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April 2020

## CALENDAR

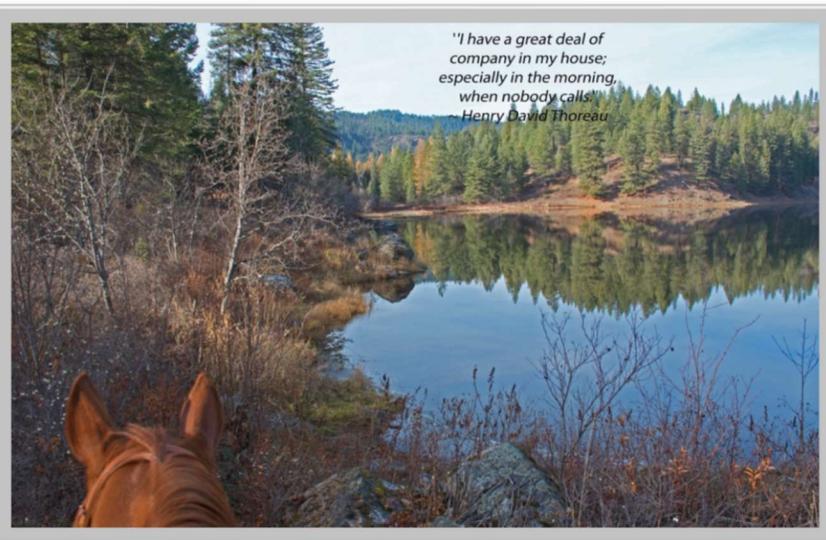
**Note: No April PBCH meeting.**

**All event dates subject to change or cancellation: Watch facebook and the PON3 emails.**

**May 1 to 3 - PBCH Ladies' Campout**

**May 5 - PBCH Meeting**  
**5:30 to socialize; 6pm for meeting**  
**Cinco de Mayo breakfast-for-dinner, with demo on easy electric camping-corral construction**  
**@Hayford Community Church**

**May 16 - Riverside State Park Ride, Members and Guests**



# **BCHW Rendezvous Cancelled**

**By Ken Carmichael**

As you all know, the BCHW Rendezvous was cancelled because of the virus. The entire fairgrounds was shut down. Of course, we were saddened to do this but for the safety of our members it was necessary. Many of us had plans for another great event.

The chapter had purchased two tables at the banquet, and this purchase will roll over to the 2021 Rendezvous. We can look forward to another year.

Typically, we have our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter BCHW board meeting at the rendezvous. The board meeting was also cancelled. I am on the Executive Advisory Committee and the Financial Advisory Committee, and we are moving forward with as many actions as we can without convening another board meeting before June.

Some of the items that I am involved with include:

- Revision of the BCHW Bylaws and Standing Rules
- Recommendations to chapters where bylaw revisions are needed
- Chapter records retention policy
- Lifetime membership memoriam
- Process for dissolving a chapter
- Reviewing the cutoff date for renewing a BCHW membership
- Use of restricted funds at the BCHW level

Of course, BCHW and all the chapters stay active promoting education, advocacy and work parties. We just need to keep a physical distance between us.

Keep riding, but check your locations.

*Editors note: Watch for the silent auction on the BCHW website: "Come ride our part of the state!"*

# State Park Closures

**By Ken Carmichael**

By now everyone knows that some of our public lands, including the state parks are closed due to the virus. This is disappointing as outdoor recreation is part of staying healthy. However, state parks have experienced a surge of visitors and some crowding at key points.

I am including here a statement by the Riverside/Mt Spokane State Park Manager about the use of the parks. It may provide some clarity.

This is a response that Diana [parks manager] sent this morning to someone that was asking whether or not the trails are still open for public use. It might help provide you with some more clarification on the reasoning behind this.

