials**, the jumping contestants safely completed their courses, with ages ranging from 7 to the 70's and numbers of jumping efforts growing from 6 to 14 per class. Even though it does not sound like very many obstacles, the undulating terrain and need for careful memory as to which jumps are required both contribute to a need for concentration and expertise. The **Play Day** portion showcased the prowess of horses and riders and also pushed some to 'beat the clock.' The opportunity for a safe and demanding sharing of riding skills between peers and horses provides laughter and recognition of the strengths of our friends.

Each succeeding show at HPA has centered on the focus and desires of its riders and entries so each show has focused on different aspects of showing. We were fortunate to have the services of Cathleen Darrow of Pepekeo, a 2011 USEF 'r' Dressage judge, to help watch and compare our riders in their endeavors on this exciting day. And, as is always the case, none of these functions would be successful without the assistance and enthusiasm of parents and volunteers.

HUNTERS TRIALS:

BRAVE HEARTS

1) Gretchen/ Keli Jackson

LEAPING LIZARDS

1) Kala'e/Merrin Dickson 2) Gretchen/Skye Waipa 3) Dusty/Ikena Nakoa 4) Franzl/ Franz Solmssen 5) Siobhan/Valerie Hageraats

LOG TRAVERSERS

1) Sugar 'n' Spice/Maya Inglis 2) Sugar 'n' Spice/Elana Andrews 3) Siobhan/Violetta Garcia-Tobar

PLAY DAY:

WALK/TROT

1) Sugar 'n' Spice/Asha Inglis 2) Randolph/ Malia McKendry

WALK/TROT/CANTER

1) Siobhan/Valerie Hageraats 2) Sugar 'n' Spice/Maya Inglis 3) Randolph/Malia McKendry 4) Lae Lae/Elana Andrews 5) Ua-Iki/ Emma Ansel

OPEN EQUITATION

1) Emma Ansel/Ua-Iki 2) Maya Inglis/LaeLae 3) Elana Andrews/Kolea 4) Valerie Hageraats/Siobhan 5) Malia McKendry/Randolph

BUCKET ELIMINATION

1) Elana Andrews/Kolea 2) Valerie Hageraats/Siobhan 3) Ikena Nakoa/Dusty 4) Emma Ansel/LaeLae 5) Malia McKendry/Randolph 6) Maya Inglis/Sugar 'n' Spice

BALANCE AND HOLD

1) Elana Andrews/LaeLae 2) Ikena Nakoa/Dusty 3) Valerie Hageraats/Siobhan 4) Maya Inglis/LaeLae 5) Emma Ansel/ Ua-Iki 6) Elana Andrews/Kolea 7) Maya Inglis/Sugar 'n' Spice 8) Malia McKendry/Randolph

RIDE AND LEAD

1) Elana Andrews/LaeLae 2) Ikena Nakoa/Dusty 3) Maya Inglis/Sugar 'n' Spice 4) Malia McKendry/Randolph

TIMED, FAULT AND OUT

1) Elena Andrews/LaeLae 2) Elena Andrews/Kolea 3) Maya Inglis/LaeLae 4) Emma Ansel/Kolea 5) Emma Ansel/Ua-Iki 6) Asha Inglis/Sugar 'n' Spice 7) Maya Inglis/Sugar 'n' Spice 8) Malia McKendry/Randolph

EXHIBITION

Profile on Maui riders: Lehua Custer

Editor's Comment: Attended an exciting event or have something special or interesting you want to share? If it's about or affects the Hawaiian horse community, we want it. Send it (include pictures) to editor@malama-lio.com

Lehua Custer

(Submitted by Erica Davidge and HSDS)

Lehua Custer attended Kula Elementary, Kalama, and graduated Seabury Hall in 1997. She started riding at Mauka Lani when she was 11, and Carol Adams taught her how to ride both western and English. Her favorite event was gymkhana and she loved to ride bareback. One of her favorite activities was trailering her horse on her own which she practiced and perfected soon after getting her driver's license.

