

The Rocky Beat

MONTHLY NEWSPAPER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE ASSOCIATION

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 2019 Programs
- Feeding a Rescue
- Get Involved!
- Deadline for Board Nominations
- Sponsors
- From Our President
- Trail Miles



To all 2018 show and trail award winners. We look forward to a rewarding and enriching 2019 on the rail and trail! For a complete list of 2018 winners click [HERE](#).

RMHA Year-End Special Awards

RMHA Horse of the Year

RPM's Squirrels Blackfoot - Tim & Marcia Spencer

RMHA Amateur of the Year

Tim Spencer

RMHA AOT of the Year

Tim Spencer

RMHA Novice of the Year

Katie Clark

RMHA Youth of the Year

Tana Wells

RMHA Trainer of the Year

Charlie DeAtley

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CLASSIFIEDS

CLASSIFIED AD (MAX 50 WORDS) -\$10

Oakwood Farm has quality horses for sale:

Please contact Mike Barnett at 270-791-3988 for more information

Oakwoods Shade of Silver: RM# 2017485169, 21-month-old Chocolate Roan Filly

Oakwoods O'Henry: RM#2018485661, 8-month-old Chocolate Roan Colt

Oakwoods Huckleberrys Kate: RM#2018485702, 8-month-old Chocolate Filly

Oakwoods April Rain: RM #2003010381, 17-Year-old Chocolate Mare

FRIENDS OF THE RMHA

Please thank them for their support of the RMHA with your patronage if you have a need.

Click on each name to visit the corresponding website.

[North American Farm](#)

[McBrayer](#)

[McCauley's](#)

[Lee Boyd](#)

[Sean O'Bryan](#)

[Bluegrass Equine Vet](#)

[Stoner Ridge Farm](#)

[Michael & Judy Brummer](#)

[West Coast RMH Club](#)

[John Rose](#)

[Mike Walker](#)

[Steel Saddle](#)

[John & Kim Stivers](#)

[Grand Oak Stables](#)

[Park Equine](#)

[Coffey Creek Farms](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEADLINES TO NOTE:

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

Summer Issue Printed Magazine:

Articles-June 30th
 Ads-June 20th
 Approx release-Aug 7th
 NEXT ISSUE will be in Dec 2019

Next RMHA Board Meeting:

Mar 16th, 12 p.m., Winchester, KY

Next General Membership Meeting

September 4, 2019 in the covered arena at The Kentucky Horse Park.

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!](#)

The 2019 RMHA Judges' Clinic will be held February 23rd at the RMHA Office, 71 South Main Street, Winchester, KY. The Clinic will begin at 8:30 am. Please contact the RMHA Office (859-644-5244) to reserve space and pre-pay \$45 fee (lunch

Link to KHBIF Information.

[KHBIF Information](#)

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

(Breeders, Equine Services, Trainers and Sales Directory)

Click [HERE](#)

February 21 is the deadline for signatures on petitions to be a candidate on the 2019 ballot (see [Rules](#), Section 4 for details)

2018 Show/Trail/Versatility Award winners [announced](#)**The Math is clear-**

Support + Volunteers=Programs
 Not only do we appreciate our volunteers, but they are utterly essential to our programs and many functions of our association. Without volunteerism, we would lose many of the programs we participate in and enjoy. Please participate in this short survey to see where your passions and skills might help the most.

[TAKE SURVEY HERE](#)

Recent Bylaw Change-A recent Bylaw change (approved by the membership) allows the registration of a horse after both parents have been certified if the sire and dam were not certified at the time of breeding. Click [HERE](#) for more information

It is time to enroll in 2019 Programs!

If you ride those trails and you aren't a Click on the following to access forms to enroll in RMHA programs.

- [Trail Mileage Program](#) – for Youth and Adult Riders
- [Versatility Program](#) –for Adult Riders
- [Youth Award of Excellence](#) – for Youth Riders

For all **2019 show and event** information go to the [RMHA Show page](#).

Have a great show season everyone!

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

Horse expo participation forms-are due by January 31st. If you plan to participate in expos in 2019, please find your form [HERE](#) and turn in by the deadline.

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 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!

Advertise with the RMHA

-Help to support the 2019 RMHA Show Program by advertising in the 2019 Show Rule Book (money goes to reimburse sanctioned RMHA shows). Contact the RMHA office (859-644-5244) to reserve your space. Deadline for submission of ads February 15th. Ads must be prepaid.

