

# The Rocky Beat

MONTHLY NEWSPAPER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE ASSOCIATION

## FANTASTIC 2018 INTERNATIONAL SHOW

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Editor/Chair position
- North American Farm Supply Offer to Members
- Teff-Is it for you?
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The 2018 North American Farm Supply RMHA International Grand Championships are behind us now. Thank you to all of the exhibitors, owners and trainers, who dedicated hours and hours of preparation, braved the heat and the rain and presented dozens of beautiful Rockies to make this year's International a wonderful success. Congratulations on all the beautiful rides!

Thank you to the International Show Committee. They did a fantastic job planning, preparing and carrying off this year's show. The classes, demos and other events were well planned and well managed. Congratulations on an exciting and entertaining event. Your efforts were well rewarded. Thank you to the many other RMHA committee members and members, who worked hard to benefit the show, as well.

We are also grateful to everyone who donated their time or talents in support of this event for the part they played in the success of this year's International.

Thank you to our show manager, Julie Clark and her amazing staff for their hard work to keep us on schedule and make it look effortless. They worked tirelessly to coordinate all the activities of the show. Our thanks also to the Kentucky Horse Park staff who responded quickly to any calls for help throughout our show.

Thank you to those who donated Stallion breedings and items for the Youth auction and to Steele Saddle for their saddle donation.

Thank you also to everyone who bid and congratulations to the winners of these auctions. Thank you to each of our sponsors, who pro-

vided funding to make this such a wonderful event again this year. Special thanks to North American Farm Supply for their generosity as our first ever Naming Sponsor and for sharing their products with us to create center ring and the stage display and for being present as a vendor at this year's show. Special thanks also to McCauley Feeds for their generous sponsorship of our Grand Championships and for helping us to present the beautiful Crystal awards and products donated to the award winners.

Thank you to all the vendors for joining us and making available your products and skills. I came home with several Kentucky Proud products and other items. Special thanks also to the Vendors who donated products for some of our winners.

Thank you to the individuals who joined us to share their Rockies jumping, in har-

ness, mounted shooting, cantering on cue and being ridden sidesaddle. What a great way to display the versatility of our breed.

Thank you, last but certainly not least, to the spectators who joined us for this wonderful event. It was great to meet some of you personally for the first time, wonderful to see old friends again, and fantastic to explain the breed to many visitors to the Kentucky Horse Park who just happened to visit this weekend. Whether you came for an hour, a day or enjoyed the whole weekend... you witnessed the amazing traits of the Rocky Mountain Horse and, undoubtedly, met some of the most dedicated horse owners in the world.

Sincerely,  
Judy Brummer, President RMHA



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*"Where in this wide world can man find nobility without pride, friendship without  
envy, or beauty without vanity?  
Here where grace is laced with muscle and strength by gentleness confined"  
— from the Ode to the Horse by Ronald Duncan*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DEADLINES TO NOTE:**

**Rocky Beat:** Deadline for submitting content or classifieds is always the 1st of each month.

**Next RMHA Board Meeting:**

Oct 20th , Winchester, KY.  
Board of Directors meeting.

**B.E.S.T.S. DIRECTORY LINK**

(Breeders, Equine Services, Trainers and Sales Directory)

Click [HERE](#)

**Link to KHBIF Information.**

[KHBIF Information](#)

**American Horse Council Benefits**

For RMHA members. If you would like to see the benefits we get just for being members of the RMHA

Go [HERE](#)

Also do you know someone who would like an **internship with AHC?**

Check out how to apply [HERE](#)

**RMHA Trail Program**

If you ride those trails and you aren't a part of this program yet, you should be! What are you waiting for? And if you are, you need to know that the trail year has changed! To find out all you need to know, click [here!](#)

**Need RMHA merchandise?**

Visit the official [RMHA Marketplace](#) for bags, clothing and much more and don't forget to become a VIP member on the page to receive member discounts!

The print "**Five Sons of Tobe**" is back in stock and ready to ship. The price is \$34.99 unframed. If you would like your own copy, please contact the RMHA office

**COMMITTEE CHAIR OPPORTUNITY COMING IN SEPTEMBER**

As chair and editor of the RMHA Publications Committee , I wanted to let you know that my term is up this September, and the RMHA will be seeking a new chair. This role is a rewarding job that does not require previous editor experience but some writing/publishing/editing/organizing skills are very helpful. Leadership and teamwork skills are definitely assets to the position, and passion and commitment are a must, but it is certainly a labor worth doing and taking pride in. I have enjoyed being a part of it for the last four years. Please contact President, Judy Brummer if you are interested in knowing more at [Judy@emdeemountainhorses.com](mailto:Judy@emdeemountainhorses.com)