*“When we close a state park what we are saying is that there are no services available – meaning restrooms, visitor centers, and parking lots are all closed to public access. We have no way to “close” the public land. The governor has encouraged people to get out and walk or bike – as long as they are practicing their social distancing. We realize that many people will go to their local parks to practice this if they live within walking or biking [horseback riding] distance. However, if you need to drive to the park, you are in violation of the Governor’s order and will be asked to leave by one of our rangers. The whole idea is for people to Stay Home and Stay Healthy. We are not an essential business we are not open and people should not be out driving to access the parks. We do have rangers on all day, every day and they will be asking people to leave if they have driven to a trailhead.*

*I hope that helps to provide further clarification.”*

Let’s stay healthy and I look forward to seeing all of you as we come out of this mess.

Note :There will not be a May/June Trailhead News because of the virus. They are looking to put one out in June/July.

## **BCHW Legislative Report March 2020**

### **By Jeff Chapman, Legislative Chair**

The 2020 Washington State legislative session ended on March 12, 2020. This is the “short” session being the mid-term year for a two year budget. While it is intended to focus on supplementing the budget and tweaking adjustments for the full term, it has ended up being a cram year where many legislators submitted legislation they thought had a chance of passing due to the need for rapid processing. That said, there were some 1700 bills that were under consideration.

We monitored 46 bills, 15 of which were carryovers from last session. As it turns out, the carryovers weren’t considered this session which left us with 31 bills. We had concerns with 11 of these bills and supported 20. Of the 20 we supported, 9 became law. Of the 11 we had concerns with, 3 became law. Of those 3 that became law, the one we had the most concern with was HB2317/SB6300 “Concerning Animal Welfare”. We spent a lot of time on this set of companion bills as they moved through the committees and chambers. They were amended a number of times, and we felt the final amendment made the version that became enacted acceptable to us.

The other 2 concern bills that passed were HB2242 “Concerning Travel Trailers” and HB 2571 “Meaningful Enforcement of Fish and Wildlife Violation.” We did not actively engage since our concerns were minor.

We are pleased with the 9 bills that passed that we supported.

HB 2579 Establishing a wild horse holding and training program at Coyote Ridge corrections center.

HB 2601 Concerning the authority of the parks and recreation commission to approve leases.

SB 6072/HB2338 Dividing the state wildlife account into the fish, wildlife, and conservation account and the limited fish and wildlife account.

SB 6168/HB2325 Supplemental operating appropriations.

SB 6248/HB2324 Concerning the capital budget.

SB 6670 Encouraging access to state parks through cooperative programs with libraries

The operating and capital budgets had items that we will be following up with (and no negative riders). There will be a new advisory group on recreation managed by the Recreation and Conservation Office. We will certainly want involvement in that. The State Parks request for funding for planning the bridge replacement for the burned Crab Creek Bridge (250,000) is in the budget. We expect to see a capital project request for the construction in the 2021 budget request.

We did support companion bills that would allow DNR to designate recreational shooting areas on their lands away from trailheads and camping areas. These bills had technical issues and didn’t pass, but we hope better worded bills come back in the long session. Our own Joan Fleming testified on the need to continue this discussion with the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee through the summer and fall.

The only Discover Pass change bill we supported was SB 6670 – mentioned above (it did pass).

In addition, a good deal of time and effort has been spent on the proposed revision of WAC 246-203-130 Domestic Animal Waste as recommended by the State Board of Health. The stiff rules in this revision would make owning and keeping horses virtually out of reach for the average horse owner or small boarding stable. In addition it is questionable whether you could ride horses on public lands without manure catchers. At the very least, creek fords would be a thing of the past. We have worked with livestock organizations, state agencies, and state legislators in issuing coordinated responses with the intent that either this effort not go forward, or if it is going to go forward, that a great deal of more time be put into a realistic and implementable proposal that doesn’t make criminals out of horse owners due to the unavoidable crime of producing manure.