Lehua attended Pepperdine University, and started riding horses again after graduation. She found her calling in the sport of dressage, starting young horses, and retraining problem horses in Moorpark, California. She worked under Hilda Gurney former Olympic Medalist.

Her riding accomplishments include National Champion Arabian Sport Horse at 3rd level. She is also a recipient of the Gold, Silver and Bronze medals awarded by the United States Dressage Federation. In addition to earning her Gold Medal this past year, Lehua also earned all-breed National Champion at Grand Prix Level (the highest level in the sport).

As a former dressage rider and member of Hawaii State Dressage Society, Lehua represents the very best in achievement in the sport of dressage and we are proud to honor her accomplishments.

Here is a list of her many activities that are propelling Lehua to the top of the sport:

- USDF "L" Judges Program graduate
- USEF "r" Judge Training participant
- DASC 2nd level Champion 2010 with 'Winter's Star'
- USEF all breeds Arabian PSG Champion 2010 for USA
- Del Mar National Freestyle Champion Intermediare 2009
- USDF Region 7 and CDS Reserve Champ for Intermediare Freestyle 2009
- LA chapter CDS Intermediare 2 Champion 2010

Editor's Note:

Learning of Ms. Custer's accomplishments, the ML contacted Ms. Custer (who was really appreciative of her friends at the HSDS wanting to recognize her accomplishments) and asked a few questions. Here's a little before the obvious follow-up interview that will follow:

Q: When did you begin riding? Has it always been dressage?

A. I began taking riding lessons at 10 years old. I rode in Kula for a bit until moving to Mauka Lani to ride with Carol Adams. Under Carol's eye I rode English and western. I jumped and even went on frequent trail rides. I began dressage at 14 when I got my second horse. When I went to college in LA, I went back to jumping. I jumped for a few years and switched back to dressage after breaking my leg while jumping. I needed to keep my stirrups long so dressage made sense. I fell in to a great opportunity with my current mentor and began professionally riding and training.

Q: How would you describe the Hawaii horse community?

A. The horse community in Hawaii - my experience was exceptional. I was a youth in the community and I was included on the Maui Horse Show Association board and learned how to be a leader in the horse world from a young age. I was never a super rider as a young kid but I was always encouraged to ride and have a great time. I had wonderful role models in Carol Adams and later Nancy Townsend. I made amazing friends at my barn and look back on those years fondly.

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Editor's Comment: Got something to say? Get it off your chest. Let's hear it. Send us your rants and raves or whatever. Send them to editor@malama-lio.com.

The "rant" (just kidding, lighten up) below was received from "Chris" a while ago about ML article entitled "to shoe or not to shoe."

RANT

ALOHA! Just to let you folks know, there are a lot more bare foot horses in "Hawaii Islands" then you think! We are growing in numbers by the day and there not turning back for us, the Malama Lio should rethink and note we are your readers, in very large numbers, SADLY, Sally Boyd is not a certified natural balance barefoot trimmer, her "to shoe or not to shoe" articles are just a big mess, a number of local friends and people I spoke with in a short time have read, laugh, and joked, some said if this is what junk is published after four months of wait, we are not reading MALAMA LIO anymore! I hate to hear this because this paper has so much to grow and help us thrive, but it very closed minded! I really hope our new publisher and hope editor will be a lot more open minded and fair, giving us a chance to make our own minds up, not one sided articles that don't make sense. Give us something to really read!!!!

JUST SO YOU KNOW THERE ARE PLENTY BARE HOOFFED HORSE ON HARD LAVA AND WET GROUND WITH HUMIDITY THAT ARE DOING WELL! LET TAKE A LOOK AT DIET, AND WELL BEING FIRST! MAHALO : BAREHOOFS HUI!

Chris

RESPONSE

Thanks for your input, Chris. I'm glad many people are able to have their horses go successfully barefoot.

