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**SFTR AT 2017 HOMESTEAD
VETERAN'S DAY PARADE**

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE TRAIL RIDERS

Nov. 26 Sun. - Jr. Orange Bowl Parade, Coral Gables. TB: Lisa Morgan

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Spk: Jeff Fossenburt, Nutrena: Progressive Nutrition.

Dec. 9 Sat. - Jingle Bell Jaunt at Larry & Penny Thompson Park. TB: Megan Barnes

Dec. 10 Sun. - Regular Redland 100 – Candy Cane Ride TB: Carolina Rodriguez & Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez

Dec. 16 Sat. - SFTR Christmas Party at Nelson & Carolina Rodriguez

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TRAIL MANNERS

Good manners is the grease that helps people get along with each other, avoiding friction.

- **UNDER 16 MUST WEAR A HELMET.**
- Be aware of the effect **your** actions have on others, their horses and their property.
- Do not upset your co-riders' horses.
- Ride at a quiet, controlled pace.
- **NEVER PASS OTHERS AT A GALLOP.**
- Keep a safe distance... don't crowd others.
- **STAY WITH A DISMOUNTED RIDER**
- Respect the property of others. (ie: lawns, farm fields, crops, groves, livestock, etc.)
- Leave gates as you found them: Open gates should remain open. Closed gates should remain closed.
- **DO NOT PASS THE TRAIL BOSS or drop behind the drag rider.**
- Stay with the trail boss on the same side of the road. Do not split the road.
- Clean up after your horse. Pick up manure or spread it depending on where you are. Do not clean your trailers out when you unload.
- **NO PROFANITY AT ANY SFTR EVENTS.**

REMEMBER! If you mind your manners others won't mind when you and your horse return to ride.



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Dates and Places

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Guest Passes are available for local trail rides. Each pass is \$5.00 One pass per person per trailride is required for non-members. This pass is not available for any beach rides, Team Penning or Parades. All area codes are (305) unless otherwise stated. TB=Trail Boss

- Nov 26** **Sunday - Jr. Orange Bowl Parade, Coral Gables.** Arrive 1pm, starts 4pm. **TB: Lisa Morgan** 786-271-4933.
- Dec 2** **Saturday - Redland 100 Carlos Cardenas Ride** starts from 136 St Greenway. Meet at 9AM, riding out at 10AM SHARP! Bring water and cash for lunch. If your horse is barefoot, use boots, most of this area has hard or rocky footing. **TB: Augie Saavedra** 305-582-1557.
- Dec 2** **Saturday - Tree Lighting Ceremony with horses,** meet at 6:00pm behind Homestead Hardware. **TB: Megan Barnes** 305-304-0680.
- Dec 2** **Saturday - SFTR Holiday Toy Drive event, Keg South,** 7pm.TB: David Ruiz, Manny Alvarez 305-395-9343.
- Dec 3** **Sunday - Parade of Elves.** Amer. Legion post 43 grass lot, 7710 SW 59 Ave, So. Miami, Fla. 33143. Arrive: 11am-noon. Tack up & decorate: noon-1pm. Ride out to the parade staging area: 1pm. Parade starts at 2pm **TB: Lisa Morgan** 786-271-4933.
- Dec 4** **Monday - General Meeting at Latin Mix Rest. 11368 SW 184 St.** 7:00pm dinner, 8:00pm meeting. Speaker: **Jeff Fossenburg, Nutrena: Progressive Nutrition.**
- Dec 9** **Saturday - Jingle Bell Jaunt,** 10am-2pm Larry & Penny Thompson Park.
TB: Megan Barnes 305-304-0680.
- Dec 10** **Sunday – Regular Redland 100 – Candy Cane Ride,** at 24001 SW 212 Ave..
TB: Carolina Rodriguez 305-342-3156 & **Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez** 305-479-6640.
- Dec 11** **Monday - Board Meeting** at Whispering Manes 6105 SW 125th AVE , 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting. All SFTR members are welcome to attend and present suggestions. RSVP **Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez** 305-479-6640.
- Dec 16** **Saturday - SFTR Christmas Party** at Nelson & Carolina Rodriguez, bring a side dish. .24001 SW 212 Ave. RSVP 305-431-1895 or 305-342-3156.
- Jan 1** **Sunday – Black Eye Pea Ride.** TB and location TBA.

