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Aurora



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FEATURED BREED: THE ARABIAN HORSE!

Northlands Farm & Ranch Show

Aurora Arabian Horse Association is honored to showcase the featured equine breed at the Northlands Farm & Ranch Show.

The show runs Thursday, March 29, Friday, March 30, and Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm daily.

We are so pleased to have Carla Jackson and Gary Millar scheduled for our daily demonstration on Thursday and Friday of the show. We also can't wait to showcase our beautiful arabian horses in our "Parade of Disciplines" on Saturday. Also, don't miss a speaking engagement by Dr. Jodie Santarossa who owns and operates BrightSide Vet, an exclusively equine sports medicine practice in Strathcona County, Alberta.



Carla Jackson grew up on a farm east of Edmonton. She has been involved with Arabian horses since her childhood. For the past 42 years she has shown horses successfully throughout Canada and United States exhibiting in both the English and Western disciplines. Carla is an avid fan of both the purebred and half-arabian. She has had the good fortune of working with many talented horses and trainers.

Training and teaching has been a passion of Carla's. Currently Carla is operating as Jackson Place a facility east of Edmonton, which offers programs for beginners and experienced riders.

Gary Millar has developed a series of Equine Assisted Professional Development (EAPD) workshops called "Equus Alive", using live horses as a medium to help people to better develop their communication and leadership skills. Workshops offered in this programming are Authentic Communication, Embracing Change and Leadership.

Always the teacher, Gary also developed the Arabian Horse Reading Literacy Project. Combining his passion for horses and helping people, the reading literacy project works to motivate kids to want to read by blending an exhilarating experience with the horses and good books.

Aurora will be welcoming visitors, young and old, offering educational materials, making horse masks, buttons, paper rings, or just enjoying that time honored activity of coloring.

If volunteering is what you enjoy, we need you as well, to share your knowledge with eager horse lovers.

For additional information and specific schedule details, check our website as information becomes available or call Lorie Fisher at 780.916.6375. ■

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**"You will fall in love ...
with the Arabian Horse."**

Welcome

Dear Reader,

Setting goals are part of life's journeys. Why not include your horse practice in part of the adventure? Choose a direction, take time to plan, and then follow through best you can.

With that being said, you are not going to feel good if you do not make the time to educate and nurture your endeavors.

Setting aside time allows you to accomplish your goals. Evaluating where you and your horse are at, will help determine the amount of time needed. The trained horse evolves over years. When broken down into phases both rider and horse can learn at a slow and steady rate.

Educate yourself in the requirements of the discipline you have chosen. In your selection process you must consider your horse and what his capabilities are. Some horses are physically or mentally capable of performing better in certain disciplines, as are some riders. Knowing your animal and yourself will aid in making a decision that will best serve you and your goals.

Your club is working hard to create opportunities for horse enthusiasts to enjoy horses. There are two exceptional clinicians this month. Read the newsletter. Send it to your friends. Print it and put it in your office. You are never too young or old to experience the benefits of being apart of a club on the move! ■

Carla Jackson
President



Calendar

CHRIS IRWIN: Horsemanship Demonstration

Friday, March 9, 2012.
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm.
Cadence Creek.

For spectator tickets contact Lorie Fisher at 780.916.6375 or the link to the online registration form is posted on the website.

CHRIS IRWIN: Horsemanship Clinic

Friday, March 9 at 9:00 am until Sunday, March 11, 2012 at 6:00 pm.
Cadence Creek. Limited space.

To participate contact Caitlin Smith at 780.908.1604.

Aurora Meeting

Monday, March 12, 2012.
7:00 pm, Glen Allan Rec Center.
Sherwood Park, Alberta.

Northlands Farm & Ranch Show

Thursday, March 29, Friday, March 30, and Saturday, March 31, 2012.
Featured Equine Breed:
THE ARABIAN HORSE.

Aurora is very excited to showcase this breed with a schedule of events including demonstrations, displays and speakers. Check website as details become available.

MARJIE BECKER: Aurora Clinic

Saturday, March 31, and Sunday, April 1, 2012.
Royden Arabians are the host facility. Limited space.

Details and registration forms are posted on the website.

Great Canadian Trade Fair & Sale

Friday, April 13, Saturday, April 14, and Sunday, April 15, 2012.
Millennium Place, Booth #10.
Come check us out.

Youth Fun and Furry Show

AHA Community Show.
Sunday, April 29, 2012.
Cadence Creek.

Details and registration forms are posted on the website.

