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The SFTR donates to these charities once a year. These charities are badly in need of donations. Please try to send what you can to help them. Thanks from the SFTR.

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www.helpthehorses.com
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Horse Protection Association of Florida
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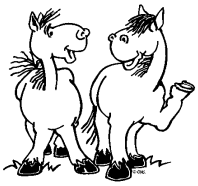
TRAIL MANNERS

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-rider's 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 ON ANY SFTR EVENTS.**

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



2015 Dates and Places 2015

Call the Hot-line for any cancellations
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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. 29 **Sunday - Jr. Orange Bowl Parade. Team Members.. Be there no later than 1:00 PM. Stage at 3:15 PM**. Parade starts at 4 PM. From Dixie Hwy go north on S.W. 37th Ave. West (left) on Madeira Ave. South (left) on Galiano St. (Do NOT turn on Majorca Ave.) West (right) on Minorca Ave. Call Debi for more info 305-775-1820. Check out the Parade news in this issue.

Dec. 5 **Saturday - SFTR Annual Holiday Party.** Hosted by Denise & Chad Kanke.22840 SW 152 Ave PLEASE RSVP: dbfly612@bellsouth.net or (305)798-8920. Bring a side dish or dessert to share! 6:00PM to 11:00PM. Denise puts on a delicious spread for us and the decorations are beautiful!

Dec. 6 **Sunday - Parade of the Elves in S. Miami**. Team Members, be there by 12:30. Parade starts at 2:00 PM. Stage at 1:30 PM. Meet at the American Legion grass lot at 59 Ave & 77 Terr. Take US1 North to SW 80 St. turn right or East, go to Stop sign (59 Ave) turn left. Lot is down on left side Be there by 12:00. Parade starts at 2:00 PM. Stage at 1:30 PM. Call Debi with any questions. 305-775-1820.

Dec. 7 **Monday - General Meeting at Latin Mix Rest. 11368 SW 184 St.** Come on out and meet with the club. 7:00 PM dinner, 8:00 PM meeting. Speaker: Jess Story of PLP Products which has a great mosquito spray for camping and around your home.

Dec. 12 **Saturday - Jingle Bell Jaunt.** TB: Carrie & Wayne Hershberger. Come join us at Larry and Penny Thompson Park 12451 SW 184th St. Miami. **8:30 AM – 2:00 PM.** Join the ride with your decorated horse or ride the hay wagon dressed in holiday style. Compete for a prize! Judging starts at 10:00AM. "Share the Joy. Give a Toy, Gift Card, or Cash". 305-206-0317.

Dec. 13 **Sunday - "Day of the Horse" trail ride with a hobble clinic after the ride** TB: Augie Saavedra & JC Vina. 22195 SW 252 St. **10:00AM ride out** with a BBQ afterwards. Bring a covered dish to share. Domingo Hernandez will host a Hobbling clinic so we can learn the proper way to hobble your horses. 305-582-2557

Dec. 14 **Monday - Board Meeting at Julie Gonzalez' home** 19525 SW 248 St. 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting. RSVP to 786-261-9020

Dec. 20 **Sunday - Candy Cane Ride at Victory Oaks Ranch.** TB: Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez & Carolina Rodriguez. 24001 SW 212 Ave. We will be riding the nice Greenways and levy for about 2.5 hours. Ride out time is 10:00 AM. The guys will be grilling burgers for lunch. Please bring a covered dish to share. You can park along the swale on 240 St. Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly. This will be out last ride before Christmas, let's make it a great one together!! 305-479-6640.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

2015 is quickly drawing to a close. It is a busy time of year for everyone. The SFTR calendar is also full to the brim. Make sure you save the dates to attend the club Christmas party, the Jingle Bell Jaunt, the Black-eyed Pea ride, and anything else on our calendar. Coming up in January is the Homestead Rodeo, which means selling funnel cakes for SFTR. If you can help at this event, please contact Carrie Hershberger and let her know which shift you would like (Friday night, Saturday afternoon, or Sunday afternoon).