BE A TRAIL-BOSS - IT'S EASIER THAN YOU THINK!

In the old times the trail boss had to cut back thickets while wandering in unfamiliar territory – defending against predators and enemies, in foul weather, with little more than a rip of dried meat and a brick-hard piece of bread. That was then, and although we credit many a tough muleskinner and cattlemoan with blazing such trails, the SFTR has a little more modern twist to the routine.

Some of our members would like to host a ride, but are intimidated by the “unknown” process. Your easiest venue is to host a ride from your own barn (no trailering for you!) Most of us ride the same general fields, groves and quiet paths and are familiar with the best route to avoid killer dogs, spooky crop ground plastic, human catching spider web zones and groves with knock-you-off-your-horse branches. But these same members hesitate to host a ride because they have no GPS to verify the route for ride miles credit. Never fear...your SFTR Board is here. We will co-chair a ride with you and show you the ropes if needed.

So get a buddy and check with Bonny for a date. Pick a trail you frequent or ask a seasoned rider for help. Make it simple and advertise the ride as a covered dish, or bring your own sandwich. You handle the ice, water, drinks, etc (the club will supply these items for you to pick-up). It is a normal ride for you, out of your barn...but for everyone else it is an exciting ride in new territory with good friends!

~Bonny George, Jr.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello Trail Riders,

We have had a very busy month. Augie has done a great job of getting the Carlos Cardenas Redland 100 rides going. They have had great turnouts although not all completed the full 20 miles. TB's were Sylvia Cruz Alvarez, Bill Guzman, Hannah Saavedra and Augie Saavedra. The patches you will earn look really great.

Just a reminder, send Augie your miles on horseback to accumulate your 500 miles for your Willy Perez patch as well. The Toy Drive had a great kick off at Keg South with a huge contribution by David Ruiz and Carol Tirado.

The Veteran's Day Parade in Homestead was a huge success, thank you Lisa Morgan and Bonny George Jr.

Let me wish all my Trail Rider friends a *Merry Christmas* and a very *Happy New Year!!!*



Nelson Rodriguez
President

REDLAND 100 SOUTH FLORIDA TRAIL RIDERS

On Sunday, October 29th, five riders gathered together for the second Redland 100-20 Mile Ride, along with their riding companions. This ride was dedicated to Carlos Cardenas, an unforgettable member of the club. The ride started at South Dade Greenway Network and ended at JC and Lynn Vina's house. As usual the ride did not commence on time!

The ride consisted of 20-miles of the East Everglades area trails and greenways. The weather was absolutely beautiful, the wind was blowing, the sun was out, birds were chirping. The day was just perfect. The amazing weather kept us and our horses very comfortable. The ride was highlighted by a delicious meal and a small break at JC and Lynn's house. After a great lunch we staggered back on our horses to complete the rest of our miles. We went through a lot of muddy and rocky terrain. There was also a lot of obstacles in our way unfortunately, from Hurricane Irma's destruction, but we managed to pull through. Luckily, all the horses and riders made it unscathed.

Thank you to everyone that participated. We had an amazing ride from South Dade Greenway Network to JC's and Lynn's house. I look forward to next year.

Hope to see you out on the trail soon!

~Hannah Saavedra



We have 242 family and single members that have joined or renewed for the year. Thank you very much!

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SUNSHINE REPORT



We wish to congratulate Armando Mitat on his leadership & community service with the Masons, as he was given the most honorable position and red hat in the Knight Commander Court of Honor, KCCH Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Thank you for your service to our community!

Anniversary bells tolling a dozen times, for Debi & Craig Priest – may they enjoy many more years of adventures and riding with family & friends.