## **DATES to REMEMBER 2020**

*No April PBCH Meeting: All Dates and Events subject to Change or Cancellation.*

**April 9-10** - Work Party Trail markers Riverside

**May 1 to 3** - PBCH ladies' campout (For More information see Education Updates).

**May 5** - PBCH Meeting & Cinco de Mayo breakfast potluck with class on easy electric corral construction.

**May 16** - Riverside State Park Ride, Members and Guests

**May 22 – 24** - Escure Ranch Ride and Work Party Fire Pits

**June 2** - PBCH meeting

**June 6** - PBCH Trail Obstacle Clinic at Rendezvous Ranch (for more info see Education update).

**June 9** - Poker ride dress rehearsal

**June 13** - PBCH Poker Ride @ Riverside State Park

**June 20** - BCHW board meeting

**July 3 – 8** - BCHW State Wide Work Party

**July 7** - Membership meeting

**July 11** - Mt Spokane Ride (Nordic Area) Members and guests

**August 4** - Membership meeting

**September 1** - Membership Meeting

**October 31** - 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Winery Ride and Halloween Costume/Prize Ride @ Zillah

(find more events here: [http://www.bchw.org/Int/main/upcoming\\_events.htm](http://www.bchw.org/Int/main/upcoming_events.htm))

## Education Update – As of March 30, 2020

**Dental Clinic** with Dr. Charlie has been cancelled for April 4<sup>th</sup> due to Covid-19. We will work to reschedule this at a later date. Your payment can be refunded at the May meeting, or if you'd prefer to apply it to the Trail Obstacle Clinic, just let me know. <mailto:Cklar32@gmail.com>

**June 6-7** - Trail Obstacle Clinic – 12 places were allotted, and 12 reservations have been received. If you are interested, we can start a wait list. Based on the president's speech tonight (3/29/2020), it seems very likely that this will proceed as planned. An update should be available at the May 5th membership meeting. The second payment for the Trail Obstacle Clinic will be due May 5th . If you aren't attending the meeting, please mail your payment so that it arrives on or before 5/5/2020. Ponderosa BCH, PO Box 1184, Airway Hts, WA 99001.

If you'd like further info or would like to register, please email me: [cklar32@gmail.com](mailto:cklar32@gmail.com)



At our May 5<sup>th</sup> Cinco de Mayo potluck-meeting, there will be a demonstration on building an easy electric travel corral. No registration necessary.

July 2020						
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At some point after June, we will have a visit from the Knotty Girls. More info to come as we firm things up with them.

As always, drop me a note with any suggestions for educational activities.

[Carol Klar](#), Education Coordinator

# **Poker Ride Update**

## **By Ken Carmichael**

I think the most accurate update I can provide is that it is “up in the air”. Obviously, we do not want to cancel the event. However, it may become necessary, everything depending on the Coronavirus. The poker ride is scheduled for Saturday, June 13.

At this stage in the game we continue to work toward having the event. There are several options:

- Move ahead as planned
- Modify the event to meet current situation
- Postpone the event
- Cancel the event

As changes are needed, we will keep you informed.

In the meantime, the best way to stay socially separated and still get some fresh air is to get on your horses. There is lots of open range riding out there.

# **BCHW Publicity Committee**

## **By Ken Carmichael**

BCHW is enhancing the publicity activity at the state level. This involves forming a Publicity Committee. They are asking for a fourth member as stated below. I know, and have worked with, the three people on the committee and they are all top notch. If you are interested let me know and I can get you more information.

This is what they sent me:

Our BCHW President (Jason Ridlon) has requested the formation of a Publicity Committee. The mission of this committee is:

BCHW needs public relation work in order to build awareness of BCHW; to show the good qualities of BCHW; to provide useful information to the public; to stimulate interest in potential new members; to support BCHW legislative goals and efforts; and to reinforce the mission, goals and values of BCHW. This needs to be both locally from chapters and at the state level.

The committee is looking for a 4th member who has skills/talents in communication platforms and methods such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and other social media outlets.

Do you have a Publicity or Social Media chair and/or member in your chapter who you think would be a good prospect to be a part of the state Publicity Committee?

### ***Responsibilities entail:***

Scan/ferret out/scour and search multiple social media sources (such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) for pertinent info to share with BCHW and share that with the Publicity Committee to determine next steps with the information.

### **Other requirements:**

The individual must be able to have timely responses to emails and be a team player.

Contact the following individuals with your suggestions and/or with questions.