Tell us about your event, e-mail info@auroraarabian.com ■

THE BLACK STALLION

Cass Ole

Cass Ole (c. 1969-1993) the horse in the Movie *The Black Stallion and the Black Stallion Returns*, *Shetan* or *The Black* was really Cass Ole an Arabian stallion sired by *Al-Marah Cassonova* and dam *La Bahia*.

Cass Ole wasn't really all black he had a small star and four white socks! That explains the white hooves that black had. Cass Ole was born in Goliad, Texas on March 6, 1969. He died and was buried at his owner's home in San Antonio, Texas on June 29, 1993. He was bred by Gerald Donahue.



In his 24 years, Cass Ole earned many varied honors. He was National Champion in Western Pleasure AOTR in 1975, National Reserve Champion Ladies Side Saddle in 1976 and U.S. Top Ten English Pleasure AOTR in both 1975 and 1976. Cass Ole won over 50 championships and over 20 Reserve Championships in his show career. Cass Ole received the 1980 Humane Society Award for The Prevention of Cruelty To Animals at the

International Horse Show in Washington, D.C.. He was also the winner of The International Award from The Arabian Horse Association in 1980.

Cass Ole was invited to the White House under President Carter and President Reagan. He was specifically invited to the Inauguration Parade for President Reagan. He performed at the finest and largest race tracks in America (Hollywood Park, Santa Anita, Arlington Park, Seattle, Delaware and Jockey Club in Toronto, to name a few). Cass Ole traveled to Italy twice, Sardinia, Algeria and Morocco. He was the main attraction at fund raisers for charitable organizations (American Heart Association, Epilepsy Society, Ophthalmological Society, Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio, Brackenridge Hospital in Austin and more). He even helped raise funds for politicians (Governors, Senators, Mayors and Judges). He performed for the Royal Family in Morocco and for Princess Elena de Borbon y de Grecia in San Antonio.

Cass Ole has sired over 130 foals in his stallion career at San Antonio Arabians.

Cass Ole was trained for the show ring by Walter "Chappy" Chapman and shown by Francesca Cuello prior to the movies, during his show career.

Cass Ole was trained for the movies by the great animal trainers Mr. Glen Randall and his two sons, J.R. and Corky Randall. All Cass Ole's fans owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Walter Farley, Mr. Francis Ford Coppola, Carmine Coppola, Carroll Ballard, Caleb Deschanel, Kelly Reno, Mickey Rooney, Teri Garr,

Melissa Mathison, Jeanne Rosenburgh, Fred Roos, Tom Sternberg, Robert Dalva, Mary Ellen Mark and many others without whom we would never have the wonderful movies that immortalize him.

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"Usually a man trains, shows and opens the door for a horse, Cass Ole did the opposite for our family, he opened many, many, doors. He showed us many beautiful things ... and without him life will never be the same. What he gave us can never be returned or fully expressed. To have had him as a part of our family was like a dream come true. Cass Ole, your memory will never die. Thank you again."—Gerald Donahue.

After the movies Cass Ole was shown by Jean Pierre Cuello and Margo Smith. ■



Age ...

HOW LONG DO HORSES LIVE?

Advances in the understanding of care and medicine have increased the lifespan of horses, just as it has humans. According to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food many horses live beyond the age of 30 with good care. The average age is 28 + 5 years. That means the average life span is 25 to 33. Many horses go well beyond this average. Ponies tend to live longer with many ponies still serving as schoolmasters well into their 30's. Larger horses like draft breeds are not as long lived as a smaller breeds such as Arabians. Of course, there are exceptions to every rule. ■

98 "LIKES" AND GROWING!

Aurora Arabian Facebook Page

The Aurora Arabian Horse Association has increased its exposure to the outside world. Over the past year, Aurora has launched itself in a new direction: promoting the Arabian horse as a "lifestyle for the whole family". The Promotions committee has been busy getting the name Aurora Arabian Horse Association 'out there' and Aurora was rewarded last June at the Summer Horse Show at Amberlea Meadows.

The momentum has continued this year with a calendar full of events including trade shows, demonstrations, clinics, and speakers.

With the launch of Aurora's Facebook Page in late summer of 2011, the conversations and the sharing of information, video, photos has been wonderful. As we have always said, the Aurora team is more than willing to work with other horse associations regardless of breed type or discipline to assist them in getting their mes-

sage out. Remember we are "all about the horse".

This Page does not replace the existing Aurora Facebook Groups. Facebook Pages differ from Facebook Groups in several respects and we would like to lay out our reasons for creating the Page.