Seems like BB tested Mike Maldonado's ability to duck under a tree branch, on a recent impromptu ride to the Mango Cafe. After meeting terra firma, Mike felt the imprint of tree bark on his ear. Thankfully Mike ended up sore but ok, and all the way home his SFTR friends were calling out to him: Low Branch, Mike! Guess that is his new name, has a nice jingle to it!

Congratulations to JC & Lynn Vina - their son JC & his beautiful bride Stephanie, after being high school sweethearts & together for 8 years, tied the knot! May they have a lifetime of adventures & happiness ahead.

Nelson & Carolina Rodriguez can be found doing

many adventurous & exciting things as a couple – however, breaking up an at-home dog fight might not be on their to-do list again. Their pups mistook human parts for combatant dog parts, but thankfully Nelson's foot & Carolina's hand are on the mend. Glad they are both up & about, we wish our Pres. & Sec. speedy recoveries.

Sincere condolences go out to Wayne Hershberger, & Carrie, for the recent passing of Wayne's mother, Dorthy Mae Hershberger. They shared recollections & family time in Indiana at her memorial, and we hope those stories of her 86 years & moments spent with loved ones will set their hearts at ease.

Following a long period of illness, we joyfully welcome back Anne Cefalu Sanchez to club activities. Anne generously helped as ground support at the recent Veteran's Day parade, and we hope this will be a restart to riding events as well.

Let me know about friends in our SFTR family who could use a little sunshine cast upon them, it is good to stay connected & support each other along the trail of Life.

~Anna Kleinholz



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CARLOS CARDENAS REDLAND 100 RIDE



The breeze was brisk, the air cool, the sky was blue and most of the riders were ready. The fourth leg of the 100 - mile Carlos Cardenas Memorial Ride left Augie's at 10:15 AM Sunday, November 12th. The fellowship consisted of Hannah on her beautiful gray, Augie on his ever-faithful Paso, Raphael riding Bella, (Serafina took the day off), and Bill (TB) riding Ranger.

Our plan was to pick up the canal that runs along 200th street, west across Krome Avenue, and around back to JC's neck of the woods then have lunch at Mango's Cafe.

The pace was aggressive, the mood jolly and many tales of Carlos and Willy were told. Along the way we stopped by the ranch of Pepone Sabines to say "hello". There we saw many horses running free, a couple of dogs, but no humans in sight, so we pushed on.

We followed the canal around to SW 248th Street then made

a bee line to Mango's where we dined on succulent lobster, grilled chicken, sliced turkey and pizza. We calculated that there were only four and a half miles left to go, so we planned a direct route through the back fields to Augie's.

Except for the stretch down SW 248th Street, we rode almost completely on canals, fields and railroad tracks.

All in all, it was a great ride with only minor injuries to report. Raphael suffered a head butt, inflicted by Bella, resulting in a gash across the bridge of his nose. Augie got clocked in the head by a branch that snapped back at him armed with a cluster of unidentified round fruit. They were the size of marbles and just as hard. He immediately forgave his beloved granddaughter.

I look forward to the next two 20-mile memorial rides with my comrades and being awarded the legendary patch at next year's banquet.



~ Bill Guzman

REDLAND 100 SOUTH FLORIDA TRAIL RIDERS

On October 21, we had our first 20 mile ride in memory of Carlos Cardenas. Carlos was a member who passed away last year. He was one of Augie's loyal trail and camping buddies who never complained about LONG, LONG AUGIE rides and was always ready to saddle up to go anywhere. Our riders met at the 136 St Trail-head. We had 9 riders. In our group, we had Augie, Hannah, Bill Guzman, Lynn & JC Vina, Luis Valdeon, Ernie, Eddie Garcia and myself. We headed north on the canal, riding into the East Everglades where all you could see were miles of grasslands, very few houses and no vehicles to be found for a good 12 miles. When we crossed 168 St into the other side close to the levy, we found a totally different landscape with lots of water to cross, at some places pretty deep. We went across what felt like a raging river that was chest deep to the horses, well, almost all of us crossed. Augie's horse, Bud, wasn't very happy about it and refused to cross after much coaxing. So we met up with Augie back at 168 St. It was a beautiful area that we had never ridden into. It seemed like we weren't in Miami anymore... definitely worth another trail ride out there to explore some more.