The **photos from the 2018 North American Farm Supply, RMHA International Grand Championship Show** can be found at

[www.equineimagesbykryv.proofpix.com](http://www.equineimagesbykryv.proofpix.com)

They will be posted as soon as KRV Photography has them complete

**International results** can be found here as soon as they are available and posted.

[2018 International Show Results](#)

**2018 Pink Ride**– Saturday Oct 13, 2018, is the date for our together separately ride to benefit Breast Cancer Research Association. Plan your group and place to ride and raise \$ for a great organization. Contact Angie Emmert for more info at [2much2due@earthlink.net](mailto:2much2due@earthlink.net)

Have you seen the new **Pedigree Database?** Visit [HERE](#) and please help us complete this project by reviewing the information for your own horses.

**Working Equitation– More info**

You will find an article on working equitation and one of our members who is very involved in the sport in the summer issue of the printed RMHA magazine. If you would like more information on W.E. here are a few sites we recommend to check out: [WE UNITED](#) and [World Association for Working Equitation](#) and [Working Equitation Intl Assn-USA](#)

**New Registration Incentive**

Check out the new registration incentives [HERE](#).

For all **2018 show and event** information go to the [RMHA Show page](#).

Have a great show season everyone!

Do you follow the **RMHA on Facebook?** It is a good place to keep up on new info coming out of the office and member events. Check it out [HERE](#)

**RMHA Registration Incentive** ends October 31, 2018.

Register 2 horses (any age) at regular price and register a 3rd horse for 1/2 price!

Register 4 horses (any age) at regular price and register a 5th horse for free! Fees for registration can be found at this link.

All registration applications must be received at the same time for this offer to apply.

(Please note, registration fee includes fee for DNA. Discount includes discount on cost of DNA)

**RMHA Versatility Program**

What do you do with your horse? Perform? Ride Trails? Show? Extreme Cowboy? Obstacles? Mounted shooting? Drill team? More? Then you should really check out our versatility program! Get all the details right [here](#) and start adding up those points!

**A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

Several years ago, I started looking through old RMHA documents searching out information about the association's history. As I searched I found information about each year's International. I began to collect the names of the horses, owners and riders who had achieved the highest honors each year and I soon realized that there was no central place where these names were all recorded. Last month, I finally put the last sentence in a book commemorating the history of the RMHA International Grand Championships. I had hoped the book would be in print by this year's International but I guess it just wasn't meant to be. The RMHA office received 100 copies of "Rocky Mountain Horse Association International Grand Championships: 30 years of history" this past week. The book includes a brief history of the International and records of the number of classes, horses entered, and the total number of entries for as many years as information could be found. The names of all the Grand Champions in Conformation, under saddle and Western divisions are listed with their owner's and rider's names. Descriptions of each of the Special Awards and the winners of those awards over the years are noted as well. I have donated the first 100 copies to the RMHA. All proceeds of the book will go to the RMHA to help support the International. I hope that others will find it interesting and will decide to purchase a copy and perhaps donate even more than the purchase price to help support this RMHA tradition.

The 30th International is behind us.... and you may have heard by now that this year's International Grand Championships were a blast this year. 105 classes, 193 horses entered, 713 total class entries and 3 days packed with fun. Congratulations to all the Special Award winners and Champions and Grand Champions this year. Thank you to them and to all the other competitors who dedicated many hours of preparation to present their horse(s) and made this celebration so exciting. The level of competition was awesome to see. Thank you to the International Show Committee and all the other volunteers, the RMHA staff and the Show Management staff who made this year's International a memorable experience for everyone who participated or attended. Thanks also to North American Farm Supply and McCauley Feeds and all our other sponsors for their generosity and support of the International.

2 new RMHA Board Members were inducted at the RMHA General Membership Meeting on September 5th. I look forward to serving with Brittany Hopkins and Jane Gean as Members at Large. Members re-elected to continue their service to the association include: myself as President; John Stivers, Vice President; Gina Purdue, Secretary; Claudia Depew, Treasurer; Lyngle Lawson, Hearing Panel; Jeff McCarty, Director of Examiners; Jason Slone, Member at Large. Other continuing members include: Derick Tipton and Tara Stone, Directors of Examiners; Kelvin Robbins and Larry LeBlanc, Hearing Panel; and Angie Emmert, Kathy House, Diana Hastings and Marianne Jolley, Members at Large. Retiring from the board will be Janet Peters and Stewart Wickham, who served as Members at Large. Thank you to both for their awesome commitment to their responsibilities and the association.