- Page information and posts are available to everyone on Facebook. This makes our events, postings, and pictures available to anyone on Facebook.
- Anyone can like a Page to become connected with it and get News Feed updates. Some find this to be a far more convenient way to stay up to date.
- Groups are basically chat rooms, there's no real "look and feel" to them. Their primary focus is for live discussions that can be continued at any time.
- Pages, however, act more like a blog with actual content pieces

and the ability to add new tabs, static information, and the like. A Page is definitely a more interesting place to be.

- When it comes to getting visibility off of Facebook: Pages can be seen by non-Facebook users, and can be crawled by search engines as any other static page would. Facebook Groups cannot!
- Finally, Pages come with analytical tools that administrators use to track visits. These tools help us analyze if we are getting our message 'out there'.

Let's grow this page! There are well over 1000 members and friends of

the Aurora Arabian Horse Association. The next time you are on Facebook, please visit and **LIKE** our page. (<https://www.facebook.com/Aurora.Arabian.Horse.Association>).

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Summer Show

Aurora Summer Show will be held on Friday, June 8, Saturday, June 9 and Sunday, June 10, 2012.

AURORA SUMMER SHOW/REGION 4/5 Concurrent Qualifier SHOW.

AURORA SUMMER SHOW featuring REGION 17 & 6 SPORT HORSE Concurrent Qualifier and MORGAN CLASSES. REGION 6 SPORT HORSE OFF-SITE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Judges have been confirmed as follows:

Region 4/5 Concurrent Qualifier: Terry Johnson, and Nan Brumley Harrison.

Aurora Summer Show & Region 6 Concurrent Sport Horse Qualifier Classes: Peggy Splawn, Debbie Garside, and Judy Turner.

Region 6 Sport Horse Off-Site Championship: Isabel Reinertson.

Prize lists and registration forms will be posted when they are approved. An announcement will be made.

A sponsorship package has been released. We are proud to announce that we have 5 "Show Sponsors" for 2012. We want to thank them for their support and getting behind such wonderful events with a focus on the family. Get your copy and support your club.

As you all know, these shows take many people to run smoothly. Jill Bromley has taken on the task of recruiting these wonderful volunteers. If you have a interest, please let her know. A complete listing of postions available has been posted on the website.

Contact Jill Bromley at bromley equine@wildroseinternet.ca or 780.922.0302 if you are able to help out. ■

BY DR. DOUG STEWART

Summary of Horse Years Methodology

Accurate mapping of horse age to the equivalent human age requires a methodology. The methodology developed by Dr. Doug Stewart is based on developmental milestones (physical, sexual and psychological) and summarised in the following table.

Horse Age 0: Humans are highly unusual in the animal kingdom, in that development stages which occur while still in the fetus stage in other animals, occur after birth in humans. For example, most animals can walk shortly after birth, whereas people do not walk until 18 months of age or run until two years old. A horse at birth (or very shortly thereafter) has approximately the same physical capabilities and age as a two year old human.

One can also observe in a horse early behaviours (e.g. search food, flee danger) which are similiar to that of a two year old child, although in the case of a horse it is more instinctive whereas in a child there is a greater cognitive element.

There are of course significant differences between a new born foal and a two year old child. For example, a two year old child has greater language capability, but as a horse will have only limited language capability even at maturity, this is not relevant in terms of calculating comparable maturity levels.

On balance, a foal at age 0 has approximately the same relative maturity as a child of age 2.

1 Year Old Horse: This period is the most difficult one to map horse age to an equivalent human age.

• In terms of training, it needs to be short and simple (e.g. raise hoof for farrier work, the horse equivalent of a child learning to tie its shoes),

roughly the equivalent of a child at age 5.

• In terms of emotional independence from its mother and mixing with the wider social group, the 1 year old foal has approximately the same development as a child aged 8.

• In terms of physical size a horse is two-thirds body weight and 90% adult height, which is the same maturity as a child aged 13. However, this is just physical size maturity and not physical maturity in the wider sense (e.g. a 1 year old horse cannot bear offspring but a 13 year old child can). In terms of the non-size elements of physical maturity a horse at age 1 would be closer to that of an 8 year old child.

Consequently, depending on which measure one uses, the equivalent child age is between 5 and 13 years old. Balancing the various different indicators indicates an approximate maturity level equivalent to an 8 year old child.

2 Year Old Horse: A 2 year old horse has a maturity level (sexually, physically, behavioural) which matches that of a 13 year old human.