By the time we found our way back to familiar surroundings, it was way past lunch time, so we headed over to Sonia's place for some great Cuban food and refreshments. Luis Valdeon was kind enough to invite us all to lunch....thanks, Luis! We all sat at a long table, and as we shared our meal, we reminisced about our past rides with Carlos and how he was looking down at us now with a smile for continuing his tradition of long, fun rides with friends.

Happy trails...

~Sylvia & Eddie





SFTR Beach Rides

Beach Rides are Mar 31 & Apr. 28.
Renew your membership now, enjoy all
our SFTR activities for free, and have
timely info on beach ride details.

Don't miss out!



SAVE THE DATE CATTLE DRIVE REUNION '18

Save the date for the 2018 Florida Cattle Drive Reunion Ride '18, January 26,27,28, 29 (leave camp by 9 AM on Monday) at the Florida Agricultural Museum just south of St. Augustine. Ride is \$75 13 and over, free for 12 and under. Includes a Saturday night Prime Rib Dinner. We will be riding the Princes Place trails. One of the most beautiful Old Florida trail systems. Ride is limited to the first 200 registrations. Go to our website for more information www.greatfloridacattledrive16.org. or contact Co-Chairman Manny Alvarez, redlandtrail@aol.com

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AROUND THE PADDOCK... AS WE RE-ORGANIZE OUR FARMS

Slowly we have all continued clearing debris in the wake of Hurricane Irma, and with a breath of fall wind begin to recapture Life's moments with family, and friends on the trail.

Tyra Phillips reports food trucks, antiques, jewelry, fruits, crafts, tack & flea market goods are in abundance at the Redland Country Market, every Sat. 9am-2 pm now through the end of April 2018. 16155 SW 248 St., call her to secure a space 305-992-2769. Remember this venue helps support our Veterans, & there are trees for tying your horse out back, so take a short ride and stop in!

Seems like Justin deJesus has another talent...playing the saxophone! We may next see him playing atop Reeses!

With the cooler weather settling in, Megan Barnes & Carol Weng are out there running ½ marathons again. While you are enjoying a leisurely ride on your favorite equine, should they pass you, remind them traveling our way is a lot easier. Then give them the credit they deserve for such athleticism, and cheer them on!!

Mia Esnard traded her riding boots & jeans for dress shoes & chiffon, to attend a school Princess Ball. Just goes to show, we SFTR are talented in so many ways.

Heidi Stibitz & James Barrett have been traveling, to drive Cody to perfection Black Prong and the SE Region event with the Fla. Whips. Can't wait to hear how they did!

Apologizing & rephrasing a prior Paddock note, the So. Fla. Horse Show Assn is "regrouping" in the aftermath of last season & the recent hurricane. Although the shows are temporarily suspended, we look forward to hearing great things soon regarding new events!

Keep your eyes open for Dennise Tucker on her new horse, Apache! It was a match that was meant to be, for her and one of Ellen Peaceman's herd. Can't thank Dennise enough for adopting Apache, and we know they will both enjoy many years of Posse & SFTR activities.

Congratulations to FFA/SFTR Gaby Dean as she has been chosen to be an Agri. Ambassador at this year's Dade Co. Youth Fair – it's a lot of work, but we are sure she is up for the challenge.

Seems Jessie Brower is not only an honor roll student, but also in the GLEE club, art club, plays community soccer, and still has time to ride. Way to go, Jessie!

Calling all mule riders! There is a Fla. Mule Riders gathering/camp-out Jan 26-28, 2018 at Green Swamp West. Free, but limited event; primitive camping, non-potable water, pavilion, fire rings; high tie, stake or porta pen your mule. Ride/drive your mules. Sat. guided ride, & potluck dinner. Contact Tammy to RSVP & for gate code. randemtam@gmail.com

3 Sisters Farm, across from the Spice Park is sending out a hearty welcome for SFTR members to stop in for organic taste treats, cool lemonade, and Gambino's pizza made in their huge coal oven. Prices are reasonable, tie-off trees are available, and they look forward to meeting us – so stop in soon!

