# <u>Delaware Equine News</u>

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SUSSEX FIRE SERVICE and surrounding mutual aid: We are putting our Large Animal Rescue equipment in service April 20th. If you would like to see a demonstration of the process, please register by March 30th and join us! Seating is limited for additional fire service members who would like to attend the training portion.



**Sussex County Technical Rescue** 

### **LARGE ANIMAL RESCUE**

TRAINING & DEMO WORKSHOP

Saturday, Apr. 20th - 0800-1300

#### PRESENTED BY:

- Tori McLeod of 4Hooves
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#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- 0800 Equipment Training/Awareness
- 1100 Demonstration
- 1200 Lunch/Wrap-up

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All of us at The Delaware Equine Council were very sorry to hear this about our friend Donna Hurst . She was a long time member and one our top supporters and volunteer. She will definitely be missed. Our deepest condolences to her family and friends.





Donna driving one of her favorite horses, Moose, at Hollyville Farm in August, 2023







### President's Message

Spring has arrived and so has the Large Animal Rescue Equipment for Sussex County that we fundraised for. The presentation and celebration of that equipment to the Sussex County Tactical Response Unit will be taking place on April 20th at the Lincoln Fire Hall on N. Old State Rd. We want to thank everyone that supported this fundraising effort!

Our Horse Show Series is moving to a new location at Origami Stables at 238 Grey Fox Ln., Dover. We'll have the advantage of an outdoor and indoor arena, so no rain dates! We held a very successful "Judges Point of View" clinic at Origami with all the participants raving about how much the opportunity will help them prepare for their upcoming shows.

The Equine Council Foundation had a very successful Scholarship Awards Dinner/Auction presenting 5 deserving college students with \$1500 Scholarships. The auction and sponsors provided funds for next year's scholarships.

Stay tuned for more exciting happenings from the Equine Council and we welcome those of you that would like to help us continue to grow and support the Equine Industry in Delaware.

**Ken Horeis, DEC President** 



#### **Next DEC Meeting**



Schedule of Meeting Speakers for 2024

3rd Monday of the Month

**Houston Volunteer Fire Company** 143 Broad Street, Houston, DE 19954.

Mon. - May 20th, 7 PM - Zoom meeting with CPA to discuss tax issues related to horse ownership. The Zoom link will be posted on Facebook and the website.

Mon. - July 15th Mon. - Sept. 16th Mon. - Nov. 18th

If you or someone you know would like to present at a meeting, please contact a Board member



#### **2023 Delaware Equine Council Officers**

#### 2023 Delaware Equine Council Directors

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#### ~Welcome New DEC Members

#### **New Individual Members**

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#### **Commercial Member**

Crown & Eagle certified trainer, Penny Faass

**Youth Member** 

Alexandria Evans



#### **DEC Foundation Scholarship Awards dinner & Auction**

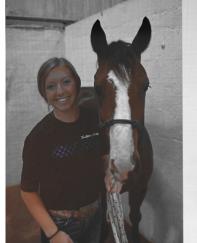
Another successful year for the Delaware Equine Council Foundation to award five deserving students with \$1,500 scholarships for their studies in the equine or agricultural field.

Congratulations to Isabella Ferraro, University of Delaware, Kaitlyn Collins, Tarleton State University, Lilian McGarvey, University of Delaware, Isabella Stine, Delaware Valley University, and Emma Riguad, University of Florida.

Our scholarship awards dinner/fundraiser was held on March 30 at the Harrington Moose Lodge. It was great to see our loyal supporters and friends come out on Easter weekend to join us in congratulating these students for a job well done. We truly appreciate our sponsors and donors as they are the key element in the success of our program.











Isabella Stine



M&T Bank Scholarship

Isabella Ferraro









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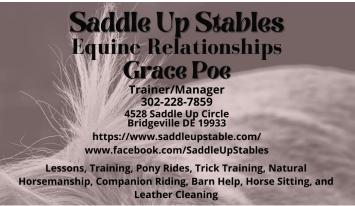
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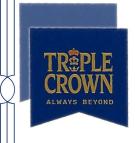
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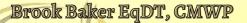
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#### Ticks Bite - How to Protect Your Horse against Ticks

By Deb M. Eldredge, DVM

Few things are hated more among animal owners than ticks. These arachnids – ticks are not insects, but relatives of spiders and scorpions – are difficult to control and can cause major health problems for your equine companions.

#### **Horse-Specific Ticks**

Many different tick species exist, but only a few are specific to horses. The tropical horse tick (Dermacentor nitens) and the moose tick or winter tick (Dermacentor albipictus) are one-host species that can spend their entire life span on a horse. On the other hand, multi-host ticks, such as dog or deer ticks, can also be found on horses and are opportunists that can live on multiple animals during their life span.



Tropical horse ticks can be found in the southern regions of Florida and Texas. They prefer to live in horses' ear canals, but can also be found in

the nasal passages and on the mane and tail. Moose ticks can be found in many regions of North America from coast to coast. They tend to target the ears, abdomen, anal area, and inner legs. The preferred spots for most ticks are on a horse's head (including the throatlatch and ears), mane, tail, and lower abdomen. Both of these single-host tick species can carry infections that may be transmitted to horses, such as Lyme disease.

#### **Controlling Tick-Prone Environments**

The frequency of tick encounters will vary depending on where you live, but the reality is that horses all across the U.S. can be exposed to ticks, and most of the time they don't show any obvious signs of tick infestation. Some species prefer brushy hedgerows, while others like grassy meadows. Grazing horses can easily pick up ticks as they brush by vegetation or grassy stems.