If I am not mistaken, for the first time in our history, the club has had a board member pass away while serving. It has been a great loss and your board decided to honor Willy in a special way. Willy's family will be honored with an honorary lifetime membership, a brick placed in his honor at SPCA, and a plaque placed at the pavilion at Picayune Strand State Forest. Since he was so faithful in donating a park bench to any raffle we had, there is also a possibility of placing a park bench at the pavilion.

Gina Milhet has tendered her resignation from the board citing schedule conflicts as the cause. Thank you, Gina, for your service to our club. Due to these recent vacancies, Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez and Juana Cabrera have moved up to board members and Mike and Deda Maldonado have moved into alternate positions.

The newsletter is now in the capable hands of Deda Maldonado. Andrea has passed the reins to them but she is still helping with the transition. Thank you for volunteering to take this over.

In the past, if a person applied for membership after April 15, they would get from that date until the beginning of August the following year as members. Essentially, they would be getting three and a half months free. The April 15th date has been changed to May 15th, meaning you will get 2.5 months as a bonus. This idea has been used as part of promotional drives. This applies to new members only, not renewals. There will also be some SFTR window stickers coming for your use.

Please, remember that December is Christmas month. It is that time of year when we scurry around to purchase gifts for those we love, work with, or associate with in other ways. In all the business, let us not forget the real reason for the season. God gave His only Son to live on this earth to be the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Christmas is Jesus' birthday. He is the reason for the season.

God Bless and Happy Trails,

Wayne Hershberger

Contact for State of Florida Division of Animal Industry

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We send out information regularly about club events that do not make it in the newsletter.

If you are not receiving our emails, please email me at PasoCorto@aol.com

I will add you to our mailing list.
Please only email me if you are not receiving any of our emails or if you want to be taken off of our list.

You will need to add my email address to your address book to receive my bulk emails.
Thanks, Andrea

We have 249 family and single members that have joined or renewed for the year. Thank you very much!

Welcome New Members

Kelly and Emma Brower
Tavernier, Fl.

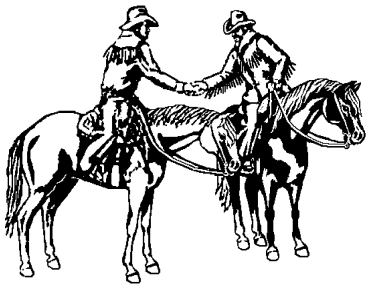
Kristina and Julian Rua
Homestead, Fl.

Kim and Rick Rivenburg
Naples, Fl.

Mary and Stephanie Zardon
Pembroke Pines, Fl.

Miguel and Irena Rodriguez
Cutler Bay, Fl.

Member cards take 8 weeks to process.



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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 cattlewoman 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 Andrea 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 (ask Andrea how). 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.

SUNSHINE REPORT

A Sympathy Card was sent to the family of Cindi McCue who unexpectantly passed.

A Sympathy Card was also sent to Kathy Charles who had to put her two rescued guinea pigs down.

A Get Well Card was sent to Modesta Iturrey following her second knee replacement!

Please know many prayers and well-wishes are with you at this time.

Please contact Debi Cat-Priest if you need a card sent to a SFTR member.

APPLY FOR YOUR COGGIN'S CARD

Get an E-card to keep in your wallet or on your saddle. This looks like a credit card with a picture of your horse and all the coggins info. This link is the application.
http://www.freshfromflorida.com/onestop/forms/09206.pdf

It will soon be time for

SFTR'S "Jingle Bell Jaunt"

On December 12th South Florida Trail Riders will be holding our Annual "Jingle Bell Jaunt" toy drive and holiday costume contest at Larry and Penny Thompson Park. We encourage you to donate at least one toy, gift card, or cash to participate in this ride. You do need to be a current member of SFTR. Day memberships are available or you may join or renew your year memberships at this event.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Celia Bunge
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Katrina Carroll
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Crystal Endlein
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Mollie Zell