Each year, I am given the opportunity to recognize an individual as Volunteer of the Year. The tradition of this award is a long one and those who have received this award have served the RMHA in many ways. Each has drawn on their own special talents or skills and has diligently worked to provide services to other members of the association. This year the award went to Chastity Adkins, Chair of the Show Advisory Committee. She has been an advocate for the horse and for one of the strong traditions of the Rocky Mountain Horse Association, our show program. This tradition stretches further back than our association's existence. With twenty sanctioned shows this year, shows in Texas, Kansas, Virginia and California and plans already for shows in Kentucky, Florida and Texas in 2019, her efforts have been well rewarded.

The tradition of the RMHA is that Committee members are appointed to serve for the duration of a President's term. With my re-election, I will be contacting those members who have served for the past two years on the Committees of the RMHA about their continuing service. I invite all members to review the responsibilities of the Committees and contact me if you would like to be added as a member of a Committee, as well. In addition, in the next few months, the Nominating Committee will be seeking candidates for the Board positions of a Hearing Panel member, a Director of Examiners, and four Members at Large for the election in June 2019. Please review the responsibilities of these positions carefully and consider whether you or someone you know should place a name on the ballot to be elected by the membership to serve as a member of the RMHA Board in one of these positions.

Judy Brummer



## GOOD HORSEKEEPING

## TEFF HAY, IS IT FOR YOUR HORSE?

As we all know our “special needs and/or fluffy” horses should be kept on a hay that is low in carbohydrates. A 10% to 12% Non Soluable Carbohydrate (NSC) hay is usually recommended.

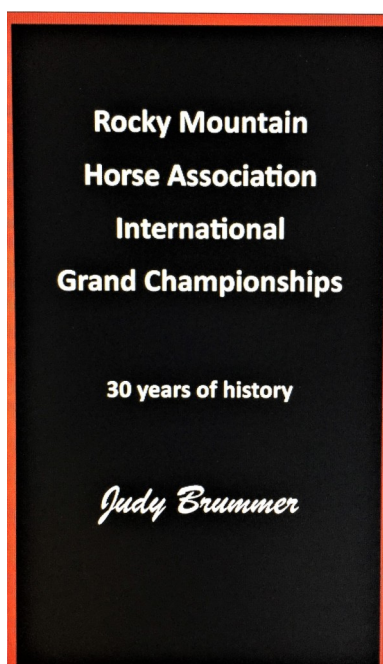
Teff hay is a fairly recent option for those of us looking for a low sugar, mid protein, hay for our easy keepers, laminitic, insulin resistant or Pituitary Pars Intermedia Dysfunction (PPID, also known as Cushings disease) horses. But what is Teff? Teff is an ancient grass thought to have originated in Ethiopia where the grain was used for human consumption. Teff grass (*Eragrostis tef*) is being introduced around the world for hay production.

Teff being a C4 warm season grass, should average lower NSC values than most C3 cool season grasses (Timothy, Orchard) because C4 warm season grasses do not form long chain fructan, they form starch and starch formation is self-limiting. In C3 grasses the fructan is not self-limiting so these grasses have the ability to store large amounts of fructan, creating dangerously high sugar hay.

Something to note is the importance of keeping track of levels of the vitamins and minerals needed for your horse to stay healthy. Teff does contain oxalate which will reduce calcium absorption so you will have to watch for this and other deficiencies that may necessitate filling in a few nutritional gaps. Being a soft, leafy hay, it also seems to be quite pleasing to the horse palate and very digestive-system friendly as well. Teff is also found in pelleted and cube form in some feed stores.

Hay tests have shown that NSC values ranged from 5.4% to 16% with the hay in the lower range being more suitable for the metabolic or foundered horse and that in the higher range is not. There can be as much as a 45% difference in NSC with Teff grown in cool, sunny areas versus Teff grown under drought conditions. This just proves the point that you should test your hay before assuming that all hay of the same species is equal.

Is Teff the hay for you and your horse? If your horse has any of the above mentioned conditions Teff hay might be a good choice for you. Your Ag Extension agent, feed store professional or veterinarian should be able to recommend how to incorporate Teff hay into your feeding program.



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**N O R T H   A M E R I C A N   F A R M   S U P P L Y   O F F E R**

2018 International Grand Championship sponsor, North American Farm Supply, would like to extend an opportunity to RMHA members for promotion of their farms or businesses in the Mrs. Kentucky Pageant program. The wives of the Owner, Doug Thornburg, and the Manager, Jeremy Hill, are both contestants in this pageant. For as little as \$200, a farm or business ad can be included in the program. Please contact Doug at 859-209-0821, if you are interested in supporting these contestants, promoting your farm or business and thanking North American Farm Supply for their generous sponsorship of this year's International.