## **Announcements from Members**

### **Clinic in Planning, From Dee Dee Denison**

I am trying to put together a clinic at the end of August. It would be a 3 day clinic with Wyatt Watkins who is a Certified Clinton Anderson Method Ambassador. He lives in Nampa, ID area. This is a groundwork and riding clinic. Cost would be between \$400-500 for all 3 days. \$125 per day and we have to pay for his travel expenses and motel. He said it usually comes out around that 4-500 amount if we don't have to rent an arena. I would like to have it at my place but my outdoor arena may be too small. We can have up to 8 participants and also room for auditors @ 25/day. Would be the 28-30 of August. Contact Dee Dee by phone or email for more information, and to express interest.

## **Blessings**

### **By Ken and Patti Carmichael**

Our lives have certainly been impacted these past few weeks. None of us really know how long this will last. We hear daily of another aspect of normal life that is being impacted. Personally, this is a bit scary for me, and while I am still going to work and make the occasional visit to the grocery store, we are both staying pretty close to home.

As I write this, the news is reporting that many areas in Washington are now closed for camping. I sure hope this isn't for the whole season. The bright side now, though, is we still can get out on the trails\*. Ken and I have realized the blessing of a lighter social schedule and are filling in the days by spending more time on horseback. This really has been a great blessing; and truth be told, I don't really miss the busy social obligations. Combined with a second blessing of spring-like weather with warmer temperatures



and sunshine this past week, Ken and I have now ridden 5 days in a row! It feels really good. On Friday, since I had a vacation day, we rode the trails at Fish Trap. We had a wonderful ride; ran into a couple other horseback riders and a few people walking their dogs. We discovered 11 downed trees across the south loop trail; so there is a future work party to be planned!

On Saturday, we wanted to ride the trails in the Equestrian Area at Riverside, in hopes of scouting a possible Poker Ride route. When we arrived, the gate was closed and no one was allowed to drive in. Ken called the Ranger and was advised that the announcers stand at the arena and the camp host's storage shed in the campground were vandalized and so Riverside has closed the area to drive in traffic. There were a few cars parked outside the gate along the road and you could walk (or ride in) but no- where to park a horse trailer. The Ranger wasn't sure when this restriction would be lifted. This is unfortunate.

We decided, then, to drive to the north end of the Park to the Carlson Road Trailhead. Lots of cars and people there, but we parked and rode up to Pine Bluff, back down, and then over to Lake Spokane. Another great ride. Lots of people on the trail that day also, we didn't keep an exact count but agree that there must have been at least 75 people. Ken said that in all the years he's ridden the Park he doesn't recall ever seeing that many people in the Park in one day!

On Sunday, we decided to travel up to Rustler's Gulch. We arrived, saddled up, and then discovered that there was still too much snow to safely travel down the big hill. So, we unsaddled (I'm sure the horses thought it was the quickest ride ever!), loaded up and went to Missile Site

in Deer Park to check it out. We had another wonderful ride as we traveled the 5 mile loop on a nice 2 track trail. Lots of trailers in the parking area and other horse folks also enjoying the beautiful day.

It's good to see folks getting out and enjoying the trails, and I hope you all are to. Please keep a vigilant eye out and when you run across other folks. Be sure to practice courtesy, trail safety, and be sure to keep a distance!

*\*Editors note, since the writing of this article, several additional areas have been closed. Please check your locations and current rules before planning a ride.*



## Military Horses [Sent by Susan Luque]

1915, Gallipoli, Uploading of horses and soldiers from a British ship during the Dardanelles campaign.



Note from Editor: That reminded me of a picture from my husband's and my time in the Peace Corps in The Gambia, West Africa in the late 80's. There was a herd of donkeys that needed to cross the Gambia River. The donkeys were stacked head to tail, side by side, like sardines in the flat-bottomed boats.