Craig Priest has been busy with dog training, and we hear he & Grip earned their IPO 1 ranking (Schutzhund 1) for tracking, obedience & protection work. Congratulations on being such a great pair, and we hope the IPO 2 will come along equally as well.

~ Bonny George Jr.

BOOKS & BRONCS LITERACY PROGRAM IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!

Each year in Dec. the SFTR visits less affluent local elementary schools, and allows first graders to meet our horses – up close and personal. These children could feasibly never stand beside a live horse, never run their fingers through its flowing mane, never feel the soft warm coat under their palm, or ever gaze into the kind eye of such a magical animal...were it not for the SFTR! We can quell the fear in a child, melt their heart, and spark a forever love of equines by bringing our horses to them in the Books & Broncs First Touch event. After each student spends guided time with our horses, they each receive a book to read & keep. The book, *Let's Rodeo*, was written & illustrated by our own SFTR Taylor Pearce. Her mother, Dawn Pearce, is the school coordinator for the visitations; and organizes the follow-up Kid's Day at the Rodeo, in Jan.

All SFTR are welcome to participate in this annual event for three sequential elem. school visitations this month, ALL on Fri. Dec. 15. We will need 9-10 calm & clean horses (no tack; halter/lead line only) at each school presentation; the owner & a spare safety handler

per equine. Drafts, ponies, donkeys, mules, minis – big or small, we welcome them all! We dress in SFTR T-shirts, jeans, boots, (hat optional), or cowboy style and will start at:

Redondo Elem. - 9am 18480 SW 304 St., Homestead
West Homestead Elem. - 11am 1550 SW 6 St., Home-

stead
Peskoe Elem. - 12:30pm 29035 SW 144 Ave, Home-

stead
So treat your horse to an easy activity, see the smiles on kids as they touch a horse for the first time, and watch as they accept a reading book and avidly begin to read...it is a mere part of a day for us, but changes the life of a child forever! Call Bonny George, Jr. 305-233-1897, IdrathrBfishing6@yahoo.com_or FbPM to RSVP; or Dawn Pearce 305-345-2357. This also counts for community service for home schooled older youths who you might bring to assist. We appreciate all the volunteer help and hope the SFTR will again be a leader in our club's literacy project for our community.

~Bonny George, Jr.

WE RODE TO HONOR OUR VETERANS

Each year the SFTR has a fall parade, open to all members, in which we dress in more formal black & white to honor our Veterans, for their service & sacrifice to our country. Striding down the center of Homestead in our SFTR unit were 11 mounted, 4 equines of different sizes walked on lead lines, and even a cart!

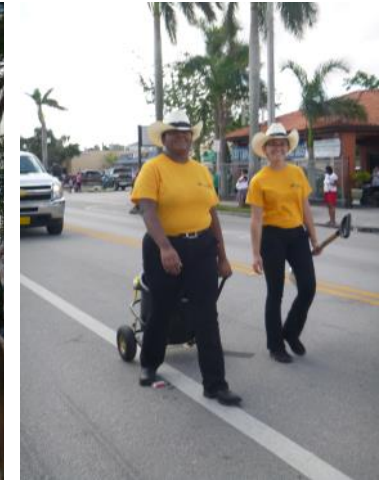
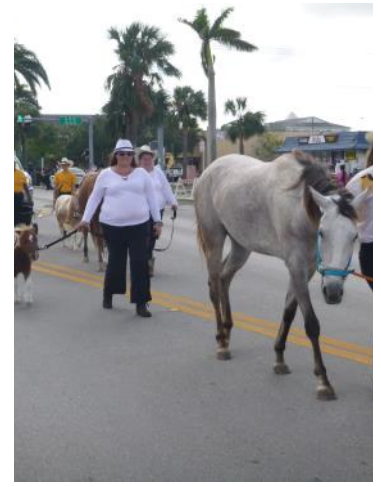
Renee Reynolds, in her fatigues, led us & proudly carried the USA flag; followed by Colby Stroud with the POW/MIA flag. Rafael Weng sported the flag remembering VietNam veterans, and Mike Maldonado carried the Fla. flag. A special treat was Heidi Stibitz driving her handsome cart, with James Barrett holding the SFTR flag, beside her. We had six other parade team and general club members mounted, and four members leading horses, a pony and a mini – great desensitization for the equines, and a real thrill for the crowd! We wish to thank our four FFA/SFTR student