Sally's articles were entitled "to shoe or not to shoe." If she were advocating shoeing for all horses, the articles would have been titled, "why you should shoe your horse." I felt she carefully addressed many issues on both sides of the question in a thought-provoking approach. Her key message is that owners should do the research, consider the environment and the individual horse, and make an informed decision. Her articles advise people to use certified barefoot trimmers if they want to go barefoot, and the concluding paragraphs cover options for people who "want to ease a transition to barefoot." Her last paragraph states, "We all need to consider the best care for our horses and our situations. Fortunately, we now have many options."

That sounds like thoughtful consideration to me – not close-mindedness. Her article isn't advocating shoeing for all horses, nor is it advocating barefoot trims for all horses. The recommended references at the end of the article refer to no less than five websites devoted to barefoot trimming. And, after all, Gene Ovnicek himself advocates the use of shoes in certain conditions.

Many readers have expressed their thanks for offering such a comprehensive, thoughtful article that addresses many of the complex issues that hoof care can present.

As in so many of the decisions horse owners must make, there's an element off "it depends."

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"A day at the Beach"
By J. Kemple

So, stay with me on this one, okay.

There you are: you being you, doing all the touristy things that tourists do... Hanging out on the Black Sands Beach, acting like a goof-ball, trying to muster the nerve to go and talk to that beautiful sunbather, or at least, get her attention. When suddenly you see, off in the distance, a big burly man riding up on trusted steed. He's hard to make out because the sun's setting at his back, just the silhouette of him on his horse, coming directly toward you, he's riding slow. As he draws closer, he comes to a halt, looks down at your beautiful sunbather, not even acknowledging your existence, lifts his finger, leans forward, tilts his ten-gallon hat back, and says in a deep cool tone, "Aloha `auinala." "What? Aloha `auinala??? Aloha `auinala!!? Who the heck is this guy, anyway? The Mahalo Man? And, where's his cigarette!" You think to yourself.

Playing it back in your mind, you realize in retrospect, that giant guy on his Clydesdale didn't have any shoes on, and he had a big blond afro, and he was wearing a really long skirt!!? "Who the heck was that guy?" Thinking, of course, in the safety of your hotel room. "And where the heck did he come from?" The next question that pops into your mind is, "Did I remember that right? Was he really wearing a ten-gallon cowboy hat or was that an equestrian riding helmet?"

Then logic kicks in: "So, let me get this straight! He was wearing a skirt, an equestrian riding helmet, no shoes, and he was big, real big. Big enough to scare the balls off a polo field - was he Samoan?" you laughingly think to yourself. Then, as some bizarre abstract thought tumbles in from the dark side for explanation, you think, "Maybe, that's the way it is on the Islands? Maybe, it's some sort of Hawaiian freestyle riding? Or maybe, he's just some sort of a freak! Yeah, that's what it is... He's a freak! No... That can't be right!!? It's gotta be that that's just how they roll on the Islands, and thank God I'm on Maui and not the Big Island! Who knows what kind of freak shows are on that Island!?" "Because apparently, the bigger the Island the bigger the freaks?" crosses your mind. "No, that's not it either!?" You think.

Aha!!! (thought in a Hawaiian voice of course) That's it! It's some sort of Hawaiian Ride'n thing, and everything is right about it. "Man, I love Hawaii!" you exclaim. Suddenly you find yourself thinking of Luther Ingram's, "If loving you is wrong I don't ever wanna be right!" But, that's a whole lotta English for another story.

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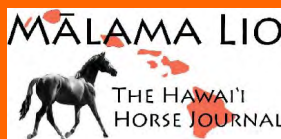
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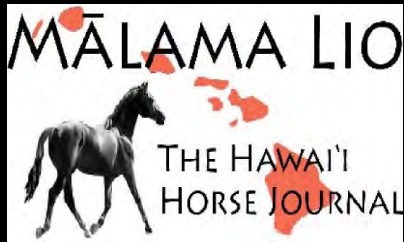


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