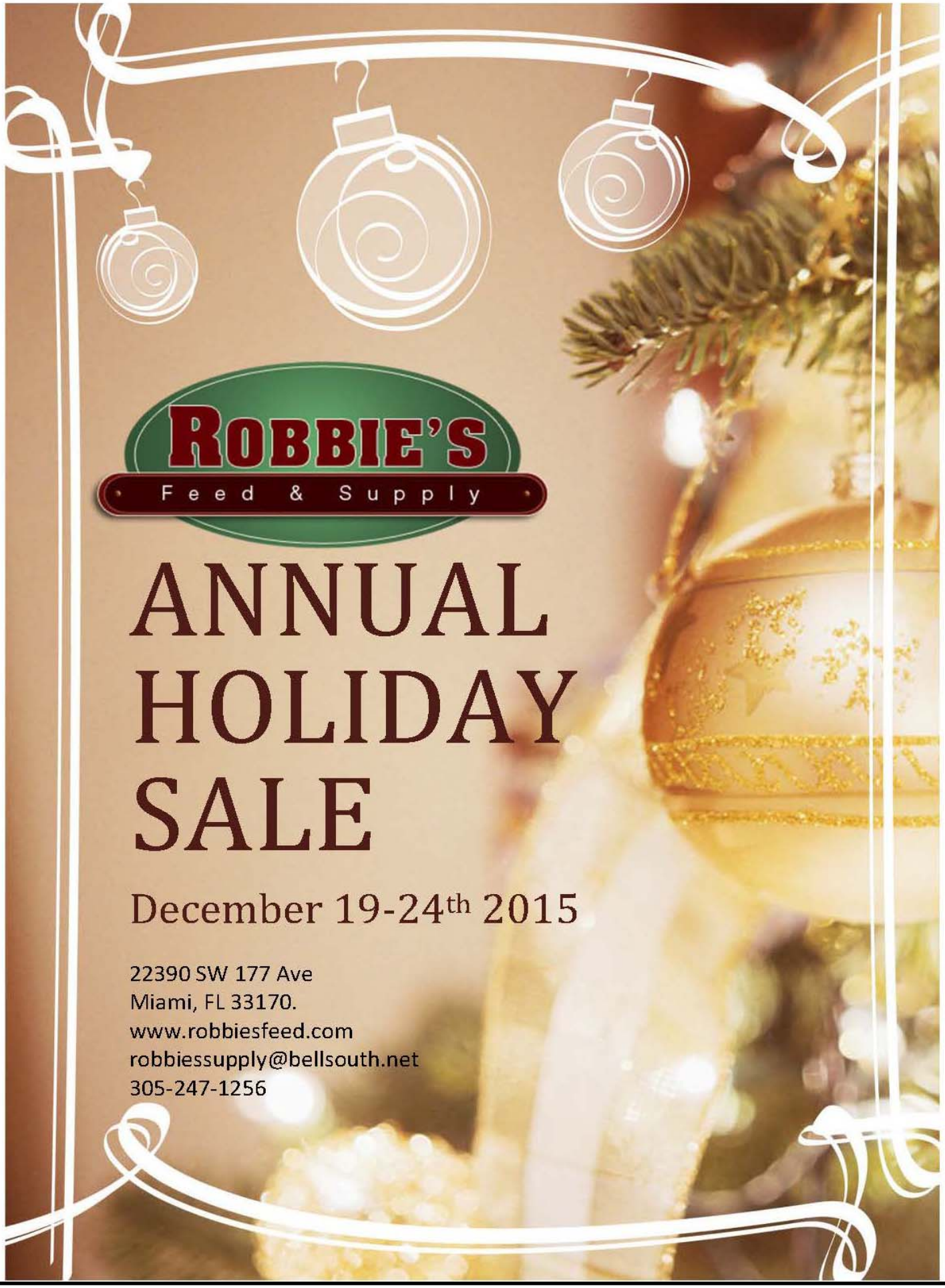
We need you to save the date. Plan your costume. Get your gifts for the kids.
Work up an appetite for some chili cheese grilled hot dogs, with all the trimmings at our holiday lunch. we will have the wagon to ride on again this year, prizes for the winners of the contest and we will bring a lot of Joy to the retired residents who camp at Larry and Penny Thompson Park and support our effort by giving toys and gifts as we parade through the park, We will bring joy at Christmas to some deserving local children by donating to Miami Dade Fire Department "Toys 4 Kids".