## Tidbits from Tom

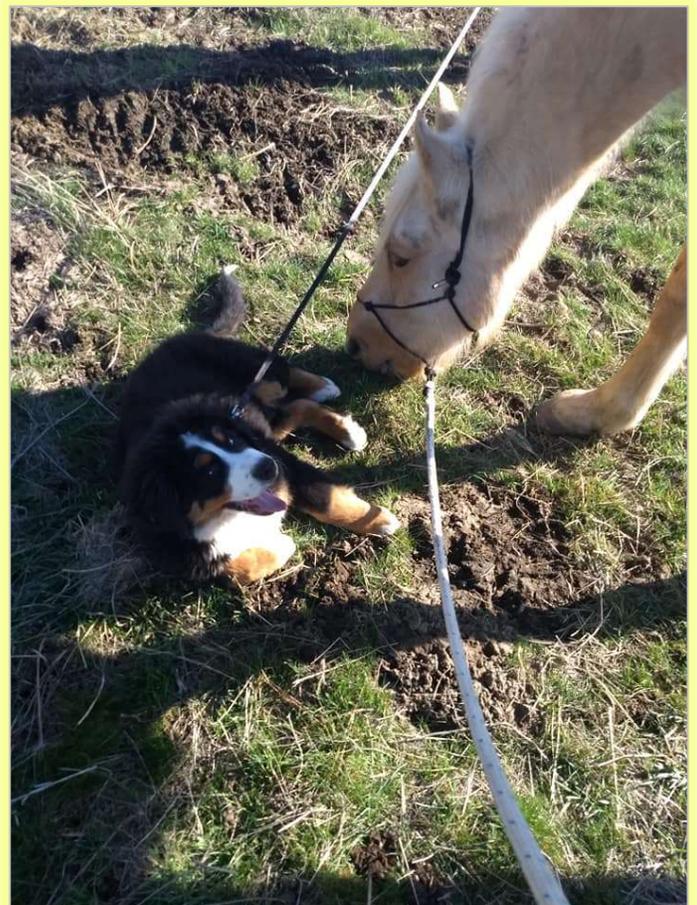
Tom Birge sent a few of his favorite memes to cheer us up during this strange time:

“Just how long is this social distancing thing supposed to last? My wife keeps trying to get in the house.”

[Not sure our treasurer finds this as funny as our president does... but Tom must have finally let her back in the house, because he also sent the following].

**Day 2 without  
sports. Found  
a lady sitting  
on my couch.  
Apparently  
she's my wife.  
She seems  
nice. 😎**

Gabbie, PBCH's favorite puppy, is not afraid of horses. That is not proper social distancing Gabbie! Thanks for the picture Tom!



## No Places to Go, but Things to Do

By Michelle Eames

You know we can't make it through a newsletter without a list. Following is a list of things I have done, or things I plan to do during this hanging-out-at-home time:

- ❖ Give your horse tying/standing practice
- ❖ Remember how, and practice how to tie a high line
- ❖ Give your horse high-line tying practice
- ❖ Try Archery from horseback (first from the ground)
- ❖ Practice obstacles, drag things
- ❖ Teach your horse to stand, ground-tied, while grooming
- ❖ Spring cleaning of tack, trailer, camper
- ❖ Learn to braid (tails, reins).
- ❖ Practice your packing knots, highline knots, other handy knots.
- ❖ Make a "helhat".
  - <https://thehorseaholic.com/the-western-hellhat-that-actually-looks-good/>
  - Here is a link to an article with instructions for a helmet-hat (commonly known as a helhat). You take a cowboy hat brim, cut it, and affix it to your helmet. It looks better than it sounds! I made a practice version once upon a time with a cloth golf hat, but the brim wasn't really wide enough for sun protection. I have a cheap straw cowboy hat waiting, now might be the time to finally make my western helhat.

(photo from the link)



## **Yes, Horses Can Be Depressed!**

**By Cindy Miller**

In our modern society, I do believe we need to be aware of letting our horses 'be horses.' I read this article, and it is what I have observed in many cases. One personal example is when I left a horse with a trainer. After a month, he was listless, and exhibiting most of these traits mentioned in this article. It also can be called 'learned helplessness.' It took me a week to bring him back to his personable, playful self with a glint in his eye! (I am in agreement with most of this but not all, horses can elicit similar behaviors, example: standing in a corner when all they are doing is taking a nap!)

The article below was copied from [Horse and Rider Magazine](#), article written by Justine Harrison and Jennifer Von Geldern, 3/24/2020.