-Help to support all of the programs of the RMHA by advertising in the BESTS Directory or becoming a Website Home Page sponsor. Live links to your own website are available from the BESTS Directory and the Website Home Page. Contact the RMHA office (859-644-5244) for more information. Ads must be prepaid.

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KHBIF NEWS

Last August our KHBIF affiliate, in conjunction with the RMHA, provided information about Ky Born and Bred Rocky Mountain Horses to the KHRC to fulfill their request for that information. Our affiliate was recently notified of the results of the KHRC audit of this portion of our pedigree database. The KHRC was complimentary of the completeness of our records and only had a few questions for us about the information provided to them.

There were 48 participating horses in this program in 2018. The vouchers for 2018 have not been issued yet but there is no doubt that they will be coming and that RMHA members with Ky Born and Bred horses will continue to be eligible to receive money through this program in 2019.

BREED AWARDS

The RMHA will continue to partner with several organizations to provide 2019 RMHA Breed Awards for registered and certified Rocky Mountain Horses participating with those organizations. As we are notified of award recipients in these programs, we will acknowledge their achievements in the Rocky Beat and on the RMHA Facebook page and Website. Current affiliations include:

American Endurance Ride Conference
North American Trail Riding Conference
Confederation for Working Equitation
Equine Trail Sports

We are always looking for new ways to highlight the accomplishments of our amazing breed. Please let us know where and with who you are competing, and we will see what kind of partnerships we can develop with those organizations.

ELECTIONS FOR BOARD POSITIONS

The names of the 2019 nominated candidates for positions on the RMHA Board have been posted on the RMHA website and Facebook page and an eBlast was sent out to members on January 22 with this information. Members who meet all requirements to run for these offices and who decide to add their names to the ballot by petition have until February 22 to obtain signatures. Petitions must be submitted to the RMHA office by March 1. Individuals who want to be considered for the position of Member at Large can also be nominated by two members who endorse their candidacy and submit their nomination to the RMHA office by March 1.

SILVER STUDY NEWS

A study of the incidence of silver in our herd will be ending in the next couple of months. A comparison will be made between the incidence of silver in horses registered in 2006 and those registered in 2016. Preliminary results from the first 259 of the 2006 horses tested indicated that 61% were silver positive and 9.6% were homozygous silver. When results were analyzed for horses in that group who were registered as red based 60% were positive for silver and 1 was a homozygous silver. It will be interesting to see the final statistics for 2006 and how they compare to the statistics for 2016.

TRAIL, VERSATILITY AND YOUTH PROGRAM INFO

The [2019 Trail Mileage Program](#) and [2019 Versatility Program](#) and [2019 Youth Program](#) year runs from November 1st, 2018 to October 31st, 2019. Annual awards in these programs are presented the RMHA Awards Banquet each year.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2019 in the Covered Arena at the Kentucky Horse Park. The 2019 RMHA International Grand Championships will begin on September 5th.

2019 SHOW SEASON NEWS

Shows are being added to the 2019 Show Schedule almost every day. Check out the upcoming shows at [this link](#). Be sure to your [membership](#) is up to date and you have your [2019 Riders Card](#) and add your farm or business advertisement to the 2019 Show Rule Book (Ads are included in the online or printed version of the Show Rule Book and ad money is used to fund reimbursing sanctioned RMHA shows. Contact a member of the Show Advisory Committee about this opportunity.)

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

NEXT RMHA BOARD MEETING

The next scheduled RMHA Board Meeting will be held on March 16, 2019 at 12 noon in the RMHA Office. Petitions to add names to the 2019 ballot and Nominations from the floor to add names to run for Member at Large will be reviewed at this meeting. The final list of candidates to appear on the ballot will be certified at this meeting. The current list of candidates and information about the processes to add other names to the ballot can be found at [this link](#). Please remember Petitions for nomination and Nominations from the floor must be in the RMHA office by March 1st. The deadline for signing Petitions for nomination is February 22nd.

EXPO PARTICIPATION

If you are planning to participate in an EXPO this year and would like to apply for assistance from the RMHA, the Horse Expo Participation Application may be located on the Forms and Applications page of the website or at [this link](#). Applications are processed on a first come-first serve basis. Apply early to insure reimbursement for your efforts on behalf of the breed and the association.

ANNUAL AWARDS

Thank you to those who made this year's RMHA Annual Awards Banquet such a marvelous success and to everyone who supported these programs of the RMHA! CONGRATULATIONS to participants on your own personal achievements and to those who excelled in each of these programs in 2018! The list of award winners can be found at [this link](#). Tabulations for these awards are completed by volunteers for the association. We appreciate the time and effort they devote to these programs.