The staging area will be where the toys will be collected, the costumes are judged and where lunch will be served. WHEN YOU ARRIVE, sign in and get your number for the judges. You may arrive and sign in any time after 8:00 AM. Judging will be at 10 AM. The parade will begin at 11:00 A.M. We should be able to eat lunch around 12:30.
Costume contest prizes will include: Delightfully Decorative, Fantastically Festive, Outrageously Original, Holiday Hysteria, Holly Jolly Walker, and Jolly Jingle Junior. The real winners will be the children who get the toys.

We have a nice safe area to park our trailers, decorate ourselves, and our horses in the mango grove inside the park .Please bring water for your horses. There is water available but it is some distance from where we park. After the festivities are concluded, you are invited to take advantage of the beautiful bridle trails throughout the park for some additional enjoyment on your own.
Please plan on entering the contest or watching the parade and participating in the toy drive. We look forward to seeing you at our club meetings or at the event on December 12th.
Carrie Hershberger

DIRECTIONS: Larry and Penny Thompson Park

Coming from north or south you can take the turnpike to Eureka Drive, go west on Eureka Drive until you reach the park. There are several entrances to the park from Eureka Drive. Follow the SFTR yellow signs to the mango grove. Park between the tree rows in the shade. Please tie your horses to your trailer. White glove the area before you leave. (clean up hay, manure, and trash)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The Great Florida Cattle Drive ‘16

By: *Manny Alvarez*

This coming January 23-30, you will have the opportunity to participate in one of the largest historical reenactments to take place in Florida.

The Great Florida Cattle Drive ’16 will drive 500 head of cattle over 50 miles in what is left of the historic cattle range of Central Florida. Conditions will be primitive, similar to those encountered in the 1850s Florida.

No horse trailers or motorized vehicles are permitted on the trail. You will sleep in a tent, on the ground or on a cot. The 500 riders will wear period clothing. We will stay at a different camp every night as we follow the herd, “it ain’t for sissies”. Wagons are welcomed.

The cost including all your meals your horse’s feed and hay, is $600 per adult and $400 for 12yrs and under.

This historical and educational ride will include nightly presentations regarding the cow culture of the state and the Cow Hunter Cracker heritage.

Please visit our website for detailed information, www.greatfloridacattledrive16.org, or contact Manny Alvarez redlandtrail@aol.com.

Jan. 2016

ANDREA'S FALL BIRTHDAY RIDE

Thank you everyone who came to celebrate my birthday. We rode for about 4 hours which included a nice dip in a beautiful lake. We had a few people that came over from Naples and of course, Augie took them and a couple of other people on a side trip to see the bay since we were so close. The rest of us headed on home to a beautiful cake (thanks to Debi & Linda) and lots of food that people brought.
Andrea Sante

HALLOWEEN RIDE

The morning started out a little slow, where was everyone?? Finally, people started showing up and we ended up with a really nice group of riders. We had 3 people who dressed in costume. Elena Ramos, Kathy & Woody Charles (who came all the way from Orlando) and me! It getting harder each year to have this contest but it is fun anyways.

We had some excitement before we even left on the ride. Someone came in and said a white Ford truck was smoking? and it had a Shadow trailer hooked up to it. Sylvia!! We all ran out and it was smoking. The wiper motor shorted out and got hot, so Ben had a fire extinguisher, we sprayed that on it then we poured water on it. It got so hot the windshield broke. Then we had to clean the windshield from all the extinguisher stuff. What a mess. The guys pulled the fuses to the wiper motor and all was good.