3/4 Year Old Horse: A horse at age 3 has a maturity level that matches that of a 17 year old child. The different measures (sexual maturity, physical

size, and emotional behavioral development) all provide a consistent mapping.

Likewise, the various measures show a strong maturity match of a 4 year old horse to that of a 20 year old adult.

Horse Age 5 and Up: The lifespan of a horse depends on a range of factors. A well-kept pony may well live to 40

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—Article courtesy of WOW Horses.

Attribute	Horse Age	Human Age
Can walk	First Day	1.5 years
Can run	First Day	2.0 years
Normal vision	4 months	5 years
Sufficient maturity for initial minor training	1 year	5 years
Early emotional independence	1 year	8 years
Two-thirds adult weight	1 year	13 years
90% adult height	1 year	13.5 years
Sexually immature, but capable conception	2 years	13 years
80% adult weight	2 years	13 years
Start of adolescent behaviour	2 years	13 years
Sexually mature but still maturing physically, psychologically, emotionally	3 years	17 years
Mature (physically, psychologically, emotionally)	4 years	20 years
Average lifespan if well treated, no major injuries, no major illnesses	24 years	70 years

Equine and Human Developmental Milestones.

years, but many working horses do not live to 20 years. The average lifespan for a reasonably well kept horse is around 24 years. In developed countries, the average lifespan for a person is seventy-some years. Therefore:

- After reaching maturity (age 4), an average horse will live about 20 more years (to age 24).
- After reaching maturity (age 20), an average person will live about 50 more years (to age 70).
- This indicates that 20 horse years equals 50 human years, or 2.5 human years per horse year.

The use of 2.5 human years for each horse year (after age 4) is supported by further detailed examination of the developmental process. Supporting maturity factors include maximum aerobic capacity and maximum muscle bulk. Supporting aging factors include menopause and ability to bear or sire offspring.

Caveats: The above information and tables are largely based on averages. In practice, the rate at which horses

mature and then age varies substantially from horse to horse. Consequently, the information provided here should be considered indicative averages only.

One difference between the way horses age and the way in which humans age, is that horses have a much higher early mortality rate. In developed countries (e.g. USA, UK), human infant mortality and human child mortality are very low. However, a substantial number of horses die in infancy and childhood, which reduces the average expected lifespan. To illustrate the difference:

- A human child aged 0 will have an expected lifespan of approximately 73 years, while a human child aged 10 will have an expected lifespan of 74 years (another 64 years from its current age).
- In comparison, a horse aged 0 may have an expected lifespan of 24 years but a horse aged 6 may have an expected lifespan of 28 years. The difference is allowing for mortality during the first

6 years.

- The implication of this is that as a horse gets older, it is passing the relatively high early mortality stages which are part of the horse breed average, and consequently is becoming more likely of substantially exceeding the breed lifespan average.
- Another way of saying this is that a young horse is likely to live only to the expected breed lifespan, but an older horse may well exceed the average lifespan by a substantial amount.

Another difference between horses and humans is the difference between the average lifespan and the maximum lifespan. In humans the average age is about 74 and the maximum recorded is 122, which means that the oldest person in the world has lived 65% longer than average. The average horse age is about 24 years but the oldest is 62 years, which is 158% more than average. Even if one takes a long-lived breed of 35 years, this is still 77% more.

In summary, many horses die well before or live well after their horse breed average. ■



Stride Equine

Rescue 100 Horses Foundation

Forever Home

My name is Mikey #1104

Mickey always wants to know what's going on. He stands for brushing, and is working on balance when his feet are picked up for cleaning. He leads well outside and in the arena and barn areas. Mickey has a lot of zip to his personality, and will be a lot of fun to watch progress through his training. He is also going to be a beautiful quarter horse type when he grows up.

My name is Casanova (Nova) #1177

Nova came by his name honestly, he truly wants your company more than anything else. He has overcome so many obstacles, with a major injury to his eye. He is missing his left eye but it doesn't seem to slow this young gelding down. In January Cassanova was castrated, he is continuing his journey regaining his health and starting to look for his new family. ■

Events

Sherwood Park Mall

Saturday, March 10, 2012.
9:30 am - 5:30 pm.

Rescue 100 Booth will showcase the horses that are available for placement and the work done by the Foundation. Come on out. They hope to see you there!

Red Deer Mane Event

April 27-29, 2012.