JUDGES CLINIC

The 2019 RMHA Judges Clinic is scheduled to be held February 23rd. Please contact the RMHA office to register, if you would like to audit this clinic or become an RMHA Show Judge. More information is available at [this link](#).

A F E W W O R D S F R O M O U R P R E S I D E N T



February is here with unseasonably warm weather in the Midwest right after record setting cold at the end of January. Several changes have taken place over the past couple of months. RMHA Treasurer, Claudia Depew resigned from that position at the end of 2018. Her skills as an accountant and her contributions as a member of the Board have been valuable assets for the RMHA and its members. I am grateful that Claudia has agreed to continue to lend her expertise as a member of the Finance Committee and has been helping to introduce our newly appointed Treasurer, Ellen Knapp, to the RMHA's accounting system and financial records. Ellen has experience in accounting and in business management, as well. I am confident she will be another great addition to the Board.

After careful review of the Executive Director's job responsibilities by an appointed Ad Hoc Committee, the RMHA Board recently approved a revised title and job description for this position. A Search Committee is now looking for an individual to become the RMHA's first General Manager. We are looking for an individual with strong marketing, communications and leadership skills. [Ellen Knapp](#) is leading the Search Committee and would be glad to hear from anyone interested in more information about this new RMHA management position. It is anticipated that this search process will take at least a couple of months. Our Registrar, Ms. Cyndee Davis and Ms. Shawna Smith, our office assistant will be "taking care of business" as efficiently as possible during this time period. Thank you for everyone's understanding as we work through this transition.

Meanwhile, implementation of the first phase of the [2019-2023 Strategic Plan](#) is underway. In the coming weeks, a meeting with all Committee Chairs will be scheduled to explain how the Chairs and the Committee Members can help the RMHA to facilitate implementation and achieve the goals set forth in this plan.

We recently celebrated the achievements of our members in the 2018 programs of the RMHA at the Annual RMHA Awards banquet. Congratulations to all those who excelled in these programs. There are many people to thank for the work done to maintain those programs. Committee members, Committee chairs, other volunteers and not least of all each member who supports or participates in these programs. Whether it is the Trail Program, the Show Program, the Versatility Program, the KHBIF Program or the Competitive Trail Program your memberships, riders cards, sponsorships, advertising and volunteerism are what makes the RMHA possible. Thank you to everyone who contributes in any way for your dedication to the horse and to the breed.

The RMHA has been blessed over the past 33 years to have dedicated and talented members who donate their resources, time and skills to support the goals of the association and provide for the ongoing promotion of the Rocky Mountain Horse. Many of us have been inspired by our own Rockies to devote our efforts to the mission of the association. There are currently open seats on several of the RMHA's Committees. Please look at the list of [Committees](#) on the RMHA website and consider joining this volunteer team.

Judy Brummer

D I D Y O U K N O W ?

How to Feed a Severely Neglected Rescue Horse
by Juliet M. Getty, Ph.D.

When we can offer a safe, caring home to a severely neglected horse, everyone in the horse world cheers. If you have recently adopted a rescue horse, let me first commend you for your actions. Saving a horse that is in desperate need of care and nursing him back to health can be one of the most gratifying experiences a horse owner can have. But you must be committed to giving him a lot of time and attention. The transition period is critical. He'll need to be moved in and out of pasture throughout the day, fed hay nearly every couple of hours, and given frequent supplemental meals until he gets to where he can hold his own.

If your horse is very thin due to starvation, you will want to proceed slowly and with caution, giving his body a chance to adjust to change with each step. Some horses are in such poor condition they are unable to eat. In this extreme situation, your veterinarian will use a stomach tube to feed the horse. This is a short term procedure with the goal of getting your horse interested in eating again.

Ulcers can complicate the rehabilitation process. Retired race horses almost invariably have ulcers. Your veterinarian may prescribe an ulcer medication, but this can only be used for a month or so. The three long term components of healing an ulcer are: chewing on hay or pasture at all times, plenty of water, and reduction in stress.

Your ultimate goal is to allow your rescued horse to graze freely, as much as he wants, on hay and/or pasture. You'll want his forage to include a legume such as clover or alfalfa. But take your time - you can't just put him out on pasture right away if he's been severely deprived. No matter how gratifying the sight of him grazing 24/7 will be, you must allow time for his digestive tract to adjust to the influx of food. The microbial population in his hindgut is not adequate for fiber digestion; too much, too soon and he may colic or founder.