volunteers: Bradley & Jason on banner and Zerryn & Angelina on poop-patrol...we can neither start nor finish the parade without them! A note of gratitude to SFTR Pres. Nelson Rodriguez, & Carolina, for the use of their safety truck; to Massiel for driving, and to Anne, Niriam, Bonny, & Ben for ground support.

As you read this newsletter we will have already completed the Jr. Orange Bowl parade, and everyone can see the SFTR in a televised special, TBA. Our next formal parades will be the Parade of Elves in Dec. and the Homestead Rodeo parade in Jan. So come join the SFTR Parade Team – be a part of pleasing a crowd and being a goodwill ambassador of the SFTR to the community. We hope all who joined us in the Veteran's parade had a good time, and will be with us in these special events in the months to come!

~Lisa Morgan





SFTR JINGLE BELL JAUNT

This year for the SFTR's Christmas Toy Drive, the club has set a goal to donate 2,000 toys to 2,000 children in our local communities (the Redlands, Homestead, Naranja, Princeton, Goulds and Florida City). As I'm sure everyone has heard, we recently hosted our Kick-Off Party at the Keg South of Homestead on November 4th, but we will be having two more parties at the Keg on December 2nd and on the 8th. I hope to see everyone there!

Mark your calendars for December 9th, too! The Jingle Bell Jaunt will be held at Larry and Penny Thompson Park (12451 SW 184 ST).

For those of you who are new or unsure of what the Jingle Bell Jaunt is, well... it's an annual SFTR tradition. All members are invited to attend and compete in a Christmas themed costume contest! We've had some creative ideas in the past years and a ton of holiday fun. There are 6 divisions: Fantastically Festive, Outrageously Original, Delightfully Decorative, Holiday Hysteria, Jolly Jingle Junior, and Holly Jolly Walker.

This event will be open to the public, so invite your friends and family to help judge and decide which Christmassy costume should win each division. After the costume contest, the horses will then lead everyone on a Christmas parade and hay ride to collect more toys from the park RV residents.

So, start planning your costumes now and remember to bring a toy as your "entry" fee!

Schedule:

10:00am – Registration for Costume Contest Opens.

11:00am – Presentation of Toy boxes to Organizations.

12:00pm – Costume Contest. Public/non-contestants will participate in judging by ballot.

12:45pm – Contest Winners Announced.

1:00pm – Parade Begins. Hay ride available for those not on horseback.

Come and join us for a day of festive holiday fun!

- Megan Barnes

SFSPCA Horse of the Month "MARLEY"



**Thoroughbred Cross • Filly • Chestnut
15 hands • Foaled 9/2014**

Marley_05212015 Marley was rescued with three other horses on Monday, April 20, 2015. She and the others were seized by police and turned over to SFSPCA after being found in deplorable conditions at a ramshackle boarding facility in Miami Gardens.

Marley has been started under saddle and she's doing great! She has been ridden several times including a trail ride to Tree Tops Park. Marley is brave and shows potential to be a very versatile horse. Marley bathes, loads, cross-ties and needs a patient farrier. She gets along well with other horses in group turnout.

If you are interested in learning more about Marley and would like to make an appointment to see her, please email our adoption committee at adoption@helphorses.org (only if you are 18 or older). Please note we only adopt within the state of Florida.

Contact Laurie at Laurie@helphorses.com for adoption info. Donations can be made at www.helphorses.com

**UPDATE ON HORSE OF THE
LAST MONTH,
"WINTER"
HAS NOT BEEN ADOPTED!**



PARADE TEAM NEWS

We would like to again thank all the Parade Team members for participating in the recent Homestead Veteran's Day parade.