Tick activity is stimulated by movement, air currents and carbon dioxide exhaled by horses. The goal is to prevent ticks from attaching to your horse and possibly spreading an illness, and the best way to achieve this is to start by managing your horse's environment.

#### **Hoof Abscess**

By: Dr. Lydia Gray Courtesy of SmartPak Horse Health Library

#### What is it?

A hoof abscess is a bacterial infection inside the hoof that can cause horses to be suddenly and severely lame. Any break in the hoof wall-sole junction such as a misplaced nail, crack or puncture wound can allow contaminated debris inside the hoof where it migrates to living tissue. The body responds by sending white blood cells (neutrophils) to fight off the invaders. The smelly, gray/black discharge from a hoof abscess is a combination of these white blood cells, the bacteria they are fighting off, and hoof tissue that has been destroyed in the process.



#### What can be done about it?

Left untreated, most hoof abscesses will travel upwards and burst out at the softer coronary band. However, farriers and veterinarians prefer to pare an opening in the bottom of the foot for drainage to relieve the pain sooner and avoid potential complications. In addition, experts suggest replacing traditional hoof soaks—which may also lead to problems in the future—with poultices, other drawing agents, and kits made especially for hoof abscesses.

#### What else do I need to know?

The classic appearance of a hoof abscess is a horse that unable to bear weight on one front leg, a warm hoof, and a "bounding" digital pulse. Sometimes there is swelling in the pastern. A veterinarian should examine horses that do not improve with treatment, or have pain in more than one leg, an obvious injury, or repeated abscesses, as these signs could indicate a more serious condition such as laminitis or fracture.

#### **Destroy Tick Dwellings**

Trim pastures, hedgerows and fence lines to take away the ticks' habitat. Don't stack brush piles in or near turnout areas. Sun exposure is an enemy of ticks, which can survive snow and winters just fine in most cases, so clearing areas to provide maximum sunlight can help minimize tick activity.

#### **Deter Wildlife**

Don't encourage visits from other wildlife. Many tick species are multi-host opportunists and will travel to your pastures via other animals, such as deer. Do not put hay or grain out for deer in the winter unless you place the feeding area a good distance from your barn.

#### **Recruit Tick Hunters**

Consider adding tick predators to your property. If you don't mind adding egg-collecting to your barn chores, chickens, especially guinea hens, are noted for scarfing down ticks as delicacies. Stick to keeping birds by the horse barns.



#### **Treat Your Property**

Spraying your property is another method of control that you can use if you have a large tick population; however, always make sure the product is safe for horses and/or for your horses to graze on sprayed areas. Even if you take precautions, sprays are bound to blow onto pasture areas. Follow the directions exactly. If the label tells you to keep animals off the sprayed areas for a set period of time, keep your horse off the area for at least that long.

#### **Preventive Horse Care**

Environmental management can only do so much for tick control. Your next step is to apply a treatment to your horse. One option is to use a spot-on application that provides tick repellent action for up to 14 days. Topical spot-on products also provide protection against flies, gnats and mosquitoes, and have residual effects, so they're perfect if you can't check on your horse daily.

Many fly sprays that contain a tick claim are available that can be applied to help keep ticks from getting on or attaching to your horse. Products containing permethrin seem to be the most effective at tick repellency. Don't count on herbal and essential oil preparations; most of them have no evidence of true effectiveness.

Sprays need to be applied as directed with regard to frequency and timing, such as after a bath. Some sprays provide short-term residual action, while others require frequent application.

Balms and roll-on treatments can also help, especially around the ears and throatlatch, but make sure to stick to treatments that are approved for horses. Don't mix and match products without checking with your veterinarian to make sure that they can be used together.

#### **Tick Removal**

Despite taking all these precautions, some ticks may still make their way onto your horse, so performing a daily tick check on your horse is important. Look, and more importantly, feel for any ticks while grooming or when bringing your horse in for the night. Prime areas to search are the head, ears, throatlatch, mane and tail. Be sure to check under the tail, as well, not just the top.

A "tick key" is an invaluable tool for removing attached ticks. These little gadgets help remove the tick without leaving the head behind, which can cause an infection,



and prevent contact with the tick's blood. Do not try the "old wives" methods of using petroleum jelly or a lit match to make the tick back out; these techniques don't work and can cause an accident.

Place any removed ticks into a bottle of rubbing alcohol to kill them. Also, mark your calendar on the day you find any ticks. In the case that your horse shows signs of illness, knowing the time of exposure may be important.

Now that you're armed with tips for tick prevention, hopefully, you will have a tick-free year. But just in case, be prepared and take precautions!

#### **Resources:**

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#### 2024 **Show Series**

#### 2024 DEC Schedule

**Show Dates** 

April 28, 2024 May 12, 2024 ## September 8, 2024 ## October 6, 2024

## Points will be doubled at this show ##

Warm Up Will Begin at 8:00AM Show Will Start at 9:00AM

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#### Origami Stables

238 Grey Fox Ln Dover, DE 19904





#### **A Judges Point of View Clinic Photos**

What a terrific idea to help prepare riders for what a judge is looking for when judging Hunter and Equitation classes. Judge Meredith Smith did an amazing job sharing her thoughts with each rider. She even schooled them throughout the first jump round so that the second round could be an improvement. Origami Stables owned by Sandra Tilgham was prepared with a groomed arena and the footing was great even with all the rain we had days before. Keep a





Apr. 28-DEC Show Series, Origami Stables, Contact Joan Greenberg 631-905-5800 May 20th at 7pm-Zoom meeting with CPA to discuss tax issues related to horse ownership. Zoom link will be posted on Facebook and the website.

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