The largest indoor equine trade show in Canada! Make sure to stop in at their booth and say hi! ■

The Stride Equine team has been in the making since Jacquie Ganton (Kostal) and her family started riding about 20 years ago. In 1990, the family moved to an acreage just a kilometer up the road from Keno Hills Stable, and it wasn't long before they were all bitten by the "Arabian horse" bug!

Jacquie (just 8 years old at the time) and her sister started riding lessons and never looked back. Keno Hills provided a wonderful opportunity to make friends,

learn to ride, and buy and show their first Arabian horses. Jacquie spent most of her teenage years showing Arabians, teaching riding lessons, running summer camps and working with some young horses out at "the barn". Her love of the outdoors and teaching led her to attain both a Conservation Biology degree and an Education degree from the University of Alberta. Throughout university, Jacquie had the opportunity to work locally with the likes of the Grossman Family, Carla Jackson and Michelle Hansen, learning a wealth of knowledge about training and the Arabian horse show world. She helped to establish a horse-training "Tournament" program for amateur horse enthusiasts and assisted numerous youth and adults in the basics of working with young horses, from foals to the junior horse under-saddle. She has taken numerous clinics from renowned trainers both within and outside of the Arabian industry.

About 3 years ago, Jacquie and her "team" decided to formalize their group, and Stride Equine was born. The goals were broad. She wanted to provide guidance and quality training to Arabian horse owners, regardless of their competitive aspirations.

Her clients consist of mainly Arabian horse owners, all from a wide range of backgrounds and levels. This includes a handful who have no aspiration to show but want quality instruction and love the social aspect of heading out to the "farm" for lessons. Jacquie's strongest passion lies in helping amateurs (both riders and horses) to make the transition into the show ring. With both affordability and quality in mind, Jacquie aspires to assist those who dream of showing an Arabian horse but are wary of entering the daunting (and expensive) world of "horse showing" on their own. Both her training and lesson programs empower riders to feel confident and safe leaving the farm and heading to the competitive ring. The majority of her knowledge and experience lies in the areas of performance and working Hunter, equitation and showmanship, but she is always open to a learning new things!

Jacquie and her husband, Brendan have two children (and a third on the way in June!) so life is always busy. Since they don't have their own facility, they have all learned to be very flexible and willing to make changes as needs arise.

Currently, Stride Equine is operating out of Tamrac Farms, just 15 minutes from Jacquie's new home in Leduc, Alberta. The facility and staff have been wonderful and accommodating to the Stride Equine family. As for the future of Stride Equine, Jacquie hopes to continue growing and learning with her team. Make sure to stop by and visit them when you're out at the Arabian shows in 2012! For more information on Stride Equine, visit www.strideequine.com ■



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"Stride Equine ... Setting Dreams in Motion"
—Jacquie Ganton (Kostal).



Mikey



Nova

The Foundation currently have several horses available for placement into their 'forever' homes. They encourage potential owners to apply. They will always have a need for 'forever homes'. For more information their website is www.rescue100.ca

Foundation

Rescue 100 Horses was established in February 2008 after Susan Fyfe of Keno Kills Stables received a call from the Alberta SPCA asking if she could take in 159 horses that were in distress and needing immediate care.

Over 304 horses have received a second chance at life because of the Rescue 100 Horses Foundation, and 285 placed. It takes dedicated volunteers and generous donations to care for each horse and prepare them for placement in "loving" forever homes.

Abuse and neglect of horses in Alberta continues to increase and becomes more severe in the winter months. Winter provides extreme challenges in terms of food, shelter and water. Each horse requires the basic necessities to live a healthy, happy life and the Rescue 100 Horses Foundation provides the care and love to give the horses the life they deserve. ■

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Editor Message

Yes, lots is happening at Aurora! We are very excited to continue to bringing our members this vital line of communication.

The newsletter will be published in November, January, March, May, July, and September and will continue to be sent to you by e-mail blasts. It will also be posted on the Aurora Arabian Horse Association website.

The newsletter covers many new topics such as:

- Each issue will have a new column, *The Arabian Horse in History*, where the generally ignored role of specific horses in history will be presented.
- Each issue will also have a *Spotlight* section where we present information on a specific Arabian horse owner, trainer, barn, program, or event in Strathcona County and the surrounding area. What a great opportunity to get to know our fellow horsemen and horse lovers.
- "For the Fun of It" puzzles, games for the young and the older ... just play.
- Check out our articles, stories and classifieds.
- Monthly Aurora meeting minutes are now posted on the website.
- The team is more than willing to work with other horse associations regardless of breed type or discipline to assist them in getting their message out.
- 2012 AAHA "Show Sponsors".