Here is my recommendation for an 1100 lb horse (his normal weight):

Give him a probiotic, at a double dose, every day for approximately one month; then reduce the dosage to a maintenance level. Start with 1 lb of grass hay every two hours, or pasture grazing for 30 minutes with an hour break in between. At night, leave him with 4 lbs of hay, plenty of water, and a plain, white salt block along with granulated salt, offered free-choice.

After 3 days, increase the amount of hay to 2 lbs per every two hours and give him 8 lbs of hay at night.

By the end of two weeks, he should be able to have hay available free-choice or graze on pasture 24/7. Be sure he has enough at night to last him throughout the night. There should be some hay left over in the morning.

Starting at week three, add alfalfa to his hay ration. Start with 1 lb per day for 3 days, and add one more pound every three days, until you reach a total of 8 to 10 lbs per day. If you're not able to obtain alfalfa hay, get hay cubes. Break them into small pieces and let them soak for a few minutes. Feed them as a snack throughout the day.

Also starting at week three, you'll want to begin feeding him 6 small meals each day. You can use a commercial senior or performance feed that contains 14-16% protein, at least 18% fiber, and at least 8% fat. Each meal should contain:

- o 4 cups feed (weighs approximately 1 lb or .5 kg)
- o 1/4 cup (60 ml) flaxseed meal (stabilized, commercial product is best)
- o 200 IU Vitamin E (you can get capsules in your local pharmacy)
- o Probiotic (double dose, spread over 6 meals)
- o 500 mg of Vitamin C

Gradually decrease the number of meals, every two weeks, but increase the amount of feed in each meal so that by the end of one month, in addition to a full ration of forage, you are providing two to three meals per day, with no more than 4 lbs of feed per meal. Maintain supplements and if your horse is older than 16, provide additional vitamin C.

The upside to the time and attention in addition to seeing your horse regain his health and vibrancy is that you will get to know your new horse very well, and together you will enjoy many good years ahead.

Tips provided with permission by [Juliet M Getty, Ph.D](#)

TRAIL MILEAGE PROGRAM

2018 TOBE Award

Susan Untiedt and her horse U Blue Turned Red Hot

High Mileage Awards 2018

One Rider, Multiple Horses

- 1. Laura Plumley 2,300 miles
- 2. Gloria Northcote 1,906 miles
- 3. Susan Untiedt 1,872 miles

One Rider, One Horse

- 1. Patty Wisneski 1,202 miles
- 2. Terri Griffin 943 miles
- 3. Cinda Pravda 925 miles

Trail Miles as of 2-1-19

<u>Name</u>		<u>Miles</u>	<u>Name</u>		<u>Miles</u>
Gloria	Northcote	27279	Ken	Smith	1358
Dean	Moon	17951	Kayla	Bynum	1318
Cindy	Pravda	12646	Marianne	Jolley	1141
Susan	Untiedt	11767	Darlene	Lewandowski	1095
Christina	Balan	9126	Sandra	Lutz	1061
Linda	Monaco	8868	Claudia	Depew	994
Patrice	Wisneski	8156	Dolly	Pierson	866
Laura	Plumley	8156	Deborah	Reeder	818
Janet	Peters	7118	Rhonda	Pearce	792
Janelle	Wilson	5529	Rosemary	Morgan	757
Anthony	Wilson	5322	Tammy	Killip	752
Tara	Kaper	4867	Barbara	West	730
Heiderose	MacDonald	4142	Cathy	Phillips	685
Daniel	Crampton	4031	Leslie	Hopkins	642
David	Ewert	3744	Ashley	O'Dell	642
JD	Burke	3670	Valerie	Swope	627
Sandi	Meadows	2895	Michelle	Sheglia	537
Carrie	Quatsoe	2858	Kelley	Collins	469
Alyce	Zynda	2792	Janet	Enyart	455
Jackie	Cade	2547	Donna	Curry	376
Jennifer	Nichols	2269	Angie	Emmert	353
Dallas	Meadows	2219	Julia	Tucker	343
Angela	Fleming	2085	Sandra	Branham	338
Armin	Hesterberg	2014	Karen	Abrams	292
Kerri	Humphreys	1968	Sherri	Dullea	218
Ellen	Styers	1824	Patricia	Enderle	207
Lee	Tremper	1802	Kathleen	Bunting	206
Sherry	Garman	1553	Maresa	Luzier	42
Tess	Smith	1453	Stewart	Wickham	40

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Mission:

The Rocky Mountain Horse Association is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The purpose of the Rocky Mountain Horse Association is to aid and encourage *the preservation, promotion, breeding and development* of the Rocky Mountain Horse throughout the United States and Internationally.