I had the Boston Butt in the oven and we were ready to ride! We rode about 2.5 hours. When we returned, the pork was ready and smelled wonderful, along with Elena's giant tray of yellow rice (Yum..) and all the other good food that was brought in. Thanks everybody for another great ride!

Andrea Sante

THE BAREFOOT HORSE – A LIFESTYLE

"The barefoot horse" is not merely a description of a horse without shoes nor is it a description of the hoof condition of a horse. Rather, it is the description of a **lifestyle of a horse** that includes:

A diet based upon forage which is fed free choice and which is low in sugar, low in starch, and balanced to contain the proper amounts and ratios of vitamins and minerals for type of forage being fed.

Living conditions and an environment which allows for and encourage movement over several different types of terrain including grass, gravel, and rock. Daily exercise that includes walking, trotting and galloping. Horses living on the open range will travel 15 or more miles a day.

A proper hoof trimming every 4 to 6 weeks or as needed. Some horses can go longer if the environment promotes some self-trimming.

A healthy barefoot develops either from birth or it can be encouraged to develop later in adult life when the owner decides the barefoot lifestyle is what they desire for their horse. All of the factors listed above play an important role in developing and maintaining a healthy horse with healthy feet. When a person decides they want to become a marathon runner, they have to train. No different than being a barefoot horse, it is a lifestyle that requires they eat right, forget the couch potato lifestyle, and exercise to condition muscles, bone, lungs, legs and feet. The entire body must be conditioned. Wearing adequate foot protection is as critical to the marathon runner as a well developed hoof is to a barefoot horse. Runners have to start slow and work gradually to condition their entire body and it is no different with a horse transitioning to a barefoot lifestyle.

Owners always want what is best for their horse. What is best or ideal may not be possible for some horse owners (especially here in South Florida) due to the limitations and situations associated with local feed availability, geography, climate, herd size, boarding and terrain. **I believe however, the more we know about what is ideal for our horses, the better our best will be.**

In this series of articles I will discuss the ideal conditions that are important for the development and maintenance of a healthy barefoot horse and give some reasonable and practical options.

Article 1: A balanced diet will ensure that the horse (and the hoof) has the nutritional building blocks needed to grow strong and healthy. Diet is being addressed first for a reason. No matter how much exercise or conditioning the horse gets or how good the hooves are trimmed, the feet will not grow and stay healthy without proper nutrition. Proper nutrition directly affects the horse's attitude, energy, growth, immune system, susceptibility to and/or recovery from disease. Every aspect of health and performance is influenced by the nutritional status of the horse.

The **ideal diet** would be fed free choice and it would be forage based, low in sugar, low in starch, and balanced to have the correct amount and correct ratios of vitamins and minerals for the type of hay being fed. According to equine nutritionists this is accomplished by "balancing the hay" and requires a laboratory analysis of the hay and then using the analysis to create a custom vitamin/mineral mix. The custom mix is based on what is lacking in the hay according to the minimum equine nutritional requirements published by The National Research Council (NRC) for the specific condition/activity of your horse (pasture pet, trail riding, racing, endurance, pregnant, lactating, foal or senior, etc.)

Here in South Florida it is not practical to specifically balance the hay each time you purchase it because most owners buy small amounts at a time and it takes time to get the samples analyzed. By the time your analysis is back and you've worked out the amounts and ratios of each vitamin/mineral for your specific needs, ordered the mix and receive it, a new and different batch of hay is being fed. I balanced my horses hay ration for 4 years and it became impossible to continue due to storage limitations.

An acceptable option to balancing each time you purchase hay is to feed a good quality hay plus a "balancer". Balancers are designed to provide the vitamins/minerals that, **on average**, are lacking in a specific type of hay. They are sold commercially for both grass hay, such as Timothy or Orchard and for legume hay such as Alfalfa. So, if you feed your horse Timothy hay, you would feed a grass hay balancer. The most common findings in grass hay is high iron and low copper and zinc. Heat generated in the drying process eliminates the vitamin E and essential fatty acids in hay. Also, hay does not contain adequate amounts of sodium (salt) and horses do not receive adequate levels of sodium by licking a salt block. Before I discontinued balancing my hay, I did lots of research. Now I feed my horses Timothy grass hay, vitamin E, ground flax (for essential fatty acid), salt and California Trace. California Trace is formulated to supply the most commonly deficient minerals in grass hay. I found it to be very close to the custom mix I formulated to balance the hay when I was analyzing the grass hay I fed.