Tell us what you would like to see added, please e-mail:

info@auroraarabian.com ■

CAN YOU FIND THE PAIRS?

Duos

If you insert the right pair of letters from the box below into each string of letters on the left, you will end up with a list of horse-related words. Here's an example to get your started. **SA LE = SADDLE**.

H F

DD

A L E

F I Y

L A O

S T A

P O E L

G A O P

S N A L E

F A I E R

LL LL

SS SS

OO MM

PP RR

LL LL

RR SS

FF

D R E A G E

C A V E O N

H E A D S T A

C U Y C O M B

One tip: The puzzle will become easier and easier to solve if you cross out each pair as you place it. ■

Spelled Out

All of a sudden, in the middle of his performance, Tex the Trick Horse stopped and pawed the letters

H I J K L M N O

in the dirt. "Oh," the horse's trainer explained, "Tex wants a drink of water." How did he know? ■

ANSWER: Tex pawed all the letters from H to O (H²O).

When did ...

1st Arabian Horse appear in your family?

My Great Uncle Joe always wanted a good saddle horse, and after he quit farming, he decided it was the time. It was a very rare decision for him, as he practically never bought anything just for himself. His son Richard went with him to a farm near Athabasca, Alberta where he bought the horse.

He just called him the Arabian. The horse was bought in about 1981. ~ Lorie Fisher ~

Share your family story. Let us know how far back Arabian Horses appeared in your family. A collection of photos and stories will be displayed at the Aurora Summer Horse Show in June. Can't wait to hear from you.

Send your photo and your story (60 words or less) to e-mail: info@auroraarabian.com ■



WITH OUR SYMPATHY:

Aurora offers condolences to Sylvia Lenzer on the passing of her mom. Sylvia's mom – Otilie Bienck, was born on May 21, 1919 in Germany and passed away on Jan 20, 2012 in Edmonton. ■

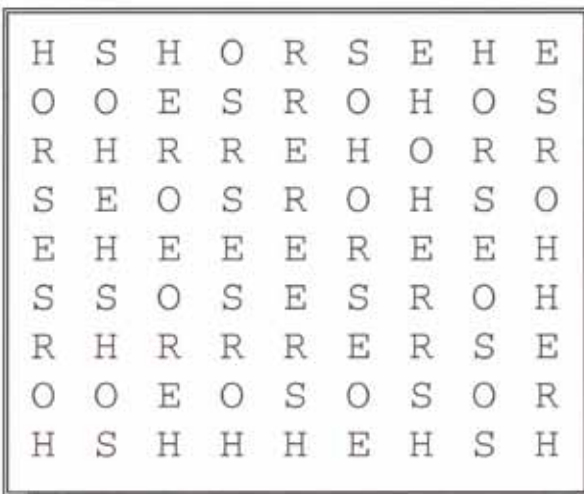
2011 AHA ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

Congratulations to Aurora members and their horses who earned the highest honors in the AHA Achievement Awards program in 2011. In the Adult Amateur category, Lorraine Prowse finished in 2nd place overall with 460 points. Congratulations also go to Calgary member Marilyn Robinson who finished 10th with 155.5 points. In the Youth category, congratulations go to Isobelle Ehret for placing 5th with 259 points.

In the Horse awards category Sur Teddy's Magna++// finished in 4th place with 330.5 points. The top four placings this year were very close. The top two horses were tied with 348.5 points (CCF Integrity+// and Church Creek++++//) and third had 348 points (Chance to Jam++++//). Congratulations to Sur Teddy's Magna's++// owners – the Prowse Family, and his rider – Lorraine Prowse for his successful show season. ■

HINT: THERE ARE 16 HORSES

Count the horses?



The new riding student arrived early for her lesson. While she waited for her instructor to show up, she decided to count the herd, but the horses kept moving around and she had trouble getting an accurate count. See if you can help her out by circling the word HORSE as many times as it appears in the paddock below. You'll need a sharp eye because it may be spelled forward, backward, up, down, or diagonally! ■

ANSWER: There were three horses traveling in single file. A group of equestrians were riding their horses cross-country. One horse was in front of two horses, one horse was behind two horses, and one horse was between two horses. How many horses were there? ■

Along for the Ride

To find the solution of these puzzles or to check out more games and activities, check out the aurora website "For the Fun of it" section at www.auroraarabian.com/forthefunofit.html ■



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- *To/From Prince George, BC and Vancouver approx. Apr 10 - 15.*
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