WE KNOW HUMANS experience depression, considered a major mood disorder, but do horses? Yes, evidence indicates that they can experience and suffer from depression. Domestic horses may live in a state of chronic stress, depending on their physical health, living arrangements, social interactions, type and duration of work, training methods used on them, and even their feeding schedule.

Here, we'll review the pioneering study that identified depression in horses. We'll examine some of the causes, list signs to watch for, and give tips on how to help alleviate equine depression.



A depressed horse may have an unfocused gaze, immobile head and ears, a neck roughly level with the back, and disinterest in his surroundings.

### **Study Finds Evidence**

A study in France evaluated domestic horses for signs of depression by comparing their behavior to that exhibited during depressive states in humans. For six months, researchers observed the spontaneous behavior of 59 working horses in their home environment, focusing on bouts of immobility in which the horses displayed atypical posture.

The study also evaluated the horses' responsiveness to their environment and their levels of anxiety, plus measured the amounts of the stress hormone cortisol in their blood.

A mix of breeds and sexes, the horses were from three riding schools; all had the same type of stabling, feed, and work parameters. The study focused on two elements—the spontaneous expression of “behavioral despair” and unresponsiveness to a variety of environmental stimuli (tactile/visual, human/non-human).

Researchers recorded all behaviors, giving special attention to immobile moments in which they recognized a particular posture, termed “withdrawn,” as distinctly different from other typical stances.

Horses exhibiting the unusual “withdrawn” posture stood immobile, with open eyes, stretched necks (open jaw-neck angle), and with the neck at about the same level as the back. That posture differs from that of a horse observant of his surroundings, whose neck is held higher and whose ears move inquisitively.

It also differs from the posture of a resting horse, who relaxes his muscles, often cocks/relaxes one hind leg, rotates ears laterally, allows eyelids and lips to droop, and holds his neck such that it slopes lower and rounder.

A depressed horse’s open-eyed, dull, unfocused gaze and immobile head and ears suggest “behavioral despair.” Compared to “non-withdrawn” horses from the same stable, the withdrawn horses in the study appeared more indifferent and unresponsive to stimuli in their home environment, yet reacted more emotionally to challenging situations.

All these characteristics are similar to some aspects of depressive states in humans and other animals.

Twenty-four percent of the 59 horses in the study presented, at least once, the withdrawn posture of stretched neck, dull open-eyed gaze, and immobile head and ears, up to four times each in 30 minutes. Mares were over-represented in the findings, with one-third of mares in the study presenting this depressive syndrome.

## **Causes of Depression**

Unfortunately for domestic horses, many factors can lead to chronic stress, and long-term exposure to inescapable or repeated stressors can lead to depression. Any of the following circumstances, or a combination of them, may be at the root of a horse’s stress and subsequent depression.

- **Pain.** An extremely common stressor, pain can dramatically affect a horse’s emotional state. It may also have a carry-over effect, as it can lead to the imposition of stall rest. This restriction keeps horses from exercising, socializing, and grazing—which can then lead to further stress.
- **Social isolation.** According to Prof. Robert Sapolsky, a neuroscientist at Stanford University, one of the leading causes of stress to social animals (like horses) is social isolation. A horse living alone, isolated, or stabled for long periods, is likely to become chronically stressed and therefore highly susceptible to stress-related illnesses and depression.
- **Confinement.** Horses have evolved to travel up to 100 miles a day, so it’s unnatural for them to be confined in a small area, unable to move about and graze. Thus it’s no coincidence that when stabled for long periods, they may start performing stereotypic behaviors like windsucking or weaving in an attempt to cope with the frustration of being unable to move freely.
- **Harsh training.** Intense and/or overly prolonged exercise (whether in training or competition) can cause physical stress. Punishment and physical restraints also put enormous strain on horses both mentally and physically. Harsh or coercive training methods make horses fearful of trainers and their environment, which leads to stress
- **Transport.** Several studies have shown that being transported can even increase the risk of colic. In addition to being confined and unable to move, trailered horses may be exposed to extra-cramped spaces, excess heat/cold, poor ventilation, slippery floors, and poor drivers.