I use slow feeders to ensure my horses have access to hay at all times. I also soak a little beet pulp and timothy hay cubes to use as a carrier for the vitamin E, flax, salt, and California Trace.

Written by *Susan Boyd* Edited by Zachary Franklin, DVM

The 17th Annual Maines Marathon Ride & 2nd Annual Lucia Rodrigo Memorial Ride

DATE: January 3, 2016
TIME: 8:30 AM

Its that time again to ride the best inter-local trail system in the state of Florida. This is not a ride for the tender foot, so get your horse ready for a ride from all the way out west to east Davie. This is an 18 mile ride to celebrate the trail system that you probably never knew existed, between Southwest Ranches, Weston and Davie. Learn the trails, the connections and the trail heads of a trail system that others can only dream of.

Drop your horse off at the Maines Ranch in Southwest Ranches at 8:30 AM, then take your trailer to the end (TBA) and get shuttled back to your horse to start the ride. 17401 SW 48 Street.
Lunch will be provided at the half way point, which is Robbins Lodge.

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

UPDATE ON September HORSE OF THE MONTH, Panela STILL NEEDS A HOME!

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PARADE TEAM NEWS

Hay, Trail Riders,

The Sunday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 29th, is the **67th Annual Jr. Orange Bowl Parade!** This is an evening parade which **starts at 4:00 p.m. and we need to be there by 1:00.**

We will be parking at the same area as last year, which was plentiful and quiet. As usual, it's a great time and it will be televised, so who knows, we could have our 15 minutes of fame!

We will have food before the parade and we promise it won't be turkey, so clean your boots, brush your horse, don your uniform and let's have another great time and turnout!

Please sign and return the Mandatory Waiver and Release Form that was emailed, ASAP and help bring in the Holiday Spirit!

REMEMBER...we are to be in full parade uniforms with gloves, and clean horses as we want our horses & ourselves to present our club in a professional manner.

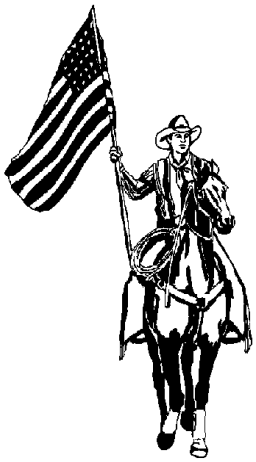
PARKING will be on MINORCA AVE, In front of CORAL GABLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, which will be barricaded for us.

If you are running late, you will be allowed in because we're north of the street closures. Line up will be at 3:15 pm as the parade kick off is 4:00 pm.

We are to stay with our trailers until escorts are sent to get us safety across Ponce de Leon Blvd. Directions: From Dixie Hwy go north on S.W. 37th Ave. West (left) on Madeira Ave. South (left) on Galiano St. (Do NOT turn on Majorca Ave.) West (right) on Minorca Ave.

PARADE OF THE ELVES - South Miami

I know, isn't this great?! One awesome parade after another?! The South Miami Parade of Elves is on Sunday, Dec. 7th, at 2:00 PM and we need to meet at the American Legion, 7710 SW 59th Avenue at 12:30 PM. Once back at the trailers, we can relive the Parade with plenty of food and friendship! So come to the Parade of Elves and continue the tradition of a great time and turnout because, after this one, we get a breather before Homestead's Rodeo Parade! Please RSVP if you can attend this parade and want to carry a flag, you must be in full parade uniform.



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Upcoming Parades:

Dec. 6th - Parade of the Elves in South Miami
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