Always enthusiastic, the SFTR rode proudly down Krome, sporting 5 flags, 6 additional Parade Team & general member riders, 4 lead-line equines, and a cart! We also appreciate the safety truck loaned by Nelson & Carolina, our driver Massiel, and our numerous ground support people, especially Ben. A special thanks to the FFA/SFTR volunteers who gave of their time and youthful energy to make our parade unit complete.



With this newsletter, we will have already done the Jr. Orange Bowl parade in Coral Gables, and move swiftly to the Parade of Elves, in So. Miami, on Sun. Dec. 3. This is a formal parade, in full dress, & decorative bows will be provided for your horse or buggy. Trailer to the Amer. Legion post 43 grass lot, 7710 SW 59 Ave, So. Miami, Fla. 33143. Arrive: 11am-noon. Tack up & decorate: noon-1pm. Ride out to the parade staging area: 1pm. Parade starts at 2pm. The parade is short, so enjoy yourself in this festive event! RSVP asap for attendance and which flag you might desire to carry, remembering we rotate flag assignments as we can, to keep things fair for all.

Special Note: The uniform for the SFTR Parade Team will be changing for next year, but we must prepare this season. All Parade Team members will be in a cowboy type long sleeved white shirt, with a custom made bandana. The rest of the uniform (black pants, boots, hat/helmet, gloves) will remain the same. So if you hesitated on joining the Parade Team because of the men's/ladies' old styles...now is your chance to join the unit and represent the SFTR!

So contact me
asap for details.

*~Lisa Morgan
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KNOW YOUR HORSE - Part 5 - HEART RATE



This is the fifth in a series of educational articles to help you get to know your horse. This article will show you how to determine your horse's heart rate (heart beats per minute) and give you the average rate range for an adult horse.

Knowing what is normal for your horse (at rest and after exercise) can alert you to potential problems if changes are noticed. This could help you recognize and treat a problem early.

The normal heart or pulse rate range for an average adult horse is 30 to 42 beats per minute. It is slightly higher in 2 year olds and in nursing foals, about 1 month old, the pulse is 70 to 90 beats per minute.

The easiest way to determine the heart rate is by using a stethoscope. Place it on the horse's chest on the left side just above the point of the elbow. You can hear any murmurs, arrhythmias or abnormal heart sounds using a stethoscope. Use a watch with a second hand and count the beats for one minute. Measure the heart rate for your horse both at rest and after exercise and keep a record. You can get a pulse rate by using your hand if you do not have a stethoscope.



You can also get a pulse rate by checking the radial pulse at the inside back of the knee. Place your hand on the back of the knee with your fingers on the inside of the knee in the groove and feel for the pulse.

Another place to check is the jaw. Use your first two fingers to feel along the inside of the jawbone just below the heavy muscles of the cheek.

The article in next month's issue will show you how to determine your horse's temperature..

Written by Susan Boyd and edited by Zachary Franklin, DVM

Hi Trail Riders!

Looking for something different to do during the holidays? Come check out the new event hosted by the Miami Dade County Fair & Expo called "Winter Fairland". This is an indoor family venue where the kids can get their picture taken with Santa in the North Pole, have fun making arts & crafts in the Little Elves Craft Zone, play in Frosty's Blast Zone where they can bungee jump, climb a rock wall, play indoor basketball, experience virtual reality games, face painting and glitter tattoos. There is an indoor ice skating Glacier Glide Rink, a Mistletoe Marketplace where you can do some shopping, we'll have an exotic animal petting zoo where you can ride a camel...that's a change of "pace" for us....A Joy Wallace Catering will be providing great food along with other vendors with great fair type food and best of all, kick your boots up in our Country Western Saloon where you can sip on adult beverages while listening to country music or watch one of the games on the TV's. Parking is \$10 and admission is free and you choose the activities you want to participate in as you go. Our own President Nelson Rodriguez and Carolina will be hosting karaoke nights on some of the Saturdays. We're hoping to see our members show off their line dancing moves and get the crowd going. Hope to see you all there!

Happy trails!

~Sylvia M. Cruz-Alvarez





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~Bonny George, Jr.

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