- **Boredom.** Horses are intelligent creatures that need mental stimulation. Bored horses easily become frustrated and stressed. Those stalled for long periods with nothing to do, or kept in a flat, boring paddock, or allowed little or no exercise can become stressed and depressed, potentially developing a range of behavioral issues.
- **Unpredictability.** It's important for horses, as prey animals, to feel safe; if their environment changes continuously, they may never feel safe enough to completely relax. For example, unfamiliar stables, new horses coming and going, unexpected noise, changes to feeding schedules, varying handlers, and inconsistent training techniques can all leave horses restless and anxious as to what may happen next.
- **Stressed handlers or other horses.** The emotional state of surrounding people and equines can adversely affect a horse. For example, if one horse in a group is overly tense or aggressive, it can lead to problems within the herd and cause tension among other members of the group.
- **Feeding.** Horses have evolved to “trickle feed,” grazing as they roam for up to 18 hours a day. That means three large grain meals a day and one small hay net overnight is *not* an adequate feeding regimen, as it can leave horses hungry, stressed, and at risk of developing gastric ulcers.

**Signs to Look For** - You can spot depression in a horse if you look for the signs from the study described earlier: a level-neck “withdrawn” stance, dull stare, immobile head and ears, and reduced reactions to humans yet increased reactivity to new stimuli.

A withdrawn horse, uninterested in his environment, may also stand with his head toward the wall of his stall.

Other potential signs to watch for include:

- Stereotypies like cribbing or weaving.
- Unpredictable behaviors.
- Long periods of immobility.
- Decreased appetite/changes in weight.
- Unwillingness to work.
- Lack of sleep.
- Increased susceptibility to infection.
- Poor muscle development.
- Increased fear, anxiety, or spookiness.
- Avoiding other horses.

If you spot any alarming changes in your horse's attitude or behavior, schedule a thorough veterinary checkup to rule out physical problems. Horses are highly susceptible to a range of physical issues if their depression goes untreated and may develop gastric ulcers or colic if stressed even for only a short period of time.

## **Options to Alleviate Depression in Horses**

If your horse is depressed, simple changes in management to reduce his stress and/or boredom can substantially improve his outlook on life. Approach changing his lifestyle with the mindset of enabling him to lead a more natural life while also keeping to some firm routines.

If your horse now lives alone, provide him with a stable or pasture companion. If you can't afford to keep another horse, perhaps arrange for a horse belonging to someone else to live with your horse. If you can't take on another horse, then a donkey, goat, or other barnyard animal can help keep your horse company.

To avoid loneliness, provide your horse with a pasture companion, whether it's another horse, a donkey, goat, or other barnyard animal.

If, on the other hand, your horse shows signs of stress because of an aggressive companion that prevents him from relaxing or eating, take all necessary steps to separate them enough that your horse feels safe.

Providing turnout or increasing your horse's turnout time will also do wonders for depression. Analyze what it'll take to make this change—you may have to adjust your schedule, pay an employee, swap favors with a friend, or even move to another stable that offers turnout. This is such a critical component in a horse's life that it should be a top priority.

Access to forage at all times also goes a long way toward improving a horse's emotional state. If he can't be out on pasture all the time, adjust your feeding regimen (perhaps with slow-feed nets) so that he can be nibbling throughout the day, as nature intended. Any way you can enrich his environment and extend his "chew time" may improve his mood.

Finally, assess your riding and training program. Does it expose your horse to harsh methods, excessively long sessions, unrealistic expectations, or environmental challenges such as extreme heat or bad footing? Any of those factors—or combination of them—can discourage him, making him averse to performing or even being handled.

## PONDEROSA BCH; OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES 2020

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***From the Editor:***

***I invite you all to continue to send me your stories, tips, jokes, articles, photos, words of wisdom, or whatever. I especially would like to encourage our officers and committee chairs to share their thoughts, visions and projects. The goal here is to make the newsletter fun, entertaining and informative.***

***Michelle Eames, Newsletter Editor***

***P.S. Please send me photos of you and your equine buddy so I can highlight you in our newsletter! Introduce yourself to the new members with background on you or your horse!***

